

**Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes
 Wednesday, December 8, 2021
 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order, Welcome - 7:03 PM by Chairwoman Lydia Grant. She thanked everyone for their time and stated that the homeless count would be taking place soon.

a. Upcoming Dates: Homeless Count

Cindy Cleghorn stated that it would be held on January 25, that it would be led by LAHSA, and to go to theycountwillyou.org to sign up.

b. President Grant asked for Volunteers for STNC storage inventory contact Karen Perdue, VP Outreach.

2. Roll Call, Voting Eligibility - 14 present, quorum met

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Lallah Rowe	Present	Yes	1st Vice President-CIGA
Karen Perdue	Present	Yes	2nd Vice President - Outreach
Ed Babakhanian	Present	Yes	Treasurer
Carol Hutchinson	Present	Yes	Secretary
Mark Seigel	Present (from 7:23)	Yes	At-Large Group Representative
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Representative
K.T. Travers	Present	Not on funding	Region 1 Representative
Trevor Schmidt	Absent	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Claire Gordon	Present	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Cheryl Schmidt	Present (from 7:20)	Yes	Region 4 Representative
Belinda Woodruff	Present (from 7:10)	No	Region 4 Representative
Stakeholder Group Rep	Vacant		

Nina Royal	Present	Yes	STSERVS
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	STSH Community Fund
Chris Rowe	Present	Yes	Toastmasters
Shirley Kim	Present	Yes @7:40	Shekinah Church
Michelle Wadler	Present	Yes	Apperson PTA
Stakeholder Group Rep	Vacant		
Quorum: 11 13 present at roll call			

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Presentation by Local Service Club - McGroarty Art Center

Kylie Ruan stated that McGroarty Art Center is currently closed and that Rosalie Hooks was named as the interim executive director. She stated that the L.A. County DCAA has authority to reopen the center for public events and classes; virtual classes are continuing. She stated that significantly more money could be raised during in-person events.

Boardmember Travers volunteered to contact Rosalie Hooks.

5. Comment by Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, City Departments

LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Gloria Caloca (Tujunga) stated that there had been an 11% crime decrease and that there had been several new homeless arrivals in the Sunland-Tujunga area. She suggested having packages delivered to areas where they can be safely picked up.

Wendy P. asked when the crimes were occurring, how to prevent package theft, and if patrols would be increased? SLO Caloca stated that the 11% decrease was in comparison to this time last year, suggested receiving packages at safer areas, and that patrols would be increased.

Leny Freeman asked about wire theft from street lighting. SLO Caloca stated that she was not aware of any progress and that she would follow up with Council District 7 representative, Eve Sinclair.

Jon von Gunten asked about the hours of overnight parking enforcement. SLO Caloca stated that citations were being issued, but there was a moratorium on towing vehicles used as dwellings overnight.

Belinda Woodruff arrived at 7:10 PM.

Cheryl Schmidt arrived at 7:20 PM.

Mark Seigel arrived at 7:23 PM.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Cesar Contreras (Sunland) stated that a serial burglary suspect had been apprehended and thanked the Board for its outreach on the matter. He stated that locally crime is down, but that nationally and city-wide there had been a spate of burglaries and robberies. He advised everyone to be vigilant and aware of their surroundings.

Wendy P. asked if individuals or groups were responsible for the spate of burglaries and robberies. SLO Contreras stated that it had been a mixture of both and advised everyone to be aware of the criminal justices policies they were supporting.

Declan Floyd from Sen. Portantino's office, introduced himself as the new rep to our area replacing Vickere Murphy. Contact him at: declan.floyd@sen.ca.gov

Julissa Hernandez from Assemblymember Luz Rivas' office, stated that the Assemblymember had passed bills allocating \$54 million for school meals, \$25 million for a CSUN diversity program, equestrian safety, homelessness. She stated that she was assisting the Child Resources Center in toy donations for the holidays and that there would be another pop-up vaccine site. Contact her at: julissa.hernandez@asm.ca.gov.

Shirley Kim arrived at 7:40 PM.

Judith Quinones asked how the Assemblymember would respond to the charge of socialism and racism by singling out certain ethnic groups. Ms. Hernandez stated that all students are welcome to receive the CSUN resources.

Eve Sinclair (by email), Area Director from Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez office, stated that funding had been approved for lighting at Howard Finn Park, more areas had been added to overnight parking, that there would be a December 10 community tree lighting, a December 27 holiday helpings grocery give-away, and free COVID testing at North Valley City Hall, with more information at myturn.ca.gov.

6. Presentation: Vision of Health - (CDC) Diabetes Prevention Program

Louis Pugliese and Debora Wright gave the presentation. Mr. Pugliese discussed the Lifestyle Intervention Program, how it can prevent diabetes, and the lifestyle changes involved.

Lallah Rowe stated that she had participated in the program and that she had received valuable education from it.

7. NEW BUSINESS ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Chairwoman Grant said the Elk's club cupcake decorating event had a good turnout.

a. Announcement of vacant Board Seats

Cindy Cleghorn described the vacant seats reading from the Bylaws, two Stakeholder Group Representative positions, and gave the website stnc.org for more information.

Judith Quinones asked what documentation was required.

Evelyn Serrano asked what seats were vacant.

b. Discussion/Update on Pinewood Mural

Carol Hutchinson stated that there had been significant progress on the mural. Gerardo stated a lift basket was needed for the tallest part of the wall.

Jennifer Zapp stated she was willing to assist.

c. Discussion: Committee / Board Training - to be scheduled Jan. 15 or 16

Chairwoman Grant presented the item and asked to please respond with a preferred date.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR - NON-FUNDING ITEMS - Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. Any Board member or stakeholder may request that an item be removed. There will be no discussion of these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will go to the end of New Business and be considered as time allows. MOTION: The STNC Board approves the funding consent calendar:

Chairwoman Grant presented the items. Items 8. c. e. g. h. k. l. were requested removed by board members Travers and Gordon. Those items were considered at the end of New Business as time allows.

Motion (Royal / L.Rowe) to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

- Motion (Royal/L. Rowe) to approve Consent Items 8. a, b, d, f, i, j.**
- a. Approve Apperson Elementary School Civic Permit to be submitted for Meeting location when returning to in person meetings.
 - b. Discussion/Motion to approve the November 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
 - d. Discussion /Action MOTION: To approve a Community Impact Statement in support of CF 21-1223 “Speed Limit Reduction / Fatal and Severe Injury Collision Streets / AB 43 (Friedman) / Vulnerable Road Users / Vision Zero Goals”.
 - f. Discussion /Action MOTION: That STNC will help promote community Toy Drives in Sunland-Tujunga due to lack of ability to buy gifts with Public Funds.
 - i. Discussion /Action MOTION: To support and submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File CF 21-0869 Neighborhood Watch Program / Community Building / Online Toolkit / LAPD Online.org / Public Safety Neighborhood Smartphone Application.
 - j. Discussion /Action MOTION To approve holding “Slow Down Events” with “Slow Down Signs” to bring attention to the need to slow down to help prevent vehicular deaths in our community.

Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Seigel, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Cleghorn, C. Rowe, Moran, Babakhanian, Travers, Gordon, von Gunten, Wadler, Kim 16 yes, 0 no,1 ineligible, 2 absent - motion passed		Woodruff			T. Schmidt C. Schmidt

9. CONSENT CALENDAR FUNDING ITEMS - All funding items recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee.

Chairwoman Grant presented the items. Items 9. a. b. were requested removed by board president Grant.

c. Motion to approve up to \$100.00 for the purchase of candy for the Halloween Outreach Event. Treasurer Babakhanian stated that the City Clerk requested the vote for this item.

Item 9c. Motion (Hutchinson/Purdue) to approve Item 9c. To approve up to \$100.00 for purchase of candy for Halloween Outreach event.					
Motion: Hutchinson 2 nd : Purdue					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent

Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, Babakhanian, T. Schmidt, von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, C. Schmidt, Gordon, Wadler, Kim 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, absent motion passed		Travers Woodruff			T. Schmidt C. Schmidt
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10. Committee & Liaison Reports – The following committees gave reports:

Youth & Adult Education - Lallah Rowe discussed the Youth and Adult Education Committee’s activities, stating that basketball coaching and drug education outreach would be held.

Beautification – Gerardo Barrientos talked about a community cleanup held and an issue with a homeless person camping near the cleanup site.

Land Use/VANC/Adam Schiff/City Budget - Cindy Cleghorn gave an update on the Land Use Committee – Hillhaven & Foothill market application for alcohol and approved by City Planning.. New apartment project at the former Denny’s at Plainview & Foothill will be presenting their plans. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meets Dec. 9 regarding SB9 and 10. Adam Schiff read into the Congressional Record the Tuna Canyon Detention Center to which the STNC was active in supporting as a historic site located on the former Verdugo Hills Golf Course site. The City has an over \$2 million budget gap in the new fiscal year.

STARC - K.T. Travers gave an update on the STARC Committee’s activities, that Michelle Wadler arranged for the Rise of the Phoenix artwork from the Station Fire will be up at Apperson Elementary and that the Hanukkah in the Foothills event was very successful.

Neighborhood Watch – Jon von Gunten said no meeting in December and a written report will be out soon.

LANCC – President Grant described a report by LANCC of the problems Neighborhood Councils are having with DONE. If anyone would like a copy to let her know.

11. Discussion/ Action Motion to support or not support the newest version of the Digital Media Policy and submit STNC position/Community Impact Statement to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

Cindy Cleghorn stated that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners will have a new policy draft by the next meeting and that a time limit of 60 days will be given for Neighborhood Councils to weigh in. Following are the links to the documents:

- a. Department Digital Communications Report 10.18.21
- b. Unmarked Policy Draft: 10.14.21 Draft
- c. Department Digital Communications Policy Supporting Materials: <http://tiny.cc/DigitalCommsPolicyReport>
- d. Community Impact Statements - <https://empowerla.org/commission/community-impact-statements/>

No action taken by STNC at this meeting. STNC already submitted opposition to the proposed policy prior month.

12. Discussion: Council Files and Additional Board Actions Update

Ms. Hutchinson described the Board’s contacts with the Council about its Board Actions. Digital Media Policy CIS has been submitted. Code of Conduct was posted incorrectly and Ms. Hutchinson had that corrected. President Grant stated that there’s a lot of work outside of the meetings.

13. PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System - Reminder to take the Anti Bias training.

President Grant stated that the trainings needed to be completed by December 31. Contact her with any problems.

Ms. Travers stated that Board members' user names were changed in October.

14. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mike thanked the Board for its service.

Liliana Sanchez stated that Sunland-Tujunga Forward, working with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and our elected representatives will have two cameras installed on La Tuna Canyon and one on Big Tujunga to catch people who are illegally dumping. It was later said that Stakeholder Matt Walker instrumental in getting the cameras.

Judith Quinones concurred with Mike on his comments.

Mark Dutton concurred with Mike on his comments. Wishes for a better attitude and a community working together in the future. Thanked Liliana for the news about the cameras.

Wendy P. asked what streets the cameras were on.

Evelyn Serrano stated her opposition to Article 34 that the City is considering a state measure opposing affordable housing and that the City should oppose this outdated legislation.

Sandy Capps stated her support for restarting the Standing Rules Committee to finish the working draft to the board. Separate motions for new Standing Rules in May and July were voted on by the board.

15. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & BOARD COMMENTS

Belinda Woodruff stated that if community members needed help they could come to her and also receive a "smile". Thank you to Liliana for her work on the cameras. Something the STNC has worked on in the past. Merry Christmas to all.

Leny Freeman – He's been involved with Community Emergency Response Team and thanked Sandy Capps for her help.

Lallah Rowe – Did first responder training and has saved two people's lives because she's been trained. Happy to see the participation at the meeting tonight.

Mr. Schmidt stated his concern about vaccine mandates for LAUSD students.

Following items pulled from Consent were considered separately and are listed by their agenda item number:

Item 9. a. Discussion/ Motion to approve the November 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

Mr. Babakhanian presented the MER items for the month of November 2021.

President Grant asked if we've been reimbursed \$800 from Recreation & Parks for the National Night Out event. Treasurer Babakhanian said no, we have not.

Lallah Rowe asked about the Halloween candy reimbursement.

Public Comments: Judith asked about closing public comment.

Item 9a. Motion (Seigel/L.Rowe) to approve November 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) Item 9a.					
Motion: Seigel 2 nd : L Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent

Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, Babakhanian, von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, Gordon, Wadler 14 yes, 0 no, 2 ineligible, 0 abstain, 3 absent motion passed		Travers Woodruff			T. Schmidt C. Schmidt Kim
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Item 9. b. Discussion/Motion to adjust current approved funding for minute taker to be used toward STNC committees as need for minute taking and/or transcribing from recorded meetings; no increase in overall funding

President Grant introduced the item. The Land Use Committee is requesting the minutetaker take minutes for their committee.

Mark Seigel is concerned that we would have an open checkbook for committee meetings. We could get more facts by tabling this for now.

Carol Hutchinson says we should reach out to the other committees so we can adjust the budget if necessary.

Jon von Gunten takes minutes for two committees but understands that an outside minutetaker may be needed.

Ed Babakhanian doesn't think incremental money for minute taking is good. Spending on outreach would be better. This came up as a result of one request and need for help on particular committee meetings.

President Grant stated that a minute taker for Town Halls would be good

Cindy Cleghorn said this came about for as needed, not ongoing basis.

Public Comment: Judith – there are missing minutes.

Item 9b. Motion (Cleghorn/Royal) to approve minute taking for committees. Motion (Cleghorn/L. Rowe) to table this item.					
Motion: Cleghorn 2 nd : Royal – Motion to Table: Cleghorn 2 nd L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, Babakhanian, von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, Gordon, Wadler, Travers 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent motion passed		Woodruff			T. Schmidt C. Schmidt Kim

Item 8. g. Discussion /Action MOTION: To oppose and submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 21- 0002-S165 regarding Senate Constitutional Amendment2 (SCA2)(Allen, Wiener)/ Article34Repeal/California State Constitution/Public Housing Projects/Homelessness / Affordable Housing /Voter Approval.

Chairwoman Grant introduced the item.

Public Comments:

Evelyn Serrano – Recommends vote to support of removal of article from our State constitution.

Judith Quinones – Stated its no longer necessary.

Mark Dutton – Wish we could spend more time on local issues rather than state and federal policy.
 Elaine Alaniz stated that new developments in Downtown LA had led to increased traffic, parking difficulties and increase in crime.

Ms. Gordon stated her opposition to SCA2 and supports the repeal.
 Ms. Hutchinson stated her opposition to repeal, ask the voters. Low income housing isn't being built in our community.
 Ms. Royal stated that some of the officials implementing housing policies are financially involved with developers.
 KT Travers is confused with what we're to vote on.
 Mr. Babakhanian asked what the new threshold would be for approving affordable housing.
 President Grant stated that it would be a simple majority of voters.
 Ms. Woodruff stated her opposition to SCA2.

Item 8. g. Motion (Hutchinson/L.Rowe) That STNC oppose and submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 21- 0002-S165 regarding Senate Constitutional Amendment2 (SCA2)(Allen, Wiener)/ Article34Repeal/California State Constitution/Public Housing Projects/Homelessness / Affordable Housing /Voter Approval.					
Motion: Hutchinson 2 nd : L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Babakhanian, von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, C. Schmidt 12 yes, 3 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent motion passed	Travers, Gordon, Wadler	Woodruff			T. Schmidt Kim Moran

Item 8. h. Discussion /Action MOTION: To oppose and submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File CF21-1283 Sworn Personnel Staffing Levels /Los Angeles Fire Department / Noncompliance/Service Disruptions / City Vaccination Requirement/COVID-19 Pandemic

Chairwoman Grant introduced the item.

Public Comments: Liliana Sanchez stated her support for vaccine mandates for first responders.
 Judith Quinones stated that the Council File involved creating a plan for hiring new first responders if they were fired or resigned.
 Mark Dutton stated his opposition to firing first responders for not taking the vaccine.
 Elaine Alaniz stated her opposition to firing first responders for not taking the vaccine.
 Mike stated his opposition to firing first responders for not taking the vaccine.

Board Comments:

Ms. Hutchinson stated her opposition to firing first responders for not taking the vaccine.
 Ms. Royal stated her opposition to firing first responders for not taking the vaccine.
 Ms. Gordon stated her support for firing first responders for not taking the vaccine.
 Ms. Travers asked about the data and stated her support for firing first responders for not taking the vaccine.
 Mr. Babakhanian stated that this Council file involved creating a plan for hiring new first responders if they were fired or resigned.
 Chairwoman Grant stated that the plan was needed because first responders were already being fired or resigning due to mandates.
 Mr. von Gunten asked people to research “vaers.”
 Ms. Purdue stated her opposition to firing first responders for not taking the vaccine.

Mr. Schmidt stated his opposition to firing first responders for not taking the vaccine.

Item 8. h. Motion (Royal/Purdue) to approve Item 8H (inadvertently called 8c) - To oppose and submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File CF21-1283 Sworn Personnel Staffing Levels /Los Angeles Fire Department / Noncompliance/Service Disruptions / City Vaccination Requirement/COVID-19 Pandemic					
Motion: Royal 2 nd : Purdue					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, von Gunten, Cleghorn, C. Schmidt, T. Schmidt 11 yes, 4 no, 1 abstain, 2 absent motion passed	Travers, Gordon, Wadler, Babakhanian	Woodruff	Seigel		Kim Freeman

8. I. Discussion/Action MOTION emergency Covid-19 Motion to add to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Standing Rules that as long as the City of Los Angeles is enforcing a vaccine mandate on Public Facilities the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council will continue to hold our meetings through Zoom only so that we do not violate the Ralph M. Brown Act by excluding community members and board members who may not be vaccinated from attending our public meetings.

Chairwoman Grant introduced the item.

Ms. Gordon asked for clarification on the impact of the motion.

Public Comments:

Liliana Sanchez stated that the Committee was in violation of the bylaws as it did not allow stakeholders to participate on the Committee.

Judith Quinones stated that the Committee was in violation of the bylaws as it did not allow stakeholders to participate on the Committee.

Board Comments:

Ms. Hutchinson asked about hybrid meetings that the City is not prepared for hybrid meetings.

Mr. Schmidt asked if the City was preventing the Board from meeting in public.

President Grant stated that BONC could decide when meetings would be held in public.

Ms. Cleghorn stated that anyone was and is welcome to attend and participate in all board and committee meetings.

Item 8I. Motion (Hutchinson/Babakhanian) MOTION emergency Covid-19 to add to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Standing Rules that as long as the City of Los Angeles is enforcing a vaccine mandate on Public Facilities, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council will continue to hold our meetings through Zoom only so that we do not violate the Ralph M. Brown Act by excluding community members and board members who may not be vaccinated from attending our public meetings.					
Motion: Hutchinson 2 nd : Babakhanian					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran,		Woodruff			Kim Freeman

von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, C. Schmidt, T. Schmidt, Babakhanian, Travers, Wadler, Gordon					
17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent motion passed					

16. MEETING ADJOURNED - 10:21 PM