

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 13, 2015
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042

Meeting called to order at 6:52 p.m. by Mark Seigel, president. 86 total in attendance: 17 board, 69 audience.

Board members present: Mark Seigel, Brenda Fortune, Nina Royal, Cindy Cleghorn, Sergio Soto, Dana Stangel, Marlene Hitt, Jim Moore, Jorge, Martinez, Julie Cuddihy, Gail Carlson, Susan Mona, Maureen O'Byrne, Jon vonGuten, Pat Kramer, David Barron. Absent: Brenda Fortune (illness), Maureen O'Byrne (work) John Laue (vacation).

LAPD Officer Potter (Tujunga) said she will continue as our SLO for at least one more month. There has been an increase in crime. The same issues: unlocked vehicles. Murder near Sherman Grove and Foothill possible domestic dispute. There was a recent bear sighting. Neighborhood Watch will include transient car presentation. Mr. Gonzales for LAUSD School Board Member Monica Ratliff will said they will be hosting show case of schools in Sun Valley on 5/18 at Stonehurst Elementary and the board voted that teachers will receive a 10% wage increase. LAFD Captain discussed annual brush clearance requirements are under way now. Rebecca Valdez, Chief of Staff for CM Felipe Fuentes introduced Laena Shakirian (laena.shakirian@lacity.org phone (818-252-3287) who will be working with Asatur at the Tujunga Field Office. 11 of the trees recently planted along Foothill Blvd. have been vandalized and will be fixed or replaced.

Presentations: Commissioner Kevin James newly appointed City Hall Film Liaison and Arturo Pina from FilmLA talked about new incentives to attract and retain filming production in the region. <http://filmla.com/> Rande Gallant, Asst. Vector Ecologist, GLACVCD- Sylmar Branch at Vector Control presented the new invasive mosquito species and basic services available from LA County Vector Control <http://www.glacvcd.org/>

Mark Seigel presented brief updates regarding board retreat to be scheduled and reminder for committee chairs to turn in their minutes from their meetings. Region 2 rep vacant position has an interested stakeholder but this position is still vacant. The STNC Microphone / Sound System needs a volunteer for set up and take down at STNC and LUC meetings. Those who volunteer now are very much appreciated. Would like someone to take on this responsibility in the future. Training will be provided.

Consent Items: The following items on the meeting agenda were approved by unanimous consent:

- a. MER (Monthly Expenditure Report)
- b. Minutes of 4-8-15
- c. Support \$1,800 additional amount for clear coating for DOT box art project for additional 13 DOT boxes. This will bring total commitment to \$3,500.00. – *Budget Category: Community Improvement*
- d. Approve \$500 for the NC Congress – *Budget Category: Outreach*
- e. Approve \$250 for the NC Budget Advocates – *Budget Category: Outreach*
- f. Approve \$750 for table covers and EZ Up printing. This will bring total commitment to \$950 – *Budget Category: Outreach*

Neighborhood Council Admin and 2016 Elections Procedures Stipulation Worksheet approved by unanimous consent.

Motion (Stangel/Royal) Approve members of the Great Streets Committee: Charlie Bradley, Krystee Clark, John Laue, Candace Laughlin, Erin Farrell, Berj Zadoian, Debby Beck, Janek Dombrowa, Marlene Hitt, Bill Skiles. Motion passed: unanimous.

Motion (Stangel/Royal) Approve comment letter, with revisions as discussed during the meeting, supporting Alternative D in the Rim of the Valley Resource Study. This is the only alternative that includes addition connecting Wildlife corridors. Comment deadline: June 30, 2015. <http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley> - Email: pwr_rimofthevalley@nps.gov Motion passed: unanimous.

STNC Budget Reps for 2015-16 to serve the next term. Motion (Bradley/Hitt) that Krystee Clark and Jim Moore as STNC Budget Reps. Budget Day is June 27, 2015. Motion passed: unanimous.

Tabled from April meeting: **recommendation from Arts, Culture, & Recreation committee that STNC send letter to CM Fuentes regarding CF 13-0336** neighborhood council support funding that he rescinded Motion passed: unanimous.

All Motions requiring Vote Count sheets are on file.

Land Use Committee Report: Cindy Cleghorn announced new application received for Beer/Wine license at 8005 Foothill (Jimmy Dean's). Reminder to come out to meetings for updates regarding the High Speed Rail and also participate in the CAHSRA hosted events.

Mark gave an update regarding traffic light changes at Mt. Gleason and Foothill and that he spoke with our DOT rep Brian Gallagher. Brian will be coming out to an STNC meeting when it can be scheduled. Pat Kramer left at 9 p.m.

GROUP & REGION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS included brush clearance reminder in the hillside residential areas, 8668 Foothill burned out building to get remains removal is a slow process with the City and property owner. The board voted a letter outlining this eye sore and unsafe condition in Sunland. Animal issues committee attended the Animal Services Commission and found it to be an eye-opening experience, Neighborhood Watch – three new classes of 911 and 877 operators with 15-20 new people will be working in 3-4 months. Regarding drug dealers entrenched across L.A.: a meeting held resulted in “we can't do that”. Village Poets upcoming meeting and Little Landers, Art Gallery opening, McGroarty art events announced.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS included Relay for Life, Little Landers events, Summerfest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – *None.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.