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**General Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

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7:00 PM

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This meeting is being held by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8(a)(2)(B).

1. Call to Order, Welcome - Lydia Grant, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. STNC President's Updates
 - A. Notice of Boardmember resignations.
 - B. Notice of Board Vacancies: **Region 2 Representative**: North-West Tujunga Region: North of Foothill

Boulevard, from Mount Gleason Avenue and Big Tujunga Canyon Road to Commerce Avenue and Seven Hills Drive. **Region 4** Representative - South of Foothill Blvd. between Sunland Blvd. on the west & Tujunga Canyon on the east. Geographical Representatives shall represent the interests of the stakeholders within their region. Geographical Representatives shall maintain lines of communication with the various neighborhoods, businesses, and other organizations operating within their districts. Geographical Representatives shall actively outreach to stakeholder groups and individuals within their regions. One (1) Geographical Representative from each region shall attend all Outreach Committee meetings. Region boundaries shall be based upon population density, distinct neighborhoods and geographical size within the community, and distribution of diverse populations and interests. It is expected that region boundaries may need to be changed over time, and that these changes will be made by means of bylaws amendments.

Vice President Community Improvement: Shall perform the duties of the President when the President is unavailable or otherwise unable to preside at Agenda or Board meetings. They shall be the liaison between the Board and STNC/Community Improvement Projects They shall assist Standing and or Ad Hoc committees and see that the committees are able to perform their appointed tasks, as requested by the President or any Board member. The First Vice-President shall carry on the duties of the Treasurer should there be no Treasurer or the Treasurer be incapacitated. The First Vice President will chair the Community Improvements Committee.

Education Representative (1) Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who live, work, or own real property within the STNC boundaries. This Representative shall be elected from the pool of community stakeholders representing an interest in Education and will chair/co-chair the Education Committee.

- C. Announce any Board member recusals or paid lobbyists in attendance
 - D. Update regarding Welcome Garden Tree Trimming
 - E. Update on Oro Vista Survey & Outreach
 - F. Community Events: Halloween Oct. 31; Veterans Day Nov. 11;
4. Roll Call, Voting Eligibility - Karen Moran, Recording Secretary & Completion of City / DONE Required trainings status for the STNC board & committees
 5. Discussion/Q&A with LAPD, LAFD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, NC Budget Advocates, City Departments (2 min per Representative including Q&A)
 - Tagging on Property
 - Inaccessible Sidewalks
 6. Discussion/Motion to Approve STNC Board 2025 Selection Manual and Timeline
 7. Discussion/Motion to appoint Ross Herman to DONE/L.A. City Homelessness Liaison
 8. Discussion/Motion to appoint Ross Herman as a Neighborhood Council Budget Representative
 9. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (FUNDING) - Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. Any Board member or stakeholder may request that an item be removed. There will be no discussion of these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will go to the end of New Business and be considered as time allows. MOTION: The STNC Board approves the funding consent calendar: Discussion/Action:
 - a. Motion to approve September 2024 MER
 - b. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$400 to purchase Doggie waste bag dispensers (unable

to purchase dispensers, previously approved due to price increase.) Dispenser only- plus tax and shipping per dispenser x 3 dispensers, one replacement for Sunland Park (one already purchased) as well as dispensers for Finn park and McGroarty Park from dogwastedepot.com

- c. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve \$700.00 outreach materials.(i.e. totes, beach balls, etc.)
- d. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$800.00 for promotional materials, food, amenities, location and staffing for “Community Engagement Event” for end of October or early November.
- e. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$350.00 for outreach materials for STAT committee tree watering events: Five gallon buckets w/lids & 2 gallon jugs with caps.
- f. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$300.00 for Beautification committee for future Big Tujunga Canyon clean ups, welcome garden maintenance, paint supplies.
- g. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$200 for Halloween event materials including promotion, candy, table, materials, miscellaneous.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (NON-FUNDING) - Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. Any Board member or stakeholder may request that an item be removed. There will be no discussion of these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will go to the end of New Business and be considered as time allows. MOTION: The STNC Board approves the non-funding consent calendar:

- A. Discussion/Motion: To approve September 11 board minutes and September 19 special board meeting minutes.
- B. Discussion/Motion: The Board of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) **opposes** Council File 23-0002-S151:Title, AB 2525 (Zbur) / Freeway Underpasses / Parking / Storage / Recreational and Oversize Vehicles. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) owns certain state properties whose airspace can be leased on a right of first refusal basis to the City of Los Angeles. Such areas can be leased for \$1 per month and an administrative fee of \$500 per year for use as an emergency shelter or feeding program. Assembly Bill 2525 seeks to expand the number of such airspace parcels that the City can rent from 10 to 25. This bill would also permit the parcels to be used as vehicle storage; this would include the storage of recreational vehicles (RVs) and oversize vehicles for homeless persons receiving services. This bill is irresponsible and ill advised. Rented airspace under the 10 freeway recently caught fire, resulting in the closure of one of LA’s major freeways and millions of dollars in damage. There have been many fires of broken-down RVs in the City, which have threatened businesses and homes. Permitting the homeless to store decrepit RVs beneath freeway underpasses used by the traveling public invariably will lead to fires and other public safety threats, even if inspected prior to storage. The City does not need the liability.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [Council File 23-0002-S151](#)

[CA Assembly Bill 2525](#)

- E. Discussion/Motion: The Board of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) **supports** Council File 23-0002-S147 to to block the largest proposed supermarket merger in U.S. history, (Kroger Company’s \$24.6 billion acquisition of the Albertsons Companies, Inc.), alleging that the deal is anticompetitive. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) charges that the proposed deal will eliminate fierce competition between Kroger and Albertsons, leading to higher prices for groceries and other essential household items for millions of Americans.

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- F. The Board of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) **supports** Council File [24-0889](#) for the City Council to direct the Los Angeles Department of Sanitation (LASAN) to report on the status of the recyclables market, including:
- A review of market prices for major recyclable materials since 2018
 - An analysis of the factors that have contributed to market fluctuations
 - An assessment of the impact of market changes on the City's recycling program
 - A forecast of market prices for major recyclable materials
 - An analysis of the factors that are likely to affect market stability in the future
 - Recommendations for strategies to improve market stability

To be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File [24-0889](#) .

- G. The Board of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) requests Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, as well as, the Los Angeles Bureau of Street Lighting to get the streetlights turned back on in Sunland-Tujunga. Specific areas include Sunland Blvd., Foothill Blvd., Commerce Avenue.

11. DISCUSSION/ACTION: To review and approve [STARC](#) Committee presentation and current members: Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo, Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Joanna Gates, Dawn Jenkins, Corey Stein, KT Travers* Denotes Board member Quorum = 4

12. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

13. Committee & Liaison Reports - by committee chairs present (See last page for committee members and meeting locations):

- Land Use Committee - Oct. 21
- Community Improvement & Government Affairs - Oct 29
- Outreach Meeting - Oct. 17
- Beautification: Oct. 17
- STAT - Oct. 22 @ 6PM
- STARC: Oct. 22 @ 7:30PM
- Youth & Adult Education: - No meetings
- Budget & Finance: Oct. 30
- Executive: Oct. 30

14. PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System
- Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS)
 - NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statements
 - NC Alliances (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils - VANC meets 2nd Thursday on Zoom; LANCC meets 1st Saturday at 10am; PlanCheckNC meets 2nd Saturday at 10am, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities

15. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. ADJOURN

Posted: 10/6/24 — Remove after: 10/10/24

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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SB 411 Updates:

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

(D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities. Unless otherwise

specified, all items on the meeting agenda are for Discussion and Possible Action and may be taken out of order at the discretion of the President. This is an online virtual meeting, please understand that there may be some connection delays from time to time.

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Committees in the STNC Bylaws re: Item 11 above.

Sunland Tujunga Arts Recreation and Culture Committee [STARC] - The Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee nurtures and promotes artistic endeavors and cultural events within the community; provides a resource for and expands the awareness of the growing diversity of our neighborhoods. works to provide local artists and cultural organizers with the nexus of public space, venues and available support to aid in the achievement of relevant projects. The committee also encourages the use and preservation of existing recreation space and advocates for future funding

and expansion as a necessary means for the growth of social interaction among our community. Committee members have T-Shirts available. The logo for this committee is:

- Meets at least once every other month
- Contains no more than five (5) Board members, so that a majority of a quorum of the Board will not be present at its Committee meetings, unless the meeting has been posted as a special joint board and committee meeting.
- Issues reports and recommendations to the Board on issues and developments within its purview.