

**Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council**  
**General Board Meeting**  
**Meeting date: October 9, 2019, 6:45pm**  
**Meeting Location: Sunland Recreation Center Gym,**  
**8651 Foothill Blvd. Sunland, CA 91040**

**Called to Order:** 6:49 pm by Liliana Sanchez, President.

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Liliana Sanchez	Present	Yes	President
Lydia Grant	Absent	Yes	1st Vice President
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	2nd Vice President - Outreach
Sandy Capps	Present (at 6:56, except for recusal for item 11(c))	Yes	Treasurer
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	Secretary
Lallah Rowe	Present	Yes	At-Large Group Representative
Vartan Keshish	Present	Yes	Region 1 Representative
Ana Orudyan	Absent	Yes	Region 1 Representative
Glen Belt	Present	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Arsen Karamians	Present (at 6:56)	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Oscar Alvarez	Present (left at 9:30)	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Rafi Shaheenian	Present (at 7:03)	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Carol Hutchinson	Present	Yes	Region 4 Representative
Pati Potter	Present (except for recusal item 15 (b))	Yes	Region 4 Representative
Arnie Abramyan	Present (left 9:21)	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Paul Armbruster	Resigned 10-9-19		Stakeholder Group
John Clausen	Absent	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Garbis Khanjian	Present	No	Stakeholder Group
Jora Mehrabi	Absent	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Hovik Tadevosyan	Resigned 10-9-19		Stakeholder Group
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Stakeholder Group
Vacant Seat			Parliamentarian
Quorum: 11 Total: 12 Present at rollcall 15 for majority of mtg.			

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Item 1-3** Meeting called to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Meeting quorum met.

**Item 4: General Community Event Announcements:**

Karen von Gunten -- Little Landers Historical Society -There will be a Spooky Stories, Tales & Poems event at Bolton Hall on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm to 9pm. Thank you to STNC for your support. Local residents and Village Poets will share spooky stories and poems of events in Foothills history. There will be games, pumpkin carving and a costume contest. This will be a fun, not dark event.

Nancy Shannon – The Love the Neighborhood Initiative will be having a tree giveaway event this Saturday from 8am to 12 pm. Those interested should meet at the Hub church, which is in the same shopping center as Pena’s Tacos (8263 Foothill Blvd, Sunland).

Roger Klemm – 1) There are 3 events going on at the Welcome Garden (Sunland Blvd across from 210 freeway). There is going to be a fire wise garden tour sponsored by Theodore Payne Foundation on Oct. 12, 10:30am to 3pm; a trimming event on October 19, 9am to 11am; and a planting event on November 9, 2019. 2) The Sunland Tujunga / Shadow Hills Rotary Club is having a special Polio meeting at Bolton Hall on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7pm to 9pm.

Bren Boo – the Sunland Foursquare Church is having a Treat Yo Self event on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, which begins at 6pm. There will be games, prizes, lots of treats.

Pattee Colvin, Making It Happen—they are beginning to plan for this year’s Christmas event, there is a sign-up sheet if anyone wants to sponsor a child from our local area.

Sheri Smith -- Little Landers Historical Society / Bolton Hall – The Second Saturday event on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm will be the story of Union Station, history and architecture.

Michelle Ramage-- The Sunland Tujunga / Shadow Hills Rotary Club/ STNC Arts and Culture Committee – There is going to be a Free Animation Event, ADD Man at the Sunland Tujunga library, 3:30 pm.

Judy Kamela, Friends of the Sunland Tujunga Library Bookstore – reminder that there is a bookstore at the Sunland Tujunga Library with a wide selection of books and other items. All proceeds go to fund library events like puppet shows and reading clubs. They are also looking for more volunteers.

Sue Ellen – Mission Opera Co. this group is affiliated with LA Mission College who wants to bring more culture events to the Sunland Area, they are looking for available space in area.

Sonia Tatulian – October 19<sup>th</sup> is the 4th Armenian Arts and Culture Festival, on Commerce Ave. beginning at Foothill, 12noon to 9pm.

#### **Item 5: Public Comments:**

Roger Klemm—very sorry to report the passing of active community member Wendell Bowers.

#### **Item 6: Representative Announcements and Reports:**

**Assembly Member Luz Rivas** – Represents the 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly District which covers Sylmar to North Hollywood, including Sunland Tujunga. The Governor has until this Sunday to sign bills into law. She proposed 8 bills this session, 3 have been signed so far. The state legislative session runs from January through September. Her major focus has been on 3 key issues: homelessness, education and health. As far as homelessness, her main focus has been homeless children and families, a major issue in the area. 24% of the children living in Pacoima do not have stable housing. She obtained 1 million dollars in state department of education funding to address this problem. The state has added 6 positions to the Homeless Coordinating Advisory Council. The legislature passed a onetime budget item of \$500 million to provide homeless infrastructure. On the education front her bill prohibiting educational institutions from withholding student transcripts for non-payment of outstanding debts has been signed by the governor. The state passed a resolution recognizing the Armenian Genocide. The state is also going to be divesting state funds from Turkey. There is going to be 2 free year’s tuition for new full time students. There is going to be gender equity for prize money if any event is held on state property. The legislature passed a 200 billion dollar state budget. 80 billion of that is for education but this is not enough, we still lag behind most of the nation in per pupil spending. She is often asked what about all the lottery money but this is only 1 billion, not enough to help that much. AB 516, the no towing for expired plates, tickets, 72 hour violation etc. did not pass; it was stopped by Senator Portantino. Sun Valley and Sunland-Tujunga were very active in opposing this bill. Her staff gives her a weekly summary of public comments which informs her vote on many issues. If you have any questions about state services or agencies, feel free to contact her

assistant, Arturo Garcia. If you have any ideas for legislation fall is a good time to make suggestions. She will be back in Sacramento in January.

#### Questions and Answers:

President Sanchez – Thank you for being so easy to work with, your staff has been wonderful. Assembly Member Rivas—I have 3 field reps who attend the meetings of all 11 neighborhood councils in the 39<sup>th</sup> district. They are her eyes and ears. Each area has its own issues while some issues come up everywhere she goes. This information gives her a feel on how to vote on issues.

Stakeholder Mark Seigel – concerned that Ron Galperin reported that the HHH housing was costing an average of \$475,000 a unit. Can there be a team to find lower cost alternatives? Assembly Member Rivas – The Governor has a homeless advisory board with some city mayors involved. She is a member of the LA County Caucus, they are meeting in two weeks to see what they can do. She thinks this is the first time that all levels of government are getting together to co-ordinate their efforts.

V.P. Royal – Regarding the Governor’s decision to repurpose SB 1 highway funds (for places that do not meet housing goals), did this go through the state legislature? Assembly Member Rivas – no.

Board Member Khanjian – Regarding SB 276 (the vaccine bill) – is afraid this law will lower school enrollment and encourage home schooling. Assembly Member Rivas – this bill goes according to % of immunity, most schools in this district are at 90% immunity.

**Captain David Grimes LAPD** – he is coming to this meeting because both our SLO’s are taking training. There are 4 NC’s in the Foothill Division. There has been a 20% reduction in violent crime in Sunland and an 18% reduction in Tujunga. Crime in the Foothill Division is down 8.6%. Foothill is the City’s 3<sup>rd</sup> largest division. It has the lowest overall reported crime rate. Service is based on crimes reported, if you see something, say something. There are many volunteer opportunities to help understaffed law enforcement. They would like 5,000 volunteers in the San Fernando Valley alone.

**Raquel Beltran, DONE General Manager**—she is 4 weeks into the job, in process of having a listening tour of all 99 neighborhood councils. The DONE mission is to promote civic engagement and make government more responsive to local needs. Outlines her extensive experience with city councils, public administration and community work. In her new position she has 4 goals: 1) Strengthen DONE as a resource to help with the NC’s work; 2) Strengthen relationship between DONE and the NCs; 3) improve NC advocacy skills; 4)improve City Hall’s relationship with NCs. The Board members will receive a listening tour survey.

#### Questions and Answers:

VP Sanchez – being a NC officer involves so many hours of unpaid work, yet many feel the NC has no power. Representatives do not come to the meetings. DONE GM Beltran – the NC is a structured system with an official line to the City Council so they can evaluate the pros / cons and bring voices to the process. You have to hear other views and keep in mind there will be other issues where you might be in agreement. You need to be respectful and nice when City officials come to meetings. V.P. Royal notes that our representative should be aware of Section 900 of the City Charter and early notification of NC’s. They should abide by the rules just as NC members must. Numerous questions about whether this or that situation constitutes a conflict of interest, DONE GM Beltran notes it is difficult to say the answer without knowing all the specifics. As to DONE complaints, Semee Park can look at open grievances, they are not going to re-review processed grievances.

**Dominique Vitti, Council Aide to Monica Rodriguez** – Tomorrow is a red flag day. The LAPD and Sanitation Dept. are currently conducting sweeps to get illegal campers out of Hansen Dam. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> was national walk to school day and Monica Rodriguez went to visit Sunland School, they have prepared 1,000 educational banners to encourage safety when walking to school. The next local school they plan to visit is Pinewood Elementary at the end of October. LADOT restriped the parking area on Apperson between Mountair and Tujunga Canyon Blvd. by the church to prevent tractor trailer street parking. The Councilwoman has obtained 1.5 million in the 2020 budget for increased traffic enforcement on Vision Zero high injury network streets which include Foothill Blvd. The Councilwoman has opened a council file for the LAPD to report back on overtime costs and the results of other efforts to reduce injuries. Sunland Park was given \$137,000 for swing set improvements. Multiple streets in the area are on the schedule for resurfacing. There was a new bus bench placed in Tujunga with a new shade tree near Summitrose and Tinker in honor of Clean Air day (Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> ). There is going to be a Day of the Dead celebration at Pacoima City Hall on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Questions and Answers:

President Sanchez – Thanks Dominique for always being courteous and responsive. 1) Still waiting for a response to the STNC’s letter sent to Monica Rodriguez regarding request for an additional traffic enforcement officer for Sunland Tujunga. 2) Why was there only one week delay between the Public Works hearing and for the City Council Hearing regarding the Saroyan Square sign? There were 250 public comments submitted. The STNC had a special board meeting on the issue and no one from the Council Office Came. 12 people came to speak at the City Council Hearing and they were not allowed to speak on the council file because the matter already had a public hearing before the Public Works Committee. VP Royal and Secretary Cleghorn agree that the lack of advance notice before the 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing and being pushed into the public comments section before they could speak was unacceptable.

Response from Doug Tripp, Monica Rodriguez Chief of Staff – the STNC seems very informed and availed themselves of the City processes. He read all the council file comments and found the history of our area very interesting. Anyone who contacted the council office was given the link to the public comments section on this council file.

Principal John Graham, Sunland School – He is the new principal and came to the meeting to introduce himself. He is very excited about his new position and working with parents and the community.

**Item 7: Discussion / Possible Action Sunland Tujunga Traffic & Transportation** -- President Sanchez hand delivered the STNC’s May 28, 2019 letter requesting an additional traffic officer be assigned to Sunland Tujunga to Dominique to deliver to Monica Rodriguez. Nina Royal hopes the community can support this very important issue.

**Item 8: Discussion Board Member Resignations** -- resignations of Paul Armbruster and Hovik Tadevosyan, along with qualifications for Stakeholder Group Representative read into record.

**Item 9: Discussion / Possible Action to approve September 11, 2019 Minutes**

<b>Motion: Review and approve September 11, 2019 Minutes</b>				
Motion: Patti Potter ; Second Carol Hutchinson Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps, Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Hutchinson, Potter, Abramyan, Khanjian, von Gunten	None	Shaheenian		Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen,
13 yes, 2 abstain, 4 absent, motion passed				

**Item 10: Discussion / Possible Action Change Board Meeting from Sunland Park to Apperson Elementary**

<b>Motion: Change Board Meeting from Sunland Park to Apperson Elementary and submit via Administrative Packet in Lease Agreement Section</b>				
Motion: Cindy Cleghorn ; Second Lallah Rowe Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Potter, Khanjian, von Gunten	None	Abramyan		Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen,
14 yes, 1 abstain, 4 absent, motion passed				

The application to use this school for board meetings has been submitted to the LAUSD. The status is unknown by the Board, it is with Jeff Brill.

Board member Garbis Khanjian has not taken the City required neighborhood council training on funding items so he is not eligible to vote on funding items at this meeting.

**Item 11: Consent Funding Items a,b,e,f (with no discussion)**

<b>Motion: Approve Consent Funding Items a) Approve Monthly Expenditure Report for Sept. 2019; b) Approve \$17.50 Webcorner Invoice for oldstnc domain name; e) Approve 2019/20 amendment to administrative packet / STNC Budget to reflect the rollover amount of \$9,427.23 with \$4,713.62 into Outreach and 4,713.62 into the Community Improvement Projects Category; f) Approve up to \$140 from the Clean Street Fund for repairs / tune up of the weed wacker</b>				
Motion: Second: Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Potter, Abramyan, von Gunten	None		Khanjian	Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen,
14 yes, 1 not eligible 4 absent, motion passed				

**Item 11c: Approve NPG for Making It Happen up to \$2,500**

<b>Motion: Approve NPG for Making It Happen up to \$2,500</b>				
Motion: Arnie Abramyan ; Second Pati Potter Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Potter, Abramyan, von Gunten	None	Capps	Khanjian	Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen,
13 yes, 1 recuse, 1 not eligible 4 absent, motion passed				

These funds are for the Holiday event for underprivileged children. As described in the NPG the funds will be used for food, entertainment, decorations, clothing and other items needed by those in crisis.

**Item 11d: Approve \$3,500 cost of artificial snow for Winter Wonderland Event on December 14, 2019 at Sunland Park with Recreation and Parks Department**

<b>Motion: Approve up to \$3,500 outreach sponsorship for artificial snow at Winter Wonderland Event on December 14, 2019 at Sunland Park with Recreation and Parks Department</b>				
Motion: Cindy Cleghorn ; Second Nina Royal Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Potter, Abramyan, von Gunten	None		Khanjian	Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen,
14 yes, 1 Not Eligible 4 absent, motion passed				

Secretary Cleghorn inquired if the STNC was going to be the sole sponsor of this event. Nichole Royer, Sunland Park Director, responded that the Council office and the Sunland Tujung / Shadow Hills Rotary Club are also interested. Any non-profit organization is welcome to participate. This event will be held on the side of the park building extending to the ball field where the artificial snow will be spread. It would be the STNC's choice if they want to sponsor or co-sponsor the event. Director Royer suggested that perhaps the STNC could set up a booth by the field and hand out the sleds. There will be hot chocolate, face painting and game booths supplied by LA Parks. There might be a moon jumper if they get funding. Treasurer Sandy Capps notes the STNC would pay the snow maker directly, the lowest cost vendor will be selected.

**Item 11(sic): Approve up to \$500 for Painting Supplies from Dunn Edwards for primary vignette located inside Pinewood Elementary School**

<b>Motion: Approve up to \$500 for Painting Supplies from Dunn Edwards for primary vignette located inside Pinewood Elementary School</b>				
Motion: Lilliana Sanchez ; Second Arnie Abramyman Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Potter, Abramyman, von Gunten	None		Khanjian	Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen,
14 yes, 1 Not Eligible 4 absent, motion passed				

**Item 12: Approve up to \$ 500 Sponsorship for Hanukkah in the Foothills on December on December 29, 2019**

<b>Motion: Approve up to \$ 500 Sponsorship for Holiday Event on December on December 29, 2019</b>				
Motion: Cindy Cleghorn ; Second Arnie Abramyman Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Potter, Abramyman, von Gunten	None		Khanjian	Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen,
14 yes, 1 Not Eligible 4 absent, motion passed				

Seemee Park notes this motion should be for a holiday event. This event will be held at New Hope Church this year.

**Item 13: Approve up to \$ 40 Sponsorship for ADD Man! Free Animation Event on October 10, 2019**

<b>Motion: Approve up to \$ 40 Sponsorship for ADD Man! Free Animation Event on October 10, 2019</b>				
Motion: Sandy Capps ; Second Arnie Abramyman Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Potter, Abramyman, von Gunten	None		Khanjian	Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen,
14 yes, 1 Not Eligible 4 absent, motion passed				

**Item 14: Add New Members to the STNC Beautification Committee Marjorie Maxon and Angela Nordhagen**

<b>Motion: Add New Members to the STNC Beautification Committee Marjorie Maxon and Angela Nordhagen</b>				
Motion: Cindy Cleghorn ; Second Nina Royal Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Potter, Abramyman, Khanjian, von Gunten	None			Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen,
15 yes, 4 absent, motion passed				

**Item 15: Land Use Committee Recommendations**

**15(a) Submit Comment Letter Regarding 6454 Foothill—New Arco Station and Market**

<b>Motion: Submit Comment Letter Regarding 6454 Foothill—New Arco Station and Market</b>				
Motion: Patti Potter ; Second Lilliana Sanchez Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Potter, Khanjian, von Gunten	None	Abramyan		Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen,
14 yes, 1 abstain, 4 absent, motion passed				

Patti Potter notes there was another Land Use Committee meeting. The neighbors on Creemore Dr. in attendance approved of this letter.

**15(b) Submit Comment Letter Regarding 10132-10140 Commerce Ave.**

<b>Motion: 15(b) Submit Comment Letter Regarding 10132-10140 Commerce Ave.</b>				
Motion: Carol Hutchinson ; Second Lallah Rowe Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Abramyan Khanjian, von Gunten	None	Potter		Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen,
14 yes, 1 recuse, 4 absent, motion passed				

**15(c) PLUM hearing regarding Verdugo Hills Golf Course / 6433 La Tuna Canyon**

The hearing on this development before the City Planning and Land Use Committee is set for Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30pm, City Hall downtown Los Angeles. You can submit public comments on the City Clerks website <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/?cfnumber=19-0794>

**Item 16: Discussion Possible Action: Submit Community Impact Statement Regarding CF-19-1051, naming of the Commerce and Valmont Intersection**

<b>Motion: Amend Community Impact Statement to Suggest Tujunga Canyon Blvd. as an alternative location for Ceremonial Sign</b>				
Motion: Nina Royal ; Second Lallah Rowe Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Potter, von Gunten	None	Khanjian		Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen, Abramyan
13 yes, 1 abstain, 5 absent, motion passed				

<b>Motion: Submit Community Impact Statement Regarding CF-19-1051, naming of the Commerce and Valmont Intersection as Amended</b>				
Motion: Nina Royal ; Second Lilliana Sanchez Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians, Alvarez, Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Potter, von Gunten	None	Khanjian		Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen, Abramyan
13 yes, 1 abstain, 5 absent, motion passed				

President Sanchez notes this issue was extensively discussed earlier in the meeting. This ceremonial sign will be unveiled at the Armenian Festival next week. The Board did the best it could to express the community's thoughts on the sign given the short notice. Board member Rowe does not think Commerce and Valmont is a good location for this

sign because of the historic significance of this corner. Secretary Cleghorn notes that the intersection of Tujunga Canyon Blvd. and Commerce is more like a square.

**Item 17: Discussion Possible Action: Submit Community Impact Statement Regarding CF-19-0002-S157, Medicare for All**

When a speaker comes to the podium to speak on this Council File, several audience members object that not enough notice was given to allow a speaker who opposes this idea to come and speak. Semee Park notes that the agenda gives notice this item was going to be discussed. Board member Belt thinks there should be speakers from both sides. This motion is going to committee on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, the speaker notes she is willing to come back another time. Item postponed.

**Item 18: Discussion Possible Action: Submit Community Impact Statement Regarding CF-19-0602, Unlawful to obstruct or interfere with the free passage of pedestrians in the public right of way**

Item tabled.

**Item 19: Discussion Possible Action: Submit Community Impact Statement Regarding CF-17-1386, homeless encampments in Very High Fire Severity Zones**

<b>Motion: Submit Community Impact Statement Regarding CF-17-1386, homeless encampments in Very High Fire Severity Zones</b>				
Motion: Cindy Cleghorn ; Second Nina Royal Roll call vote / BAC signed				
Yes	No	Abstain/Recuse	Not Eligible	Absent
Sanchez, Royal, Capps Cleghorn, Rowe, Keshish, Belt, Karamians Shaheenian, Hutchinson, Potter, Khanjian von Gunten	None			Grant, Orudyan, Mehrabi, Clausen, Abramyan, , Alvarez,
13 yes, 6 absent, motion passed				

**Item 20: Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Report**

Lallah Rowe reports the advocates suggest the Mayor should release the budget in February rather than April so the budget advocates will have time to react. There are 33 committees for each City department i.e. DWP, Fire Dept. etc. but many of these committees are unmanned. There is an urgent need for anyone who can serve on one of these committees to do so. There is also a need for writers interested in writing for the widely read publication, Citywatch. The Budget Advocates are now paying \$1,000 a month to have a page in this publication, but they need well written, researched articles to publish. Ann Job has stepped down from her position. Kevin Davis is now serving in her place.

**Item 21: Final Announcements**

Secretary Cleghorn reported the Neighborhood Council Congress on September 28<sup>th</sup> was a great success, over 900 people came out. Thank you to everyone who came out. There were some great exhibits. The audio for the event will be out sometime next week.

Adjourn at 9:45 pm

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon