

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
General Board Online Meeting
Meeting date: May 12th, 2021 6:45pm
ZOOM Meeting Online or by Telephone

Item 1. Call to Order, Welcome:

Call to Order

President Elect Grant Calls meeting to order at 6:46: If you would like to participate when it is time for the Public comments Please raise your hand using *9 on your phone keypad and Use *6 to mute and unmute yourself . If you are using a computer Please use the raise hand feature. This meeting is being recorded. Member Cleghorn reminds attendees of meeting protocols: Welcome. Meeting attendees will be muted, use raise hand feature to comment on Zoom or dial *9 on phone. Comments by public limited to two minutes. We are transitioning into this new environment. Please provide grace and follow code of civility. Please address comments to the Board and not to individual members. Board members generally do not respond to public comments. Board members should mute if not speaking or voting.

Welcome

I am Lydia Grant the new President of the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
I want to thank all of the Board members who are leaving the Board for their hard work and service to the community. This last year was an unprecedented challenge due to Covid-19 and the restrictions on our Board and our community members, while we tried to rise to the needs of the community in a very sad environment with illness, fear and loss of life of our family and friends. I have always been proud to live in this community, but never more so as I watched Neighbors rally to help others to provide food, supplies and help to each other. As we move forward I want to continue to set the tone of working together and helping each other, while we work to expand our voice to City Hall. Lastly I would like to thank the community for coming out to vote in the recent election. It was a difficult process and we thank everyone who participated. In an effort to make our meetings more effective and efficient you may see changes that will help facilitate that process.

I would like to welcome the new Board members who are being seated tonight.
We have 12 Brand new members with no previous NC experience but are excited to get started.
Please be patient with us as there is a steep learning curve.

Item 2. Seating of the New Neighborhood Council Board

We have two surprise guests tonight to present the Oath of Office to our New Board Members. LAPD Commander Hamilton and Captain Johnny Smith. Commander Hamilton will read the Oath of Office. Please raise your right hand and repeat after him.

"I pledge to represent the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council with dignity, integrity, and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone's opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability."

After the new Board members are sworn, Secretary Diaz calls the roll at 7:01pm

Item 3. Roll Call at 7:01 pm by Secretary Diaz (see chart next page). 55 present at time of roll call.

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Lallah Rowe	Present	Yes	1st Vice President
Anthony Diaz	Present		2nd Vice President - Outreach
Ed Babakhanian	Present		Treasurer
Brandy Diaz	Present		Secretary
Mark Seigel	Present		At-Large Group Representative
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Representative
K.M. Travers	Present		Region 1 Representative
Trevor Schmidt	Present		Region 2 Representative
Clare Gordon	Present		Region 2 Representative
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Karen Perdue	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Cheryl Schmidt	Present		Region 4 Representative
Carol Hutchinsoninson	Present	Yes	Region 4 Representative
James Spishak	Present		Neighborhood Watch
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	STSERVS
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	STSH Community Fund
Chris Rowe	Present		Toastmasters
Shirley Kim	Present	Yes	Shekinah Church
Michelle Wadler	Present		Apperson PTA
Janelle Hussion	Present		ST Volunteer Team
Quorum: 11 Total:21			

President Grant invites LAPD Commander Hamilton and Captain Johnny Smith to make brief comments.

Commander Hamilton: thank you for the invitation. He appreciates the support of the STNC and of the Foothill Division. If there is anything he or Captain Smith can do, let them know.

Captain Johnny Smith: Thank you for the invitation. He is familiar with this area since he grew up in La Crescenta. He looks forward to the enthusiasm of the new Board. We are all Americans and this is a treasure of an area with one of the lowest crime rates in the City. He hopes we can refrain from hyperbolic references. We all believe in public safety. He does not take political stances. He looks forward to the day of dialog and to National Night Out.

Item 4. Pledge of Allegiance

Commander Hamilton leads the Board and audience in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 5. Recognition of 2019 STNC Board

By Eve Sinclair, Area Director for Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez-- We had many hard- working Board members. Many former Board members will be forever friends. Much of the work isn't visible to the community but know that a lot of work was being done behind the scenes. We ask that those of you who are not remaining on the Board, to please continue to participate.

Item 6. Comments by Elected Officials/ Representatives, LAPD

Eve Sinclair Area Director for Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez – The council office is continuing with its mobile vaccine clinics, they will be in Sylmar Tuesday through Sunday. Operation Bright Spot is now doing clean ups in Tujunga street sweeping, tree well clean-up, graffiti. This is a joint effort by many city departments including the Department of Sanitation, Department of Transportation, and Northeast Graffiti Busters. The Council Office obtained a \$100,000 grant for more lighting in Finn Park. The left hand turn signal at Foothill and Tujunga Canyon Blvd. will be installed in June. The first community meeting regarding the 1.5 million Measure W storm water improvement project on Oro Vista will be in June. This project will take a couple of years. The Council Office is having a visioning workshop for the community to share ideas about priorities: economic development, public safety, beautification, open space etc. The workshop for our area will be May 27th at 6pm. Call the counsel office at (818) 352-3287 to sign up.

Q&A:

By Member Freeman: Where is the storm improvement project going to be?

A: On Oro Vista Ave. from a few blocks into South Sunland north to Hillrose Ave.

Vickere Murphy, Senator Portantio's Office – she is still helping people with EDD problems, some are having hiccups on re-filing. This has been a large part of her job recently but has been worthwhile since she has been able to help everyone who has called. The Senator has a new office on Glenoaks in Glendale, but it is not open to the public yet. They are working virtually by phone. This is a very busy season in the legislature with appropriations and many bills pending including SB 9 and SB 10. If you have any comments on these bills, now is the time to send them.

Q&A: By Member Spishak – what is your phone number? A: (818)409-0400 email: SD25.senate.gov

Brenda Yanez, Assistant Field Deputy, Shelia Kuehl's Office – you can now show up at any LA County Facility and get a Covid vaccine. If you are 16 or 17 you must get the Pfizer vaccine and have a guardian come with you. The group that can take the Pfizer vaccine may soon be expanded to ages 12-15. The pause on the J&J vaccine has been lifted, women under 50 should be aware of the low risk of blood clots. LA County is now in the least restrictive yellow tier. The LA Supervisors are sponsoring free food drives, one at Brand Park in Mission Hills on May 14th, 9am to 12pm, another on May 26th at Whitsett Park in North Hollywood. Shelia Kuehl's office represents a small section of Tujunga, the rest of ST is in Kathryn Barger's district. Her email contact is B.Yanez@bos.la.ca.gov.

Q&A:

By Member Trevor Schmidt: What is the status of lifting mask requirements?

A: She has seen in the news today that June 15 is the day they won't be required outdoors, she needs more clarification for state and county officials.

Jason Maruca, Assistant Field Deputy, Kathryn Barger's Office – thank you to the previous Board members. Our area numbers are looking great LA County has a 45% fully vaccinated rate, one of the highest in the state. On April 24th President Biden recognized the Armenian Genocide. This week the Board of Supervisors has been in Washington advocating for more Federal aid, especially for mental health treatment. They are trying to get a Medicaid rule that allots no beds for those 21 to 64 who suffer from mental illness changed. The County now has 4,000 mental health beds, they need at least twice that many. The County is starting to discuss reopening their offices to the public. The office is also working on a crackdown on illegal fireworks sales.

Q&A

By Member Freeman: he is working on identifying problem areas for fireworks here. He is very concerned about this issue. A: Feel free to contact my office if you need any assistance.

Mary Jerejian, Luz Rivas' Field Representative – introduces self as the new representative for this area. On May 21 there will be an online appointment workshop for the State Boards and Commissions appointments application process. The FTC is offering emergency broadband bill assistance for low income households. More information at: getemergencybroadband.org

Q&A:

By Treasurer Babakhanian what are the income limits for broadband assistance?

A: 125% of the Federal Poverty Line. Also those who qualify for subsidized lunches, Pell grants, and those who had a significant drop in income since Feb, 2021 due to the pandemic.

By Evelyn Serrano- how are you reaching out to those who speak other languages?

A: They are informing neighborhood councils and also reaching out through the schools. The website has information in multiple languages.

SLO Gloria Caloca, Tujunga – thank you for your service STNC Board members old and new. There has been an increase in grand theft auto and property crimes like items stolen from porches, but overall crime is down 2.5%. The shopping centers around 6500 Foothill are having problems with homeless issues. She is working with the property owners to try and resolve these issues.

Q&A:

By President Grant—what is the LAPD doing now to prevent problems with illegal fireworks? Are the BST teams working?

A: You should contact dispatch and your SLO if you know about illegal fireworks. The BST teams are on limited duty due to COVID restrictions. The LAPD has records of previous problem locations and is probably working on plans for July 4th, is not privy to the specifics.

BY Judith Quinones: Were you forwarded the pictures from the anti-Semitic group BNBNI?

A: Not sure, send them.

By Anthony Chase: I have noticed more homeless activity and vehicles gathering around the bike lane near LA Tuna and Honolulu

A: This is the first I have heard of it, give me a call at (818) 634-0754 or preferably send an email to 35755@lapdonline.

Items 6 and 7. Presentation by Jackie Kim, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment re Board Training

DONE Rep Kim congratulates the new Board members. The Funding Administration Packet is now available on the funding website. The Mayor's proposed budget will allow each NC \$32,000 with up to \$10,000 in carry over funds. There is also a special \$50,000 translation fund. She outlines the dates of training classes; she will email the new Board members this info. Planning 101 is a required training for anyone on the Land Use Committee; they are working on getting this training on Cornerstone. All Board members must take these trainings: 1) Code of Conduct, 2) ethics, 3) Funding. There is also diversity and anti-bias training that is still in development. Board members must complete the Funding and Ethics training before voting on any financial item.

Q&A: By Judith Quinones: can I have your email? A: jackie.kim@lacity.org

By Member Cleghorn: Do you know when there will be PCN training from the Department of Cannabis?

A: Does not have any updates on this.

By Member Seigel—during his last time on the Board, noticed it was very helpful if all Board members took both parts of the financial training. Is it available to members other than the Treasurer?

A: She thinks this training is open to all, even members of the public. It is required for financial officers.

Comment by Raquel Beltran, DONE General Manager – Just came to say “hi” and congratulate the newly elected Board members.

Presentation by DONE Rep Kim continued. She explains the general duties and opportunities for Board members. DONE works with the City Attorney's office for Brown Act and other legal issues. The Office of the City Clerk handles budget and election matters for NCs.

President Grant notes she has put a lot of background materials in tonight's board packet, which is available online at STNC.org.

Item 8. Presentation & Training on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System – By President Grant

City Structure, Purpose,

Elected Positions – The Mayor, City Attorney, City Controller, and 15 Councilmembers

The City Commissions are considered the Mayor's Cabinet. There is a Commission that oversees each of the City Departments. They are made up of Community Leaders and are appointed by the Mayor.

The Commission that oversees the Neighborhood Council System is called the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners otherwise known as BONC. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is also referred to as (DONE) Oversees the Neighborhood Council, Provides Trainings, Helps the Neighborhood Councils with support. The Department Managers name is Raquel Beltran and our direct Liaison is Currently Jackie Kim.

The Los Angeles City Clerk's office provides the Neighborhood Councils Funding services.

When the Board votes for an item that includes money being spent. It is recorded on a sheet called a BAC or Board Action Count. The BAC are submitted with all funding Items and become part of the Funding Documentation. All Funding Items are reported in the Monthly Expenditure Report or MERS

Each Neighborhood Council is given an amount decided by the City Council that the Neighborhood Councils are allowed to use for Operational expenses, Outreach and Community Improvement. This year we should be receiving 32,000 dollars which is down from the \$50,000.00 originally allotted.

The NPG or Neighborhood Grant was set up for Neighborhood Councils to be able to help fund service or community Improvements such as:

If the Community Plants trees along the Boulevard then an NPG can be used to fund watering of the trees which would be done by a non- profit.

The money the NC's are allotted are to be used for the publics benefit. It is tax payer money and needs to be spent responsibly. We are not allowed to spend the funds to purchase items that are given away. That is considered a gift of Public Funds and is not allowed. This does not include Outreach Items that promote the Neighborhood Council.

Guiding Documents: Most of these were sent to you and are available with the Documents of this Board meeting at the stnc.org website under the Calendar Section

- City Charter,
- Certification,
- Bylaws,
- BONC Policies,
- LAMC Ordinances,
- Brown Act
(Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS),
- Standing Rules,
- Meeting Agendas

Required Trainings: Code of Conduct, Ethics, Funding, Planning 101- All of these trainings need to be done every 2 years. Please do not let them expire as it can cause you to be suspended from voting and ultimately removal from the Board. The trainings are available

NC Meetings: Agenda Items, We are re-vamping the way that agenda items will be handled when submitted please feel free to continue submitting the items through the portal or emailing them to me at stncpresidentgrant@gmail.com, during this time

We will often have presenters from different City Departments or Elected officials. Nonprofits and other organizations are welcome to speak during Public Comment Time

Making Motions during STNC Board Meetings -- One Board member moves by stating the motion, another board member seconds, then there is discussion if any, then public comment if any, then a vote.

Community Impact Statements – President Grant would like Board members to volunteer to monitor various City Council Committees. It is much better to comment early on in the process rather than wait for the hearing before the entire City Council. If a NC has submitted a community impact statement on a council file, they are allotted 5 minutes at the hearing on the motion. When a motion is made in the City Council, it is given a file number, if you know that number it is much easier to see what is going on with that motion. It is also possible to search by subject, but it is more difficult.

NC Alliances, - The alliances are listed below as an agenda item.

Events, All Neighborhood Council Events require an event Form which must be submitted at least 30 days in advance. Anything funding related for the event must be approved by the Board and a BAC submitted at that time.

Other Training Opportunities-

Board Member Training Requirements: All Board members must complete ethics and funding training in order to vote on funding motions before the Board. The training courses and instructions can be found at <http://empowerla.org/boardmembers/>

Item 9. Appointment of Financial Officers of The Board

A. Discussion and Possible Action to Select STNC Bank Card Holder

DESCRIPTION: Maintains secure custody of the NC’s bank card. Ensures card is used for payment transactions as approved by the Board only. Obtains itemized receipts or itemized paid invoices for every card transaction. Submits (Uploads) itemized receipts or itemized paid invoices for card no later than 10 days after the date the transaction posts.

● REQUIREMENTS

(see <https://clerk.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph606/f/NCFP%20Policies%2007.19.18%20Final.pdf#page=8>).

Motion: Appoint Ed Babakhanian as First Bankcard Holder				
Motion: Nina Royal Second Lallah Rowe Roll call vote BAC Signed				
Yes	No	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe Freeman, von Gunten, Perdue, Hutchinsoninson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim		A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Babakhanian, Seigel, Travers, T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler, Hussion		
9 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 12 ineligible 0 absent motion passed				

Treasurer Babakhanian is fine with being the first card holder. Former Treasurer Capps agrees that the second card holder should be someone who is home during the day. She also notes it is important for the second card holder to write on the credit card receipt exactly what the expense is for. Member Hutchinsoninson volunteers to be the second card holder. After President Grant notices appointment of a second signer is not on the agenda, she states the second signer motion will have to wait until the next meeting,

B. Discussion and Possible Action to Select 2nd Signer

DESCRIPTION: Verifies Funding Program documents have been correctly and completely filled out before being submitted for processing. Acts as the second signer as required on Funding Program documents. REQUIREMENTS: (see <https://clerk.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph606/f/NCFP%20Policies%2007.19.18%20Final.pdf#page=8>).

Motion as Amended: Approve Brandy Diaz as Second Signer, Carol Hutchinsoninson as Alternate Signer of BACs				
Motion: Lallah Rowe Second Nina Royal Roll call vote BAC Signed				
Yes	No	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, von Gunten, Perdue, Hutchinsoninson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim 9 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 12 ineligible 0 absent motion passed		A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Babakhanian, Seigel, Travers, T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler, Hussion		

Amend Motion to Make Brandy Diaz Second Signer, Carol Hutchinsoninson Alternate Signer of BACs				
Motion: Cindy Cleghorn Second Lallah Rowe Roll call vote BAC Signed				
Yes	No	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe Freeman, von Gunten, Perdue, Hutchinsoninson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim 9 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 12 ineligible 0 absent motion passed		A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Babakhanian, Seigel, Travers, T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler, Hussion		

Member Hutchinsoninson volunteers to be second signer, Lallah Rowe Moves, Nina Royal Seconds to appoint Carol Hutchinsoninson as second signer. Member Cleghorn notes mechanically it is easier for the Secretary to be the second signer because she is the one who prepares the BAC during Board Meetings so she already has them. Secretary Diaz agrees to be second signer.

Item 10. Authorization of Community Impact Statement (CIS) Filers

Whereas, a Community Impact Statement is an official statement adopted by a Neighborhood Council on issues pending before the City Council, its committees, or City commissions; Whereas, up to five Board members can be authorized through a Board resolution to write and submit Community Impact Statements through the City Clerk's online web system at <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/cis>;

Motion to Authorize Jon von Gunten, Carol Hutchinsoninson, Karen Perdue, Shirley Kim and Clair Gordon to write and submit Community Impact Statements through the City Clerk's online web system at http://cityclerk.lacity.org/cis; Be it further resolved, in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, the aforementioned Board members are authorized to also WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon by the full Board.				
Motion: Cindy Cleghorn Second Lallah Rowe Roll call vote BAC Signed				
Yes	No	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, von Gunten, Perdue, Hutchinsoninson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, 18 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 3 ineligible 0 absent motion passed		Travers, Wadler, Hussion		

President Grant notes that if Board members have read and signed the code of conduct, they are eligible to vote on this item.

Item 11. Administrative Items

- A. Discussion/Motion: Review and adoption of minutes. President Grant notes there are no minutes to approve
- B. Discussion Motion: Review and adoption of the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). It was decided to delay this motion until the next meeting. Member Wadler now recalls she did read and sign the Code of Conduct so she can vote.

Motion to Postpone Review and Adoption of the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) until Next Month's Meeting				
Motion: Lallah Rowe Second Carol Hutchinsoninson Roll call vote BAC Signed				
Yes	No	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, von Gunten, Perdue, Hutchinsoninson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler,		Travers, Hussion		
19 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 2 ineligible 0 absent motion passed				

- C. Discussion/Motion: STNC Board Roster to submit to DONE and STNC website, STNC Board emails. DONE advisor Kim notes that this is an administrative item that does not require a board vote. Member Cleghorn advises Board members to get an STNC email address as soon as possible to keep their official emails separate from their personal email because it could be subject to a public records request. DONE advisor Kim agrees. It is easier to just get an STNC Gmail account, to use the STNC.org address you need some sort of email client like Apple Mail.
- D. Discussion/Motion: That STNC Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM and end no later than 9:30 PM unless extended by a vote of the STNC Board.

Motion That STNC Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM and end no later than 9:30 PM unless extended by a vote of the STNC Board.				
Motion: Lallah Rowe Second Carol Hutchinsoninson Roll call vote BAC Signed				
Yes	No	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, von Gunten, Perdue, Hutchinsoninson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler,		Travers, Hussion		
19 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 2 ineligible 0 absent motion passed				

- E. Discussion/Motion That STNC hold Town Hall and/or Special meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month starting in June.

Motion That STNC holds Town Hall and/or Special meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month starting in June.				
Motion: Lallah Rowe Second Ed Babakhanian Roll call vote BAC Signed				
Yes	No	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, von Gunten, Perdue, Hutchinsoninson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler,		Travers, Hussion		
19 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 2 ineligible 0 absent motion passed				

President Grant thinks it would be easier if the Board agreed to a specific day so it would not be so difficult coordinating calendars should a special meeting be necessary. Picked this date because the public is used to Wednesday Board meetings and because it is two weeks after the regular Board meeting. Member Freeman wonders how much notice Board members get of a special meeting. President Grant notes it can be as short as 24 hours. Evelyn Serrano wonders how the subjects for Town Hall meetings get chosen. President Grant notes these would be topics the City brings up.

Item 12. Approve Land Use Committee Recommendation

MOTION: STNC approves comment letter regarding 8600 Day Street in support of new residence.

Motion That The STNC Approves Comment Letter Regarding 8600 Day Street in Support of New Residence.				
Motion: Lallah Rowe Second Ed Babakhanian Roll call vote BAC Signed				
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Babakhanian, Freeman, von Gunten, Perdue, Hutchinsoninson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Hussion	Seigel, Gordon, Wadler,		Travers	
17 yes, 3 no, 1 recuse, 0 ineligible 0 absent motion passed				

Land Use Chair Potter notes that this home would be by right, but since it is so close to the San Gabriel Scenic Corridor, it came to the Land Use Committee. No trees will be cut and no views will be impacted. Member Travers wonders how it is possible that a 3,600 foot high 2 or 3 story house would not obstruct views, are we just taking the developer’s word for it? Chairperson Potter notes that the ridgeline is very high on this lot; she personally went to the next door neighbor and asked if they objected and they did not. She left notes with the other neighbors about the project, but none of them came to the land use meeting. If Board members want to hear detailed discussions, they should attend the land use committee meetings. Member Babakhanian wonders how a lot could support a 6,500 sq. ft. house. Land Use Chair Potter notes the lot is huge; the house does not come even close to 30% of the lot. Secretary Diaz wonders if this is a single family home, Land Use Chair Potter confirms it is.

Item 13. Committee Reports – no items listed for discussion or action.

Item 14. Discussion/Motion: Reports from and Appoint Liaisons for Alliance Members, and other Official Representative Appointments

President Grant notes these meetings are open to the Public and if you are interested in attending you are welcome. It never hurts to have an alternate and we can have more than one liaison on a committee so let us know if you are interested. President Grant suggests this item be postponed until next month’s meeting since this meeting is running late.

- A. Homelessness Liaisons
- C. Film Liaisons
- D. Data Liaisons
- E. Purposeful Aging Liaisons
- F. Animal Services Liaisons
- G. Emergency Preparedness Liaisons
- H. Resilience Liaisons
- I. Legal Liaison
- J. LGBTQ+ Alliance
- K. NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance
- L. NC Sustainability Alliance
- M. Regional Grievance Panel Member
- N. NC Budget Representatives
- O. Youth
- P. DWP MOU-Nina
- Q. LANCC- Lydia
- R. VANC-Cindy

MOTION: Postpone Reports from and Appoint Liaisons for Alliance Members, and other Official Representative Appointments Until Next Month’s Meeting Due to Time				
Motion: Lallah Rowe Second Ed Babakhanian Roll call vote BAC Signed				
Yes	No	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe A. Diaz, B. Diaz, Babakhanian, Seigel, Freeman, von Gunten, Perdue, Hutchinsoninson, Royal, Cleghorn, Kim T. Schmidt, Gordon, C. Schmidt, J. Spishak, C. Rowe, Wadler,		Travers, Hussion		
19 yes, 0 no, 0 recuse, 2 ineligible 0 absent motion passed				

VP Rowe notes it would be a good idea to send out a summary of what each liaison position involves to the community to see if anyone is interested in getting involved. Unfortunately this information is not currently available because the Empower LA website is being redone.

Item 15. General Public Comment On Non-Agenda Items

Aaron Schwartzbart – there are over 20 legal street racing venues in Southern California. There is going to be an event at the Willow Speedway on May 22 and 23rd, which is free to spectators. If you know of any illegal street racers, please refer them to him so he can inform them of his programs that teach legal ways to pursue this hobby.

Evelyn Serrano – would like public comments to be at the beginning of STNC meetings, not the end. Congratulations to the new Board and thank you. Please remember who you represent, support and be inclusive of youth and Latinx community members.

Gabriel Varela, Planet Resolve-- The San Fernando Valley is experiencing rising temperatures, there will be 90 days with temperatures at 95 or higher. There are programs to help residents adapt such as LADWP rebates for installing electric charger stations, efficient appliances, and installation of cooler roofs. He was wondering if he could do a presentation to the Board on these subjects. President Grant gives the speaker her email address.

Claire Buchanan – Is a sophomore at Verdugo Hills High and a member of ST Voices United. She was taken aback that a STNC Board member called them a suspect political group. She is telling this member they believe in a progressive future and are not going away.

Item 16. Final Announcements

Member Seigel – Is a ham radio instructor and will be giving classes soon. Contact me through my email if interested.

Member Perdue –Speaking of free broadband; notes that anyone with an Obama phone has access to several hot spots in the area.

Member Freeman – Is very excited he just got an email from Eve Sinclair that Councilwoman Rodriguez made a motion, council file 21-0318, creating fireworks buyback programs and a rewards system to report illegal firework suppliers. This motion was approved by the City Council.

VP Rowe thanks President Grant and the other Board members who did a lot of work in order to get this new Board organized enough to hold a meeting in just one week.

Secretary Diaz notes she is still waiting for email addresses and photos from some new board members.

Member Gordon appreciates Claire Buchanan staying up so late on a school night to speak to the Board.

Member von Guten notes that the outdoor mask mandate will expire on June 15th and the indoor mask mandates are under review

Member Royal, STSERVS this group will work with the Outreach Committee to organize the LAPD Day of Dialogue and National Night Out. Contact her if you are interested in helping to organize these events.

Item 17. Closing Comments

President Grant is hopeful LAUSD Board Member Kelly Gonez can attend next month's meeting. She intends to invite Apperson Elementary School's principal to next month's meeting. She wants to reach out to the schools and find out about the fund raisers etc. so they can get more community support, not just parent support.

The Next STNC Board Meeting will be on June 9, 2021.

Adjourn at: 10:06 pm

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon