



SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

General Board Meeting MINUTES
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
6:30PM
Approved

Meeting Location:
 North Valley City Hall
 7747 Foothill Blvd, Tujunga, CA 91042

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category	Seat
Adran, Linda	Present	YES	Representative	R2
Anderson, Amelia	Present	YES	Representative	SG
Avakian, Shooshig Treasurer	Present	YES	Treasurer	T
Barron, David	Present	YES	Representative	R3
Bradley, Charlie 1 st Vice President	Present	YES	Vice President	1st
Grant, Lydia	Present	YES	Representative	R4
Hitt, Marlene	Present	YES	Representative	SG
Hussion, Janelle 2 nd Vice President	Absent	YES	Vice President	S
Juarez, Katherine	Absent	YES	Representative	R2
Kramer, Pat	Present	YES	Representative	R1
McArdle-Potter, Pati	Present	YES	Representative	R4
Miranian, Edwin	Present	YES	Representative	SG
Orudyan, Ana	Present (6:40PM)	YES	Representative	R1
Petersen, Aaron	Present	YES	Representative	SG
Ramirez, Ricardo	Present	YES	Representative	R3
Seigel, Mark	Present (6:45PM)	YES	Representative	SG
Stangel, Dana President	Present	YES	President	2nd
Vartzbedian, Hrant	Absent	YES	Representative	SG
Von Gunten, Jon	Present	YES	Representative	SG
Vacant			Representative	SG
Vacant			Parliament	P
Vacant			President	P
TOTAL: 19	15 PRESENT, 4 ABSENT			

*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken; **X**=expired
 ** Advance notice given for absence

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2) Meeting was called to order by Ms. Stangel at 6:35PM Charlie Bradley led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 32 stakeholders in attendance.
2. Announcements (5) Ms. Stangel's opening remarks: Julie Cuddihy submitted her resignation. The STNC with other Neighborhood Councils in the region are hosting a Candidate Forum for Assembly District 39. The event will be on March 21, 2018 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Saticoy Elementary School (Auditorium) 7850 Ethel Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91605.

Ms. Stangel recited the STNC's Code of Conduct for the Board and stakeholders.

Ms. Orudyan arrived at 6:40PM

3. Event Announcements- 1 min per speaker (10)

Dawn Jenkins-McGroarty Arts Center, Ceramics Show: Saturday, June 9, 2018. You can make suggestions on the types of classes you would like to take.

Amelia Anderson- FPAC, Performances of Spit Fire Grill, at New Hope Community Church, for the next two weekends. There is a review in the Foothills Paper.

Michelle Rammage- Rotary Club, 4th of July Parade. This event is the longest running event in the community. They need sponsors, volunteers, and entrants. The Rotary Club has hosted the Parade for 40 years. All entry rules must be followed. The Rotary Club will be hosting an Anniversary party for the STNC on June 13, 2018 at your board meeting.

Sandy Capps-March 31, 2018 is National Stop the Bleed Save a Life Day. She will be teaching one hour classes at North Valley City Hall. You will learn to pack wounds. Participants will receive a certificate and a back pack with bandaging supplies. The sign-up sheet is on the table.

Rosalie Torres- Mission College Onsite Manager, state that the next set of classes start on April 9, 2018. The courses available to register for are Communications, Career Planning, English 102, and Math 227. See the website for more information.

Julie Ward- 2nd Vice President/S-T Chamber of Commerce- The next Chamber Mixer will be next Wednesday at Taco Ranch in Shadow Hills. There will be food and a band for entertainment. It starts at 6:00PM. Ms. Ward also announced that the Elks Club and ST Chamber will be hosting a Casino Night.

Kelly Hurst- 3rd Vice President/S-T Chamber of Commerce-The Spring Carnival will be held at Hansen Dam May 30th - April 1, 2018. They need Vendors, Sponsors, and Entertainers.

Dana Stangel- Teranga Ranch will be at the upcoming Nature Fest this weekend at The Natural History Museum. There is also an upcoming field trip to learn about Condors on May 20, 2018

Lydia Grant- Attended New Superintendent meeting with LAUSD. There is a flier on the table if you are interested in giving your input. Verdugo Hills Pool, there is a meeting about the Verdugo Hills Pool on March 15, 2018 to discuss the upcoming remodel and/or rebuild of the pool and bath house at 5:00 in the Verdugo Hills High School Auditorium.

Mr. Seigel arrived at 6:45PM

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. (10)

Barbara Rowe- spoke about the upcoming Special County Election on April 3, 2018.

Christopher Cormier- mentioned an emergency preparedness idea, cutting back trees to reduce property damage. Mr. Cormier stated his concern for a lack of police presence and illegal jay walking in the area.

Mark Seigel- invited the community to take his Ham Radio Class for FCC License; 7 week course will start April 5, 2018

Luz Rivas- Assembly Candidate introduced herself and told the attendees about her background.

Board Introductions were requested by Ms. Stangel. Each board member introduced themselves, and stated which committees they are on.

5. Public Official and Community Representative Announcements (20)

LAPD-SLO Caloca and SLO Contreras

Crime Update: The Crime rate from last year compared to this year shows a 35% decrease in crime in SLO Contreras' area. In SLO Caloca's area, there is a 25% decrease. This is in part due to the efforts of the Chief Beck. Chief Beck has been putting more officers on the street. Most of the crimes are property related. LAPD is now using the radar guns to ticket speeders on Foothill Blvd. The number one reason for service calls to LAPD is in regards to the homeless situation. The issue of the homeless living in their RV's was brought up and discussed. SLO Contreras explained how LAPD is conducting undercover work in the area. LAPD is also doing Active Shooter Trainings.

FD Eve Sinclair, Office of Councilmember Rodriguez

By proxy, Ms. Stangel stated that the Pacoima Emergency Shelter will be open for an additional month.

If assistance is needed for fire victims call the hot line phone number 213-482-6805. Councilmember Rodriguez has been working to get fee waivers and permits expedited for victims of the wildfires. Her staff is looking at what effects there will be from Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on the equine community.

6. PRESENTATION: Local High Speed Train Update- David DePinto and Kelly Decker (20)

A letter of support was requested by Mr. DePinto to request the High Speed Rail Authority to hold the Southern California meeting in the San Fernando Valley.

Presentation was postponed.

7. PRESENTATION: Department of Neighborhood Empowerment- "Know Your Neighborhood". They will cover neighborhood demographics, asset mapping, and facts/figures based on the last Census. (15)

Presentation was postponed.

Mr. Miranian Left Meeting at 7:27PM

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Appointment of Vacancy for Secretary Position.

According to the Bylaws: Any stakeholders or board members interested in filling the vacant position will be asked to submit a statement announcing their desire to fill the vacancy and their qualifications to do so. These may be submitted in person to the STNC office or by email to secretary@stnc.org. They must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the next General meeting.

There was only one application received for the position of Secretary. Candidate Sevada Hemelians explained his background and fielded questions from the board.

Mr. Bradley read the candidate statement.

Public comment: no comment

STNC ITEM 8 Appoint Sevada Hemelians to the position of Secretary Moved: Avakian Second: Anderson				
Yes - 15	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible- 00	Absent - 04
Adran, Anderson, Avakian, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Hitt, Kramer, McArdle, Orudyan, Petersen, Ramirez, Seigel, Stangel, Von Guten				Hussion, Juarez, Miranian, Vartzbedian

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Appointment of Group Representative Position. (According to Bylaws: Any stakeholders or board members interested in filling the vacant position will be asked to submit a statement announcing their desire to fill the vacancy and their qualifications to do so. These may be submitted in person to the STNC office or by email to secretary@stnc.org. They must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the next General Meeting. Stakeholders must provide proof of membership in a group that falls into the category they wish to represent. That group must possess a facility and/or hold regular meetings within the boundaries of the STNC, and the candidate must regularly attend meetings at that branch of the organization; and the candidate must live within the STNC boundaries. Furthermore, the Candidate must provide proof that the organization/group affirms that he/she is their representative. **Postponed until next meeting.**

10. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve new By-laws (created by bylaws Ad hoc committee last year).

Public comment: John Blue- Maybe a sub-committee should be set up to vet the Stakeholder status

Cindy Cleghorn- There is a need to bring back balance to the board.

Many questions were asked by the board and answered by the By-Laws committee members

STNC ITEM 10 Approve new By-laws as amended with voter stakeholder status removed for separate vote				
Moved: Grant Second: Bradley				
Yes - 15	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible 1	Absent - 04
Adran, Anderson, Avakian, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Hitt, Kramer, McArdle, Orudyan, Peterson, Ramirez Seigel, Stangel, Von Guten	NONE	NONE	Hemelians	Hussion, Juarez, Miranian, Vartzbedian

Public comment: no comment

STNC ITEM 10b Amendment to remove the stakeholder status for voters, for a separate vote on that part of the Bylaw Amendment. Moved: Avakian Second: Adran				
Yes - 14	No - 01	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible 1	Absent - 04
Adran, Anderson, Avakian, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Hitt, Kramer, Orudyan, Petersen, Ramirez Seigel, Stangel, Von Guten	McArdle		Hemelians	Hussion, Juarez, Miranian, Vartzbedian

Public Comment: Julie Ward suggests organizations submit a list of people from their organization to the STNC to prove stake holder status.

Nina Royal: The meetings are open to the public everyone can bring their issues here.

STNC ITEM 10c Motion to keep the stakeholder status as submitted in the Bylaw-Amendment in regards to voting. Moved: Stangel Second: Bradley				
Yes - 11	No - 04	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible 1	Absent - 04
Anderson, Barron, Grant, Hitt, Kramer, McArdle, Petersen, Ramirez, Seigel, Stangel, Von Guten	Adran, Avakian, Bradley, Orudyan, Ramirez,		Hemelians	Hussion, Juarez, Miranian, Vartzbedian

Motion fails due to 2/3 vote requirement.

11. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Discussion/Possible Action to seek advice from the City of Los Angeles City Attorney's Office about the petition received by the STNC Board requesting the immediate resignation of Board Member Patti Potter from the STNC & dissolution of the Land Use Committee to appoint new members. Petition was submitted to the Board at the February 14, 2018 meeting by The Sunland-Tujunga Business Association. President Dana Stangel will be the authorized Board member to communicate with the City Attorney's Office on this matter.

Public comment: no comment

STNC ITEM 11 Approve to seek advice from City Attorney Moved: Stangel Second: Kramer				
Yes - 14	No - 01	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible 1	Absent - 04
Adran, Anderson, Avakian, Barron, Bradley, Hitt, Kramer, McArdle, Orudyan, Petersen, Ramirez, Seigel, Stangel, Von Guten	Grant		Hemelians	Hussion, Juarez, Miranian, Vartzbedian

At the suggestion of Vanessa Serrano, NEA, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, a list of questions was gathered for Ms. Stangel to ask the City Attorney.

- a. Is the organization (Sunland Tujunga Business Association) licensed, does it have officers?
- b. Are the signatures verified?
- c. Is this here-say?
- d. Where is the documentation of the complaints? (Show Proof including Date, Time, etc.)
- e. Accusations/Grievance -- is it a grievance?
- f. Who are the petition signers?
- g. What are we being charged with?
- h. Can the public know all of this, is it a public document?

12. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve minutes from February Board Meeting

Public comment: no comment

Postponed until next meeting

13. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve Outreach Committee request for up to \$1,000 for outreach items including magnets and shopping totes.

Public comment: no comment

STNC ITEM 13 Approve \$1000 for outreach items Moved: Orudyan Second: Avakian				
Yes - 14	No - 01	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible 1	Absent - 4
Adran, Anderson, Avakian, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Kramer, McArdle, Orudyan, Peterson, Ramirez, Seigel, Stangel, Von Guten	Hitt	NONE	Hemelians	Hussion, Juarez, Miranian, Vartzbedian

Ms. Kramer Left Meeting at 9:00PM

Ms. Anderson Left Meeting at 9:07PM

14. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Confirm members of Outreach Committee

Public comment: no comment

Postponed until next meeting

15. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Confirm members of Budget Committee

Public comment: no comment

Postponed until next meeting

16. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Choose date of board retreat: April 21 or May 5? (Topics include 2 hour funding training.) Ms. Stangel changed the date to May 19, 2018. No formal vote was taken

Public comment: no comment

17. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve purchase of mailbox for STNC office door.

Public comment: no comment

Postponed to next meeting

18. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve up to \$250 for tamper resistant screws for local LAPD license plate protection program.

Public comment: no comment

STNC ITEM 18 Approve \$250 for LAPD program Moved: Stangel Second: Von Gunten				
Yes -13	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible 1	Absent - 6
Adran, Avakian, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Hitt, McArdle, Orudyan, Peterson, Ramirez, Seigel, Stangel, Von Gunten	NONE	NONE	Hemelians	Anderson, Hussion, Juarez, Kramer, Miranian, Vartzbedian

19. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve up to \$200 for refreshments for a Resume Writing and Interview Workshop to be put on by WEST on April 26, 2018.

Public comment: no comment

STNC ITEM 19 Approve \$200 for refreshments Moved: Stangel Second: Grant				
Yes -13	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible 1	Absent - 6
Adran, Avakian, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Hitt, McArdle, Orudyan, Peterson, Ramirez, Seigel, Stangel, Von Gunten	NONE	NONE	Hemelians	Anderson, Hussion, Juarez, Kramer, Miranian, Vartzbedian

20. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve February 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Public comment: no comment

Postponed until next meeting

21. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve NPG for Spring Carnival (Chamber of Commerce) in the amount of \$2,500.

Kelly Hurst, Julie Ward and Monique Reneaux answered questions from the board. This is a Fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce. The Board was advised by former Commissioner Lydia Grant and Done NEA Vanessa Serrano that the Board is not able to give this money for an out of the NC boundary (1) and fundraiser (2)

Public comment: no comment

STNC ITEM 21 Approve \$2500 NPG for Spring Carnival Moved: Stangel Second: Avakian				
Yes - 6	No 06	Recuse - 01	Not Eligible 1	Absent - 5
Anderson, Avakian, Bradley, Orudyan, Peterson, Ramirez, Abstention 1 Stangel	Barron, Grant, Hitt, McArdle, Seigel, Von Gunten	Adran	Hemelians	Hussion, Kramer, Juarez, Miranian, Vartzbedian

Public comment: no comment

STNC ITEM 21A Amendment to reduce NPG to \$1,250.00 Moved: Stangel Second: Ramirez				
Yes -05	No - 07	Recuse - 01	Not Eligible 1	Absent - 6
Avakian, Bradley, Orudyan, Peterson, Ramirez,	Barron, Grant, Hitt, McArdle, Seigel, Stangel, Von Gunten	Adran	Hemelians	Anderson, Hussion, Juarez, Kramer, Miranian, Vartzbedian

22. Neighborhood Council Board and Committee Reports

Postponed to next meeting except item D

- a. Report: Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates
- b. Report from representatives of VANC, LANCC or other NC Coalitions or Alliances- none
- c. Region & Group Representatives- none
- d. Land Use Committee- Discussion/Action: Approve LUC recommendation letter regarding 10065-65-69 Commerce, corner of Valmont and Commerce

Public comment: no comment

STNC ITEM 22D Approve LUC recommendation letter regarding 10065-65-69 Commerce, corner of Valmont and Commerce Moved: McArdle Second: Grant				
Yes -13	No - 00	Recuse - 01	Not Eligible 1	Absent - 6
Adran, Avakian, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Hitt, McArdle, Orudyan, Peterson, Ramirez, Stangel, Von Gunten	NONE	Seigel	Hemelians	Anderson, Hussion, Juarez, Kramer, Miranian, Vartzbedian

- e. Youth Advisory Council- none
- f. Outreach- none
- g. Sunland-Tujunga Arts, Recreation and Culture Committee (STARC)- none
- h. Women Empowering Sunland-Tujunga (WEST) Committee- none
- i. Sunland-Tujunga Emergency Preparedness (STEP) Committee-
- j. Education-
- k. Beautification- none
- l. Animal Issues Committee- none
- m. Bylaws Committee -none

23. Closing Comments, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment.

Public comment: no comment

STNC ITEM 23 Motion to Adjourn 9:31PM Moved: Stangel Second: Bradley				
Yes -13	No - 00	Recuse - 00	Not Eligible 1	Absent - 6
Adran, Avakian, Barron, Bradley, Grant, Hitt, McArdle, Orudyan, Peterson, Ramirez, Seigel, Stangel, Von Gunten	NONE	NONE	Hemelians	Anderson, Hussion, Juarez, Kramer, Miranian, Vartzbedian