

STAT MEETING MINUTES, 8/24/21

1. **Meeting called to order** by Pat Kramer, chair of the Safe Traffic & Transportation Committee at 6:03 p.m. Quorum reached with four members: Jon von Gunten, Levon Parian, Roger Swart and Pat Kramer. Barbara Rowe, Gerry Sherman and George Arakel signed on later after the quorum was reached. Introduction of the STAT committee's mission statement by Pat.
2. **Introduction of others attending:** Leny Freeman as Zoom Master, Cindy Cleghorn and Karen Purdue.
3. **Announcements from CD7, LAPD and LADOT:** Pat shared information from an email she received from Eve Sinclair on CD7's efforts to make the streets of Sunland-Tujunga safer with left-hand turn signals, pedestrian crosswalks, et al. Pat publicized CD7's press release about new left-turn signal at intersection of Foothill Bl and Tujunga Canyon Blvd. provided by Eve Sinclair. Her post on Facebook generated concern from Beautification who thought STAT had some responsibility with the DOT box being removed. Pat corrected posters by letting them know she was sharing information from CD7 and LADOT, who later responded by saying it was necessary to remove the old DOT boxes with the artwork.
4. **Minutes:** (Parian/Arakel) moved approval of July 27, 2021 STAT meeting minutes. The motion was unanimous.
5. **Discussion of Community Tree Watering Event**
 - Pat will be organizing this separate from the STNC and STAT. She announced that the event will start at 9 a.m. and go until 11 a.m., as in 9-11 on 9/11.
 - Talks are ongoing with Berkshire-Hathaway to see if they will provide water refills. They have already given approval to use their parking lot to assign trees to arrivals who come and leave right away.
 - The event will be along a one-mile stretch in Sunland only to keep the scope manageable.
 - Holding any event requiring STNC funding takes three months, as funding requests must go through sequential meetings of Budget Committee, then Exec Committee, then STNC Board, then City Clerk who may delay it with queries.
 - Pat encouraged everyone to reach out to any community groups they are affiliated with to make this a successful community event.
 - Email addresses for Pat, Jon and Roger will be on the announcement.
 - All volunteers should bring their own water, but should also ask retailers for additional water using a pre-written letter.
 - Pat catalogued half of the trees with Randy Roberts, who is with the HUB Church. She did the rest on her own. There are 157 trees in all. This adventure was a little

chaotic due to rush-hour traffic. Roger later created a very field-usable Word doc from Pat's notes.

- Roger will contact Hrant Vartzbedian, hoping to get Chamber of Commerce members to participate. Pat will ask 7 Sierra Club members to help. Cindy hopes Chamber of Commerce cooperates and that we instigate community participation.
- Leny offered his house as a water source, but using his pickup to carry jugs may be better.
- Jon will send Tree Watering Event info/announcement to his 200-member Neighborhood Watch email list.
- Pat says this will be a test of community spirit. Jon is pessimistic about community participation based on residents refusing to help an elderly volunteer distribute emergency preparedness flyers.

6. **Review of National Night Out tabling event**

- Pat, Leny and Jon were on hand to spread STAT's message at NNO.
- Jon only set up and took down the STAT promo table, but couldn't attend event proper. He reminded committee of the new NNO photo showing that STAT's 2017 traffic safety banners picture only racially diverse people.
- LAPD participation was excellent. Pat posted a photo on STAT's Facebook page of Officer Flores and herself.
- Pat has packaged snacks from NNO, which she'll bring to the tree watering event.

7. **Committee Reports:**

George talked about his efforts to get CD7 to acknowledge the need for a stop sign on Elmhurst which has had several accidents due to speeding motorists and others who just ignore stop signs.

At neighbor's kind request, **Jon** relocated his No Speeding sign to her more strategically located property. He advised that LAPD's Volunteer Community Patrol Anti-Speeding Task Force will soon resume; he and Karen will participate and work mostly in and around S-T and Shadow Hills.

8. **Public Comment:**

Cindy mentioned STNC board's vacancies. See:

https://www.stnc.org/readpost.php?news_id=776. STNC Executive Committee meets Wednesday 8/25/21.

9. **Adjournment:** Pat adjourned meeting at 7:10.

Thank you to Jon von Gunten for taking the minutes and posting the agenda.