

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 12, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042

Prior to the start of the STNC Board meeting all candidates present introduced themselves. Refreshments by Joselito's.

Board Attendance: Mark Seigel, Cindy Cleghorn, Kresse Armour, Nina Royal, Pat Kramer, Arsen Kramians, Michael Jones, Araz Parseghian, Lydia Grant, Krystee Clark, Ed Novy, John "Blue" Herget, Joe DeCenzo, Patrick O'Brien, Richard Stewart. Absent: Paolina Milana-Edwards (our sympathy to Paolina in the loss of her sister), Thomas Smoker, Ani Barsegyan, Albert Timins.

Special Meeting called to order 7:45 p.m.

Motion (Novy/Cleghorn) to approve STNC sponsorship of \$500 for McGroarty Art Center, Arts in Play - passed unanimous. Special meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

8:11 PM - General Board Meeting Called to order by president Mark Seigel

Wesly Hernandez, CD7 announced Feb. 22 Hike with the Councilman in the Hansen Dam area. Item re: Park Rangers – there is money for Park Rangers in coming year so we have more patrol in the parks and wash. A report is due back from CAO in about 60 days. RE: Community Clean Ups – looking for locations and then will schedule the bins, etc. and would like to combine with tree plantings. Mary Benson talked about the recent meeting with Congressman Schiff regarding the Rim of the Valley Trail. She also announced the Tujunga Trails project which covers Sylmar to Oak Grove Park in Pasadena. Mapping the trails is what is needed. Melvin Canas, Project Coordinator at DONE gave a brief update on the NC checking account system which have been delayed and elections. At the first meeting of the new board DONE will conduct a 90 min training. BONC Commissioner Grant talked about new rules and policies regarding new posting requirements which is one 24 hour posting requirement that will have a new outreach plan. An outreach template will be provided. Krystee Clark volunteered to be on the committee. Grievances for the NC system will now go to an outside grievance panel for review if NC can't resolve. Lydia is in discussion regarding NC Council File comment submittals.

Minutes of January 8, 2014 approved with one opposed.

President's Report & Announcements - Neighborhood Council Blitz was held Jan. 30. Mark announced the various Food Banks and homeless services open 9:00-11:30 a.m. Oro Vista Park funding is back on track and construction should begin June or July. Community Garden at Howard Finn Park has support from CM Fuentes to pay for the water and the Elks Lodge has helped with funds as well. A non profit board is needed now to move forward.

STNC Elections Events: Candidate Forum Feb. 24; Candidate Mingle: March 3; Election Day: Sat. March 8 – BBQ 12-2 PM, VOTE 2-8 PM. All candidates are encouraged to invite friends and family to come out to the BBQ and vote. Results of the election will be announced the same night as preliminary. Installation of the new board will occur at April meeting. List of candidates is on the STNC website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nina Royal announced the new website for the North Valley Reporter.

David Barron talked about the 20-20 report.

Lydia Grant said she's attending about 15 meetings a week.

Roger Klemm talked about the Rotary's Chili Cook Off on 4/26. The next work days for the Sunland Welcome Nature Garden is Saturday.

Amelia Anderson said she's been helping the homeless and ST is a pilot program for major cities across the country.

Karen Zimmerman talked about the VHGC history and expecting portions of the EIR are to be recirculated. Canyon Hills is nearby and already has approval for 223 homes.

Treasurer's Report: Motion (Royal/DeCenzo) to approve January 2014 STNC Financial Report approved

STNC 2014 Elections Update/Recommendations: (Timeline, Outreach, Costs) 1) Motion (Cleghorn/Clark) to approve updated Elections Budget – passed unanimous; 2) Motion (Cleghorn/Clark) to approve additional \$2,400 from budget account 2032 for elections – passed unanimous.

STNC Outreach Recommendations: 1) Approve cost for 500 STNC Magnets with contact information for City Departments in amount not to exceed \$500. This to increase STNC exposure and interaction with stakeholders; 2) To approve sponsorship of up to \$250 to cover the cost of 20 tables and 200 chairs at the Easter Carnival in April to be paid to AAA Rents. Budget Category #2044 (event outreach) -- These items postponed to a future meeting.

Motion (Cleghorn/Stewart): That STNC approves an application to the Adopt-A-Median program for the Wildflowering Annex to the Sunland Welcome Nature Garden. The Wildflowering Annex is located adjacent to 10601 Vanora Drive, on Fenwick Street between Vanora Drive and Olive Grove Avenue in Sunland. – Roger Klemm presented. Motion passed unanimous.

Motion (Cleghorn/Grant): To approve \$100 for refreshments at the VANC event on April 10, 2014 – Motion passed with one opposed.

Motion (Cleghorn/Royal): (recommended by LANCC) a) Letter to support audit of the LA Housing Dept. for the purpose of identifying all low and affordable housing units that should be registered are actually registered AND b) Letter to support audit of the LA Housing Dept. for purposes of identifying all rental units under the rent stabilization ordinance are actually registered. Motion passed unanimous.

Bylaws Committee recommendations to approve Bylaws amendments:

Add censure clause per DONE Bylaws template – Motion to table (Novy/Blue) 7 in favor, 7 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion fails. Roll Call Vote: 8 in favor, 6 no and 1 abstain. Motion did not pass because 15 votes are required to pass Bylaws amendments.

Adjust titles of Vice Presidents to VP Community Improvement and VP Outreach. – passed unanimously.

The following items were postponed to a future meeting:

Add section to include recall of board member by the board.

More accurately state the definition of a group representative.

NC Budget Advocate – Report – Ed Novy – postponed to future meeting

Safety Committee: Above & Beyond event May 2014, CERT, First Aid & CPR classes – postponed to future meeting

Land Use Committee Report – Cindy Cleghorn – postponed to future meeting

Letter to LAHCID to oppose funding regarding 10046-56 Samoa – Samoa Apartments postponed to future meeting

Letter to support Foothill Blvd. to Great Streets program - postponed to future meeting

Future Events: Next STNC meeting March 12 – State of the Community presentation and Valley Traffic

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 p.m.