



# Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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**Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council**  
**Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**  
**Online Meeting Via Zoom 5:30 p.m.**

Roll Call at:5:36 pm	
Carol Hutchinson	Present
Roger Klemm	Present
Nelly LuBoff	Present
Gerardo Barrientos	Absent
Judy Sutherland	Absent
Marjorie Maxon	Present (at 5:40)
Angela Nordhagen	Present
Steve Black	Absent
Committee Quorum: 3	4 Present at roll call and 5 for most of meeting. Meeting quorum met.

**Additional Attendees:**

Cindy Cleghorn – STNC Secretary  
Alex Gruenfelder

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Co-Chair Roger Klemm calls meeting to order. Roll call-- meeting quorum met.
2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items –  
Alex Gruenfelder – introduces self as a candidate for Mayor, City of Los Angeles. His main focus will be the homeless problem. More information on his website: [mayoralex.com](http://mayoralex.com)

Co-Chair Luboff – wishes to extend the group’s condolences to Member Nordhagen regarding the recent passing of her mother.

Member Maxon – the Welcome Monument sign at Foothill and Wentworth was vandalized with significant graffiti. Is pleased to report that it was 95% removed, probably pursuant to a resident’s 311 call and the sign suffered no damage. During inspection of the DOT boxes Co-Chair Luboff and Member Maxon cleaned the minor spots missed during the initial cleaning and the cleaner we have worked very well with no damage. Co-Chair Klemm mentions he has been impressed with 311 graffiti service, he reported some vandalized rocks in the Welcome Garden 311 was great about getting it off.

3. Discussion/Action: Approve March 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Carol Hutch moves, Angela Nordhagen seconds. All present vote yes, minutes approved.
4. April 24, 2021 workday at the Welcome Garden is approved. Hours will be from 9am to 11am. Co-Chair Klemm advises members to bring clippers. He notes that someone has



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piled mulch around the buckwheat that will have to be removed. Member Maxon notes there are quite a few foxtails in one section of the garden, Co-Chair Klemm agrees to bring the cordless string trimmer. Co-Chair Klemm also notes that the bougainvillea at the back of the garden needs trimming. Co-Chair Luboff thinks it would be a good idea to buy a cordless hedge trimmer to make this job easier. Item will be added to next month's agenda.

5. Discussion / Action: Update on Pinewood Mural Project – Co-Chair Luboff was finally successful in contacting the new Pinewood Principal, Jessica Trejo who just started on April 12<sup>th</sup>. She is 100% supportive of the mural project. Co-Chair Luboff emailed her the City Event approval paperwork to sign yesterday. Member Maxon suggested that Todd Olson be contracted to see if there was any way that Gerardo Barrientos' artwork could be re-produced and applied to the wall. Gerardo does not object to this being done but thinks it will be too expensive. Co-Chair Luboff likes this idea because she does not know how one artist will be able to complete such a massive project by himself. Co-Chair Klemm wonders if there is funding for this. Secretary Cleghorn confirms we still have the \$3,400 until June 1<sup>st</sup> but then the funds will go back into the budget as carry-over money and any project will have to be re-approved.
6. STNC Street Banner Project – Co-Chair Klemm reports that Karen von Gunten received 50 artworks in response to this project. The 12 selected as semi-finalists are presented and Co-Chair Luboff points out the 5 that were selected to be printed on the banners. Secretary Cleghorn thanks the Beautification Committee members for their support and collaboration. She hopes this project can be approved in time for the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. If this happens the banners should be flying by July .
7. DOT Box Art – Co-Chair Luboff reports that the inventory was completed and any graffiti was cleaned off the boxes. We now have a list of their location and condition, along with a recent photo. When cleaning the boxes it was noticed that the box at Valmont and Foothill is still being used for a memorial for the young man killed in a motorcycle accident. It was decided to let emotions heal before anything is done to repair this box. The DOT box at Foothill and Apperson is new and is a replacement box, it was not repainted. During our inventory it was noticed that there are a couple of boxes on Tujunga Canyon Blvd that could be painted as well as the 2 damaged and 1 replaced box. Perhaps this could be another project once the Pinewood mural is completed. Secretary Cleghorn notes the City of Glendale has a department of the Arts and has lots of art samples in its Beyond the Box collection of DOT boxes. She also notes that Mayor Garcetti has requested more money for the arts in his new budget, so this might be another resource. It was decided to bring this subject up quarterly as an agenda item.
8. Status Report to the STNC Board/ Next Meeting Date – MAY 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. STNC Secretary Cleghorn notes that we may need to set up the next Zoom meeting ourselves since she will no longer be STNC secretary. Member Maxon thanks Secretary Cleghorn for all her help setting up these Zoom meetings. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon