

**Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council**

**STAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Pat Kramer, Chair

Jon von Gunten\* Co-Chair

George Arakel

Natalie Cruz

\*STNC Board Member

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**SUNLAND-TUJUNGA**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Safe Transportation & Traffic Committee**

**Monthly Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, July 22, 2025 6:00 pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL - Welcome - STAT Chairperson Pat Kramer**

Present:

Pat Kramer, chair

Jon von Gunten, co-chair

Natalie Cruz, member. Left at 7:03 p.m

George Arakel, member

Lionel Mares, guest.

Cindy Cleghorn, STNC board member

Miran Kalaydjian, guest

**2. Motion to approve minutes from May and June 2025 meetings.**

Pat reviewed the minutes from our May and June meetings.

MAY 2025

One fatality due to fleeing felon clipping truck on freeway and becoming a fatality.

George's relative was struck by car and sustained a concussion. George is concerned about the amount of unsafe speeding drivers going down the hill toward TC BLVD.

George moved to accept minutes, Jon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

June 2025

Incomplete quorum as Natalie was on vacation.

Pat reviewed the Day of Service, plus another day of watering. All told, 20 trees were watered.

Sunland Fighting Club and the dry cleaners helped by donating water.

George moved to accept minutes, Jon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Chairperson's Message: Day of Service, Campaign for new Committee Members, mapping trees and watering day update.**

At our watering event on 17 July, we watered 91 trees, mostly in Tujunga. Most people did two runs, Natalie did 12 trees. Jerry Burnham of the Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club drove his truck full of water, doing two separate waterings and was a big help.

We will move forward with waterings in increments: the "worst first!"

Trees from Mt. Gleason to Commerce need help. We haven't watered the trees that were just planted in the last 3 years, as the City was doing so.

We're not watering Pinewood to Lowell, as City is reportedly still watering them.

Pat will send Jon the map of Tujunga trees that Jon and Karen made, so Pat and Jon can jointly interpret it for ease and efficiency of use.

#### **4. LAPD Traffic Stats - recent fatalities/accidents.** No report.

#### **5. Updates from CD7, LADOT, CA High Speed Rail.**

No report by CD7.

Jon reports KTLA story that Pres Trump may withdraw funding for HSR as it's been so mismanaged and no reason to think efficiency will improve.

#### **6. Tree Adoptions - Stakeholder's interest in approaching businesses.**

31 volunteers have adopted 57 trees out of 300 total in S-T!

#### **7. Public Comments.**

Lionel Mares, Sun Valley stakeholder, says on 30 July LA City Council will return from recess and will concentrate on transportation issues. Wants action on Sun Valley Metrolink Station, San Fernando Road, as parking lots are being turned into tiny homes. Feels that's a bad trade as it will cut ridership. Pat asked Lionel for number of Council File that relates to that change. He'll send.

Miran Kalaydjian promoting LA City adopting strict tree-trimming policies, akin to Glendale's, and he will introduce to us a City employee who is expert in that area. He says that City tree workshops are coming. He'll know first Monday in August. He received a call from Hamlet, owner of Aurora Banquet Hall, who was cordial asserting he wanted good relations with residents, STNC, etc. Miran challenged him on manners and telling the truth.

Cindy Cleghorn announced National Night Out, 5 August. Streets will be closed. Setup at 4PM, breakdown at 8:30PM. Pat says this is a good opportunity to offer a large map showing trees to adopt. Foothill Station is having its own NNO. We'll have LAFD.

Pat asked and Cindy responded that STNC Board must re-vote the money approved last year with different board for STAT's refreshments during hot, outdoor tree events.

Cindy announced that McGroarty is having its "Burgers, Brews and Blues" event, 6–10PM, 23 August.

#### **8. Committee Reports.**

George will recontact CD7's Ricardo about the dangers of his area and continue trying to get a stop sign installed.

Jon announces Foothill Station's golf fundraiser on 11 August.

Pat meeting with Laura Friedman at 9:30AM on 18 August. What should we ask of her? Cindy suggests we invite her to speak at STNC.

#### **9. Next Meeting: Should we hold a meeting in August or go dark?** Not addressed.

#### **10. Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.**

(Minutes by Jon von Gunten)