

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 16, 2023
Sunland Tujunga Branch Library, 7771 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga, CA 91042

Roll Call: 6:05	
KT Travers*	Present (at 6:31pm)
Roger Klemm	Present
Nelly Luboff	Present
Gerardo Barrientos	Present
Angela Nordhagen	Present
Curtis Brown	Absent
Matt Walker	Present
	*STNC Board Member
Committee Quorum: 4	5 Present for entire meeting, quorum met.

Additional Attendees: Ricardo Flores, Senior Area Representative CD 7, Ross Herman, STNC Region 4 Representative

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Co-Chair Klemm calls meeting to order at 6:05pm. Roll call-- meeting quorum met.
2. Comments from public officials — Ricardo Flores, Senior Area Representative, CD7: He has 3 items to share: 1) There is going to be a clean up in Lake View Terrace this Saturday, hopefully it won't rain. He is leaving some flyers. 2) The counsel office is interested in planting more street trees in the area, they already have 10 to 15 possible locations, but are open to other suggestions. 3) Operation Bright Spot is going to be coming to Sunland Tujunga twice a month. The area of concentration will be from Tujunga Canyon Blvd to Sherman Grove, but they hope to expand to the entire area. Member Luboff mentions that she noticed that the storm drains on Foothill were clogged with leaves and trash. Senior Area Representative Flores shares that CD7 has a list of the streets that are prone to flooding such as Commerce, Apperson and Sherman Grove. Member Barrientos notes that there is a dumping problem on Sunland Blvd. near Johanna Ave. Senior Area Representative Flores advises that if 311 does not work, or closes the request without completing the service, email him the details. Co-Chair Luboff notes that the City of Los Angeles is much better about cleaning up illegal dumping in their area than Los Angeles County. Senior Area Representative Flores agrees that this is a problem in the Tujunga Wash in our area as well as Lakeview Terrace.
3. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items— Marjorie Maxon shares that having meetings by Zoom only is now an option.
4. Update of Beautification Committee Information on STNC Website — item continued

5. Motion: Approve October 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes — Co-Chair Luboff moves to approve, Member Barrientos seconds, all vote in favor. No objections, abstentions. Minutes approved
6. Update on Pinewood Mural — Member Barrientos is still working with stakeholder Curtis Nordhagen in adding details to the mural as weather permits. He is working with the LAUSD Architect on the drainage pipes and is also insisting that planters be installed around the trees. He reminds LAUSD officials of the drainage problem every time he sees them at public meetings.
7. Sunland Nature Welcome Garden — Co-Chair Klemm thanks the committee members for maintaining the Welcome Garden. He went there last weekend and did some work planting wildflower seeds before the winter rains. Co-Chair Luboff notes the problem camper in the garden has promised to camp somewhere else. Board Member Herman is interested in volunteering if there are ever workdays on the weekend. Member Nordhagen wonders if anything can be trimmed around the Welcome Garden sign because they are interested in installing Christmas Decorations like last year.
8. Future of the Beautification Committee under the STNC — Co-chair Luboff and other members briefly outline the issues for those in attendance. Board Member Herman asks the Committee what they want from Board; Co-Chair Luboff replies the Committee wants an apology. Member Travers offers to be the primary point of contact between the committee and the STNC Board to resolve the T-Shirt problem and other issues. After lengthy discussion, the committee decides to remain in the STNC

The committee decides not to have a meeting in December.

Next meeting: January 18, 2024 at 6:00pm, via Zoom for the January meeting only.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:24pm

Minutes by
Marjorie Maxon
(Who listened to the meeting telephonically)