CITY OF LOS ANGELES
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Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Special General Board Meeting
Minutes

September 10, 2025

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** - Lydia Grant. 8:52pm
2. **Roll Call**.

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Armen Mardirousi	Present	Yes	1st VP
Melissa Sagastume	Present	Yes	2nd VP
Barry Glover	Absent	No	Treasurer
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	Correspondence Sec
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Recording Sec
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Rep
Brenna Gibson Redpath	Absent	Yes	Region 1 Rep
Sherry McCoy	Present	Yes	Region 2 Rep.
VACANT			Region 2 Rep
Mikal McEnany	Absent	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Dillon Dorothy	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep.
Vicky Cerpa	Present	No	Region 4 Rep
Dante Jose Calvo	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Mark Seigel	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
VACANT			Region 4 Rep
Cheryl Schmidt	Absent	Yes	Public Safety Rep
Nina Royal	Absent	Yes	Senior Rep
Vartan Keshish	Absent	Yes	Community Interest Rep
Barbara Nitkin			MC, Northridge East NC Board Member
Doug Chapin			MC
Pat Kramer			MC, STAT Committee
Roger Klemm			MC
Joe DeCenzo			MC, STARC
Paul Amsbrusder			MC
Peter Derakjian			MC
12 present; 6 absent (18 total)			

3. Discussion/Possible Action: "We, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, affirm the attached Declaration of Commitment to Representative Government dated June 17th, 2025, support its principles whole-heartedly, and commend the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council for its initiative, insight and leadership."

    - The motion is to support the Greater Toluca Lake NC with the issue being that NCs have the right to weigh in on issues that impact the community with the caveat that they are not speaking for the City of L.A. which might have a different position.
    - Jose said that the NC is advisory to City decision makers and suggested that this can be brought to the City Charter Reform as a consideration, but the charter identifies who can speak for the City. Comments were also made by Jon, Armen and Lydia. Cindy read the Declaration of Commitment to Representative Government letter.
    - A vote was taken to support the Declaration of Commitment to Representative Government letter, dated June 17, 2025, which passed.

Item 3. Motion to approve supporting the Declaration of Commitment to Representative Government letter, dated June 17, 2025. **Motion: Grant** **Second**: Freeman					
Yes	**No**	**Abstain**	**Ineligible**	**Recuse**	**Absent**
Grant, Mardirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, Dorothy, Von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Sagastume ***11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 6 absent, 18 total***			Cerpa		Redpath, McEnany, Glover, Royal, Keshish, Schmidt

4. Discussion/Action: To recommend STNC submit to City Planning a comment letter only re: 8325 Foothill - ZA-2025-923-CUW - Cell Tower application. Hearing is set for Sept. 17 @ 9:30am.

    - At the recent LUC meeting, a vote was taken to submit comments only for this project; not to approve or oppose it, per Cindy. Cindy read the proposed letter Lydia suggested a motion to made to oppose the project. Comments made by Joe and Armen. A vote was taken and with 4 yes, 6 nos and 1 abstain, there was no clear opposition or affirmation of the project, and the original plan to submit a letter with comments, taking no position (approval or opposition), will go forward.

Item 4. Motion to approve opposition of the Cell Tower application at 8325 Foothill Blvd **Motion: Grant** **Second**: **Seigel**					
Yes	**No**	**Abstain**	**Ineligible**	**Recuse**	**Absent**
Grant, Calvo, Seigel, Sagastume ***4 yes, 6 no, 1 abstain, 1 ineligible, 6 absent, 18 total***	Mardirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, Dorothy	Von Guntenl	Cerpa		Redpath, McEnany, Glover, Royal, Keshish, Schmidt

5. Discussion/Action: To recommend support with no conditions re: 7041 Flora Morgan Trail. Hearing is tentatively set for Oct. 7.

    - This project was discussed at the previous LUC meeting. Paul has been in contact with the property owner and described the project which is a house expansion for his family and a very reasonable project. The owner discussed road widths at the LUC meeting. Cindy read the letter with more information for the project. Mark asked if they planned at ADU in the future and this was felt by Paul not to be a consideration. A vote was taken to approve the project which passed.

Item 5. Motion to approve the project to expand the property at 7041 Flora Morgan Trail. **Motion: Grant** **Second**: Sagastume					
Yes	**No**	**Abstain**	**Ineligible**	**Recuse**	**Absent**
Grant, Mardirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, Dorothy, Von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Sagastume ***11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 6 absent, 18 total***			Cerpa		Redpath, McEnany, Glover, Royal, Keshish, Schmidt

6. Discussion/Action: To refer to the STNC Safe Traffic & Transportation (STAT) committee for their review and CIS recommendation on the motion regarding requiring bike lanes to provide sufficient width for emergency vehicle access.
   - Lydia reminded that there are two lanes, one for bikes and one for cars, and this could impede evacuations if only one car lane. With time to work this with other committees, the motion was changed to ensure a good position is arrived at. STAT will work with LUC; Pat said she would take it up with the STAT committee. A vote was taken which passed unanimously.

Item 6. Motion to approve refer to the STNC Safe Traffic & Transportation (STAT) committee, working with LUC, to review the motion regarding requiring bike lanes to provide sufficient width for emergency vehicle access. **Motion: Grant** **Second**: Cleghorn					
Yes	**No**	**Abstain**	**Ineligible**	**Recuse**	**Absent**
Grant, Mardirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, Dorothy, Von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Sagastume ***11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 6 absent, 18 total***			Cerpa		Redpath, McEnany, Glover, Royal, Keshish, Schmidt

7. **ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING,** 9:20pm