

Special Joint Board & Executive Committee Meeting
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 7:30 PM
ZOOM meeting

1. Call to Order 7:30 p.m. by President Liliana Sanchez.

Present were Liliana Sanchez, President, Lydia Grant (arrived 7:39 p.m.), First Vice President Community Improvement; Nina Royal, 2nd Vice President - Outreach; Sandy Capps, Treasurer; Cindy Cleghorn, Secretary, Board members: Pati Potter, Vartan Keshish, Carol Hutchinson, Glen Belt Also present: Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian and Semee Park, DONE, 11 Audience Attendees.

2. Introductions - see above

3. General Public Comment on Non Agenda items - Judith spoke about violence at Foothill and Lowell on Fridays, racism and need for more representation of color on the STNC, Melani spoke in support of Evelyn and has seen posts on Nextdoor that are not good representation of our neighborhood, Apperson PTA (Elizabeth) spoke to support Evelyn and Sunland-Tujunga has a terrible reputation in L.A. and it's time for change and diversity benefits everyone, Dekker Dreyer spoke in support of Evelyn but has never met her, Eric spoke in support of Evelyn after meeting her briefly, Claire - we need to amplify voices of color and supports Evelyn who she just met. Nina spoke about the Masks giveaway and Census outreach last Sunday with Caroline Menjivar from the Mayor's office and that she spoke with three people of color encouraging their participation in the STNC and that STNC has board members of color past and present and their commitment to the STNC.

4. **MOTION:** [Cindy/Sandy] The Executive Committee approves the minutes from the July 29, 2020 EC meeting. 3 in favor (Lydia/Sandy/Cindy), 2 abstentions (Liliana/Nina). Minutes approved. During this time Liliana took time to state her inability to run the 7/29/20 meeting.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - Candidates interested in applying for the vacancies on the STNC board including how to apply for the board position, responsibilities, training opportunities, ethics, funding, code of conduct, meetings, community and time schedule: Cindy presented the responsibilities are to attend the monthly board meetings, funding, ethics, code of conduct training are required to be able to vote and need to serve on at least one committee. There is a time commitment to all of these responsibilities. Currently the STNC has two vacancies on the board for the Stakeholder Group seat. To apply, submit a letter of interest and letter from their sponsoring organization.

6. OLD BUSINESS - None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The following took place prior to a motion being placed on the floor: Liliana Sanchez introduced Semee Park, DONE Operations who requested that the Executive Committee not place the Motion to Censure Liliana Sanchez on the Sept. 9 Board agenda and to allow DONE to provide guidance, recommendation and make sure the Censure motion is factual

and in compliance with the BONC policy. Semee referred to STNC bylaws that it is up to the Executive Committee to set the agenda. Semee repeated that she recommends not placing this item on the agenda for Sept. 9. Lydia responded that she has worked with a BONC Commissioner, the BONC policy does not indicate DONE is involved and that all steps were followed. Semee responded that the City Attorney does not give guidance on specific motions, but based on the City Attorney advice to DONE, DONE is requesting time to review and respond. Lydia stated that DONE has had several weeks and they haven't done anything. Sandy asked Semee to clarify that they're asking STNC to postpone til DONE can review and respond and provide additional guidance on how to proceed with the Censure Motion and if two weeks would be enough time? Semee responded that she is uncertain if that's enough time for the DONE internal review and workload process. Cindy pointed out that comments are on the amendment to 45 minutes. Public Comment: None. Attendee Comments: Pati said 45 minutes is too long; Lydia said that 45 minutes needed to give ample time.

a. **MOTION** (Lydia/Nina): to allow up to 30 minutes for board action regarding Motion to Censure Liliana Sanchez at the September 9, 2020 STNC Board Meeting. **Motion** to amend the time to 45 minutes (Lydia/Nina). Roll Call Vote: 3 No, 2 Yes. Amendment Failed. Public Comments (on 30 minutes time limit): Judith stated the motion is absurd as put forward by two white women and then to extend the time to 45 min., Evelyn stated she's trying to understand the advice by Semee Park, Liliana then read from the Bylaws Section 8 Censure that the purpose is to place a board member on notice of mis-conduct and provide board member opportunity to correct the mis-conduct. Cindy pointed out that we are on a motion as to time limit and that we have another speaker, Ivan Spiegel requesting to speak. Ivan read from the Bylaws that a motion to Censure may be initiated by any three board members and that those board members shall not constitute a majority of the quorum of any Neighborhood Council body, such as a committee. There are 5 people that signed this motion and your Executive Committee has 5 members, your quorum is 3 and a majority of the quorum is 2 and that two members of this committee signed and that makes it invalid, according to your Bylaws. Ivan suggests that this is withdrawn and to resubmit another motion that is signed properly because this is in violation of your Bylaws. Liliana continued to read from the Bylaws and a Point of Order was called that the conversation is not germane to the motion. Liliana continued to explain what she said a stakeholder asked her to read. Lydia repeated that everything she did was following BONC policy. Liliana continued to read from the STNC Bylaws. Roll Call Vote was then taken on the original motion to allow up to 30 minutes: 4 Yes, 1 No. Motion passed.

b. **MOTION** (Lydia/Nina): to invite candidates for Congress, Adam Schiff and Eric Early, to speak at our September or October board meeting. Liliana said that Congressman Schiff was previously invited and couldn't come until after the elections. She was trying to get him to come and speak as our representative. Pati thinks the September meeting will be full and October would be better. Glen says both should have the opportunity to speak before Nov. 3 election if they are available. Carol says to extend the invitation to both and it would be good to hear from both before the election. Send the invitation and whoever shows up will be good. Nina agrees to extend invitation to both. Roll Call Vote: Approved unanimous.

c. **MOTION:** The Executive Committee approves the agenda for the General Board meeting on September 9, 2020. Cindy displayed the draft agenda starting at the top reading through all items in the draft including choosing the Consent items. Question about item 12 on the draft agenda regarding Defend LAPD being a duplicate was clarified that it's not a duplication of a prior board action. After Cindy went through the draft Sandy went through missing items including the artwork approval from the STAT committee and the DWP letter request from Liliana about removing water and electric tiers and that she (Liliana) will be sending a revised version of the letter in a few days. Lydia requested that this item go to committee. Sandy stated this meeting is just to set the agenda. A stakeholder in the Audience/Attendees interrupted calling out that Lydia should not finish speaking because she keeps interrupting. Cindy said another letter did come in for Defending LAPD and asked if we can go through the agenda for what items can be moved around, go to committee or are to be postponed to another meeting. Lydia requested the DWP item be referred to a committee. Judith commented on Roger Swart stating that he has silenced her numerous times and doesn't understand why we support any kind of motion that he brings regarding defending the police especially if it's duplicating something that's already on the agenda. He seems to speak for himself and not all of the residents of this community. Bren commented that she disagrees with Judith and that Roger speaks for the community. The community does support Defending the LAPD. Judith interrupted and spoke on top of Bren. Liliana made the point that the STNC is to represent everyone and that the Agenda Request portal is open to everyone to request an item on the agenda. Dekker Dreyer wants it on record that the previous comment about the community being in support of Defending the police is not correct. Liliana reaffirmed with Dekker that he's asking that this statement be in the minutes to which he responded yes, please. Mary Sorraco said she echoes Judith and Dekker that all in the community are not behind Defending the police and that Mr. Swart's motion is a useless motion. Pati pointed out that what happens on people's Facebook pages is not here in the STNC. The majority of this town do not go on Facebook or go to the riots. Lydia asked if we are working on the agenda or on Rock Swart's item? Liliana said we are on Rock Swart's item. Cindy pointed out that we're here to move items around, pass on to a Committee, etc. Liliana requested we go back to the top. Liliana said it would be nice to have all Treasurer items in advance. Sandy stated that all items were emailed to her in advance. Liliana said for the public. Sandy said they will be available in the board packet. Liliana then said she didn't think we voted that all items need to come to the public before the EC meeting so there's more time for the public to see them. Cindy stated that all the items are right now on the website. Cindy asked if the items can be on consent and Sandy said all except one that is postponed. Next in the draft the Non-Funding items on Consent were reviewed. Liliana then asked that her rebuttal on the Censure Motion that is public be made public because as it stands the statements are conclusions and not factual statements and they are intended to embarrass and humiliate her. Point of Order called by Lydia that Liliana is not staying on the agenda discussion. Liliana stated yes she is because the Motion to Censure is public and on our website. She would like to include her rebuttal on the website and she will be submitting it to Cindy. She asked that these minutes reflect her request and DONE's recommendation to remove the item from the agenda. Sandy said a rebuttal letter would be available for the public as well. Cindy said that no one has stepped up for the Homeless or Emergency Preparedness Liaison positions and those could be removed from this agenda. Liliana then spoke off the agenda items and asked Cindy about the Neighborhood Watch meeting being paid for by the STNC and that Cindy would bring this up as discussion tonight. Liliana said

there is a grievance filed for that and she wants to make sure that it is public as well. Cindy said after we get through the draft agenda we can go over that but Liliana said the Zoom accounts are the agenda. Cindy said she didn't see Zoom accounts on the draft agenda. Liliana said it was going to be a list of the accounts that we are paying for and include a list. Cindy then shared the front page of the STNC website where the Zoom links are at including the Neighborhood Watch meetings with LAPD and that the schedule for those meetings has changed due to COVID. Cindy also shared that all the Zoom links are on the website so they are easy to access in more than one location for all and that updates will be made from time to time as needed. Sandy asked if this falls under the Zoom item on the draft agenda and Cindy said no as that item is about continuing Zoom after COVID. Liliana then asked if all Zoom meetings must follow the Brown Act. Cindy said that this item should be agendaized for a future meeting where full discussion could be held so everyone could have the opportunity to participate in the discussion. Liliana then asked about receiving copies of the agenda in advance before it's published so she could add her own items. For the past two months she could only get the parliamentarian to do it because she doesn't have access to the file. Cindy said this is the purpose of this meeting. The draft agenda is presented, we collect any items stakeholders or committee bring to us as of tonight. Nothing can be added after tonight. We are here tonight to move items around, push off to another meeting or to a committee. That is why we have an open and public meeting. It's not for the president to have access to the document privately and make changes to it that we don't all get to participate in. Cindy drafted it as her role as secretary and if it wasn't Cindy, it would be someone else serving as secretary. This year we have fine tuned the process by having the Agenda Request Form on the website and everyone likes it. Anything that you want to add, now is the time. Liliana then said this draft is incomplete, that there are still going to be items added to this agenda. What happens if something is missed or the wording is not correct? Cindy said we could hold another meeting on Monday or next Wednesday and go through it again. Liliana said it has not been like that for a year, for 14 months. It was not changed until the Censure Motion. If we are to do it this way, we are to sit right here and do it. This takes time. We should remove items if we have to. If we need another meeting we should all make a point of being there. Cindy then pointed out that the President is spending a lot of time digressing instead of staying focused on this draft agenda, that she's veered off taking time on process and procedure instead of adjustments to the draft agenda. We can agendaize process and procedure another day which would be under the Standing Rules and Bylaws Committee. Let's get this agenda done or come back and look at it again in a couple of days. Recommend removing #7 and typos in #13. Remove all that is outlined except one item that is postponed. During this meeting Cindy made these changes on the share screen. Item B. 3 and 5, numbers are incorrect. Sandy said they are to be copied and pasted from her agenda. Liliana asked to return to the top of the agenda. Cindy asked if Liliana looks at the agenda before coming to the meeting? She said she does. Liliana wants to modify the bad behavior [referring to wording in the Censure Motion]. She's asking to go through it again, item by item. Only the DWP letter and the letter from Pat Kramer and Budget Committee items will be coming. Cindy asked if the President's message is OK and she said yes. Ivan Spiegel then asked to jump in. The president's report was based on current vacancy so the cut off date needs to be modified, make sure the seats are correct or remove the item. Cindy updated it with the September 23, 2020 deadline. There are three vacancies for Stakeholder Group Rep seats. Next Liliana read a sentence from the Censure Motion. Ivan advised her that he told her he technically thinks there's an issue with the

Censure Motion but that she should recuse herself from this issue. Part of the Censure procedure is that the person being Censured should not interfere with the Censure process. Any defense or anything she has will be covered by that process and will come up if it comes before the board. Sandy then gave the Consent items: Approve Aug. 2020 MER, approve the STARC request up to \$300 for sponsorship outreach for the STSH Rotary to promote a virtual Halloween Pageant and Contest. Recommendation to oppose NPG for \$4,000 for Civic Center grant application for training for youth voter drive. Lydia said she needed to step out to take her Granddaughter home and asked about Pat Kramer, STAT committee item. Question where the placement of filling vacant board seats should be on the agenda. Liliana requests it move up so she [Evelyn Serrano] can vote. Ivan pointed out that she needs to complete training before she can vote. Semee Park commented that DONE will have to issue a Cornerstone license to the new board member. They can't issue the license until they know what seat they have been voted onto. Once they are voted on, then they get access to the training. In terms of Code of Conduct they can send that link. She can vote on everything except for funding. Ivan pointed out that it would be good to have this on the website so it's known. [that a newly appointed board member can vote on everything but funding items if they complete Code of Conduct training before being appointed to the board] **MOTION** to postpone remainder of the meeting (Cindy/Nina) to special meeting on August 31, 7 p.m. Discussion: Everyone confirmed their availability. Public Comments: Asked about Homeless Representatives needing to be a board member? Approved unanimous. Lydia requested time to speak.

Ivan pointed out the following items on the draft agenda need work before returning for Monday's meeting: #11 doesn't have a motion or Council File. #12, 13, 14 OK. #17. C. We already have a Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee and their next thing is to work on Standing Rules. Cindy pointed out that it clarifies what the task is and to check with committee members available to continue on the committee. Item 17.C regarding Elections doesn't have a motion.

Lydia requested time to speak.

Confirm next STNC Executive Committee meeting date for September 30, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. postponed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by Liliana Sanchez.

Reminded Liliana that Lydia requested time to speak, she called on Lydia and Lydia said she feels she was passed by on purpose.