

STNC MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042

1. **Call to Order by Dan McManus, STNC President.** Pledge of Allegiance, meeting overview, and introduction of STNC Board. Board Members present: Arsen Karamians, Belinda Woodruff, Mark Seigel, Jodie Brittain, Olina Lowe, Ed Novy, Cindy Cleghorn, Dan McManus, Lydia Grant, John Blue (late), Barbara Johnson, Mary Mulally, David Cain, Richard Stewart, John Laue. Excused absences: Janet Linsalato, Cara DeCaro, Tomi Lyn Bowling and Brenda Fortune.
2. **President's Report:** Dan reminded the board to take the Ethics Training available on the DONE website.
Cindy Cleghorn announced two board vacancies: Region 3 Rep (east of Commerce and north of Foothill) and a Stakeholder Group Rep.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - High School students from La Crescenta and La Canada gave a presentation on issues of diversity and international immigration into the community.
 - Sylvia Nazarian spoke about safety issues in the community. Jerry Hovsepian talked about four young adults who attacked senior citizens playing cards in the park.
 - Lloyd Hitt said there was a plan to install two cameras in the park but it fell through. (Mark Seigel added that the police never followed through after the Captain was transferred). Dan suggested purchasing surveillance equipment from STNC funds. Jackie from CD2 said she would see if she could find out what happened. Lloyd also announced Bolton Hall's annual plant sale on Saturday, April 30, 2011.
 - Regina Clark talked about the new exhibit at Bolton Hall from different wars. On May 21st, Armed Forces Day, there will be a program on Civil War Veterans who settled in the area at Sun Valley Park.
 - Belinda Woodruff, an employee with the City's Public Works Department said that services are being cut by the City and this will impact residents as far as new sewer lines.
 - Lydia Grant talked about safety issues in high density areas of Tujunga and her interest in doing follow up on the recent crimes at Little Landers park.
 - Richard Stewart talked about the Rotary Club's efforts to honor hometown heroes with their names on banners on Foothill Boulevard. Donations are needed to purchase the banners (\$250.00 each) and names of people who are serving in the military. He said they hope to have banners up by Memorial Day, definitely by the July 4th parade.
 - Nina Royal said she was looking for help in putting together her free community paper, North Valley Reporter. She needs support from advertisers, as well.
 - Araz Parseghian, a stakeholder, said he is interested in serving on the board.

4. **Outreach Report – David Cain, VP Outreach:** David asked stakeholders to attend his Outreach meetings and bring ideas with them on ways to do more outreach. Meeting is at 7 p.m. at YMCA and the third Thursday of the month. David is also in charge of the Disaster Preparedness Program for the community. On Monday, April 25th, he will give a presentation on water storage to prepare for disasters or emergency situations.

Safety Committee – Nina Royal: April 26th at 6:30 is the next Safety Meeting. The Safety Fair and National Night Out are the two events her committee is planning. She also talked about a change in the way people are being paroled

5. **Group & Region Board Reports**

- a. **Region 1 – John Laue** announced that he has organized an LA River Cleanup on Saturday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m. to improve the trail system and clean up the Tujunga Wash.
- b. **Education Rep – Lydia Grant** attended CA Department of Education meetings in Sacramento on behalf of the Parent Trigger legislation to allow parents to choose their children’s schools. A vote for permanent regulations is to take place in late April. She spoke about the National Journalism Awards sponsored by Scholastic. The Parent Trigger legislation was chosen as the topic of the year. She is speaking at that event. Twenty states are now supporting this legislation for their own states. STNC has been in a primary leadership role on this issue.
Olina Lowe, Senior Rep, said the seniors were grateful for getting Cable TV through the efforts of STNC and the community.
Richard Stewart talked about Phoenix House, a program that helps get kids off of drugs. The Rotary Club is honoring them with an award.
Belinda Woodruff visited a Korean BBQ, a new business in the community. She also spoke about a crime incident in her neighborhood.

6. **Secretary’s Report & Approval of Minutes – Cindy Cleghorn:** The minutes for the March 2011 STNC board meeting were approved as presented. Cindy distributed information regarding Neighborhood Council comparison election table and VICA’s information on redistricting. She updated the board on other items in her role as secretary. DWP is changing its bills that will be sent to the public. Rec & Parks is considering allowing cell towers in municipal parks as a way of generating income.

7. **Land Use Committee Recommendations:** The board unanimously approved LUC’s recommendation to approve the Community Impact Statement regarding a project for 64 units at 10046-56 Samoa, covering two lots and to support STA’s appeal regarding City Planning Determination for a recycling center at Chevron Station, 6737 Foothill, Tujunga.

8. **Board Support Resolution to support the Citywide Neighborhood Council Congress in the amount of \$1,000. Event date: Sept. 24, 2011 at City Hall to help cover expenses. Budget category: NC Elections. (Blue/Lowe) moved that STNC approve \$1,000 for expenses at the Sept. 24, 2011 Congress of NCs. The motion carried: 12-1-1.**

9. Treasurer's Report:

a. Budget Committee recommendations regarding FY2010-11 STNC

Budget: Budget Committee Chairman Mark Seigel reported that STNC will be losing money from their annual budget with the City's financial crisis. In addition to losing any unspent (rollover) funds, it is anticipated that the NCs will lose another 10% of their funding, amounting to a proposed budget next year of \$40,000. Mark said that he had a deadline from DONE to submit demand warrants by April 15. The Board then discussed proposals for spending the \$20,000 that remained in the fiscal year budget. After discussion, the following motion was made: **(Novy/Grant) moved by resolution that "STNC allocate \$7,000.00 from their current budget to the Sunland-Tujunga, Shadow Hills Community Fund for the Fourth of July Fireworks."** The motion carried.

Dan McManus will be serving as Grand Marshall for the Sunland-Tujunga Fourth of July Parade this year.

b. (Stewart/Novy) then moved to amend the previous motion from \$7,000 to \$8,000 to cover \$1,000.00 in costs for the 4th of July permit fees at LAUSD payable to the Sunland Tujunga Shadow Hills Community Fund. *Budget category: Outreach/Fireworks event.* The motion carried.

c. The board then reviewed a Wish List of budgetary items proposed to utilize the remaining funding in the STNC budget. The board chose to earmark the following items:

- Mic bases: \$900
- Fireworks: \$8,000
- Banners \$100
- STNC (4) banners: \$400
- Banners: EZ Ups (2)- \$400
- Computer for office with updated software: \$1,600
- Shelving and paper goods: \$950
- Safety Committee's request: \$250: Banners
- Safety Committee's request: Flyers: \$300
- Ham Radio Antenna: \$700
- Parent rep request: School Supplies: \$2,000
- Senior rep request: Senior Center Supplies: \$2,000

- Disaster Readiness, Snaplights: \$675
- Disaster Readiness, Educational materials: \$500
- Cameras for Little Landers Park: \$2,500

Total: \$21,285

(Woodruff/Blue) moved that the board approve Wish List items amounting to \$21,285 of expenses for the current fiscal year. The motion carried with three opposed: Laue, Novy and McManus.

(Cleghorn/Woodruff) moved to receive the April 2011 STNC Financial report. The board approved the April STNC Financial Report unanimously.

10. **Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.**

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Kelly Services.