

## Minutes

### CU Beautification Meeting

June 29, 2015 -Present: Gerald Sherman, Gail Carlson, Beatris Megerdichian, Gerardo Barrientos, Steve Black, Cindy Cleghorn, Susan Mona, Nelly Luboff, and Mark Siegel.

Meeting came to order at 6:10PM

1. Public Comments:

Nelly proposed a letter to be written on behalf of this committee that would be handed out or emailed to retailers and merchants in the Sunland-Tujunga area specifically asking to maintain their store front, real estate property, weed, sweep, etc. Nelly will write a letter for us to review at next committee meeting. Nelly urged another Big Tujunga Cyn. cleanup.

Gerry asked for more cooperation with the LAPD and NW because of the efforts we have made to beautify the area has had some challenges with criminals and drug activity. Such as: The baby trees on Foothill being hacked/killed, people littering and loitering in areas where we have had clean-ups, graffiti, public disorderly conduct. Gerry offered to be our contact for communication to the LAPD regarding destruction of beautification efforts and use predictive policing.

Cindy discussed having our group create a list of contacts and phone numbers to be a resource for the community at large to do: their own clean ups, obtain services from the city of L.A. She also recommended adding and changing Bus stop seating locations including shelter covers and trash cans to numerous bus bench locations for improvement. Cindy also suggested outreach to bus riders for improvements they suggest. Other committee suggestions: street cross walk lights and intersection painting, graffiti clean-up on the street walk button posts. Explore working with non-profit organizations to help gather volunteers and provide resources. Susan discussed the need to get the list together of resources and will work on that for next meeting. Martin Outdoor Media is the City contractor for bus benches and shelters. For street cross walk lights and painting contact the Bureau of Street Services – Nazario Saucedo - <http://bss.lacity.org/about.html>; Graffiti clean-up on the street walk button posts – Ask Graffiti busters about this? Volunteer Bank -- there are youth volunteers out there looking for credit. Suggested to ask Nyasha Buchongo who presented in June re: Neighborhood Revitalization [nbuchongo@lanhs.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:nbuchongo@lanhs.onmicrosoft.com)

Mark recommended we order a weed whacker and place a motion for it on our upcoming July STNC Board Meeting. Gail will present the motion to the board.

Beatrice and Gerardo mentioned the Ad Hoc committee Great Streets and communication with our committee.

2. Gail gave an update on Projects: DOT Box Beautification- project needs signed papers from the local Rotary Club as this is how CM Fuentes got the approval. She will work on getting them to meet with the CD D7 Field Rep as a top priority to get the project moving forward. Steve Black is working on a "Clean Out" project for 10-17-15 where community will drop off: Used batteries,

old phones, and some other items into bins. We will then have a person(s) deliver these items to the Sun Valley hazardous material site. Sheila was ill and did not have an update on the Old Oak Tree beautification effort on Tujunga Cyn. Blvd. and Ollcot St. Our group intends to have Bureau of Street Services (BOSS) update the median with new reflectors, curbs painted, and possible historic sign by the tree. Gail talked about future Earth Day 2016 program and another project for January 2016 as a Community Green and Beautification Event.

3. Next Clean Up: 9/19/15 8-11 location TBD
4. Next Committee meeting 7/29/15 same location and time but we will be having a Pot Luck to honor the one year Anniversary of our CUB Committee. Food items will be emailed later.
5. Adjourned: 8:14PM