**Sunland-Tujunga Beautification Committee**

**Minutes**

**8/29/16**

1. Meeting called to order 6:05PM by Chairperson Gail Carlson
2. 14 people attended this meeting
3. Discussion/plans/to do list/ timeline of action items of the STNC Clean Streets Challenge Initiative from the Beautification Committee:
4. Gerald Sherman, Committee 2nd VP, spoke on reasons why our committee was ideal to provide the plan for our community based on our collective events, actions and successes. He spoke on the guidelines and planning for the possible grant funds from this initiative, created by Mayor Garcetti. Gerald will be in contact with Public Works Rep. Jason Valencia to reserve the tools and equipment required for our clean up. Gerald will also be coordinating any help needed for our safety during the clean up with the LAPD. B. We voted an agreed on the following non-profit partners to start helping us with outreach, participation and community improvement activities: 1. YMCA of the Foothill with our committee member and YMCA Leader of Social Responsibility Nayri Vartanian, 2. Verdugo Hills High School Boosters (VHHS Boosters) headed by STNC board member and Jr. Youth Council Chair Julie Cuddihy, 3. Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce, contact is Michael Moncreiff 4. L.A. Conservation Corps., headed by Regional Community Development Director Larry Smith, and 5. Alpine Village HOA headed by Paul McKnutt HOA President. (We may add further no-profit partners in the coming week)
5. Date set for STBC Clean Streets Community Clean Up: 10/8/16 Saturday, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM location is Foothill Blvd. focus on tree well clean ups and excess trash on sidewalks between Scoville Ave. and Sherman Grove Ave., Sunland, CA. Parking and pop up with table and chairs staging area adjacent to the O’Reily Auto Parts parking lot at 8325 Foothill Blvd. Sunland. Additionally our committee agreed to begin a “311 Bulky item and Illegal Dumping Blitz” beginning 9/17 to 11/18 for ALL community members, STNC board members and their committees to outreach the flyer and FREE tool (MYLA311 App on phones) to clean up our streets, alleys and get the services in a timely fashion.
6. Gerrardo Barrientos Committee member agreed to walk Foothill Blvd. weekend prior to the clean up (possibly with Nelly Luboff) with our flyer to engage the local retailers and ask for their support with at least one employee coming out to the clean up and helping specifically in the area in front of their particular store front. He will also work on a slick flyer for the event and possible new banners for the committee. Gerardo will bring ice and ice-box for the water bottles.
7. Steve Black Committee member to be overseer of the staging table on 10/8/16
8. Gail Carlson Committee member to reach out for snacks and donations from local food/bakeries for the event.
9. Nayri Vartanian Committee member to donate the cases of bottled water for the event and outreach at the YMCA for participation at the event. Nayri to also provide the sing in sheet and community service hours credits for the event.
10. LA Conservation Corp. to outreach for the event walking blocks and streets.
11. Susan Mona 1st VP of our committee and Roger Klemm will be working in tandem on crafting the required Partnership Plan, Event Plan, Action Plan, Marketing Plan timelines and Clean Streets Initiative grand funds uses in our community improvement to be submitted by 9/30/16.
12. Public Comments: Work with VHHS Future Farmers of America students on a green program on the campus for a free tree program, outreach, etc. Comment on the Honorary Mayor submission contest; Work with Public Works on community improvement service requests; Bolton Hall events on local history and CD7 community milestones; DOT Box Art Project and artists continue to work on the final eight boxes; Shelters for bus benches and bus community advertisements, local newspapers calendars discussed, Spirit Awards contest discussed, solar powered trash compacter trash cans discussed; activities at the local YMCA discussed. Further collaboration with the VHHS student leadership group and this committee discussed. Need to make new T shirts for new committee members and flyers for outreach ASAP. “Best Practices Clean Up” sheet provided to group by Chair and a to do list.
13. Next meeting 9/26/16 at 6PM same location of Tujunga Public Library with guest speaker from The Tree People, topic planning an event in 2017 on Sustainability, Tree Program, Rain Barrel Program. Expect our local “Sustainability Liaison’s” Ed Novy former STNC board member and Pat Kramer, STNC board member, to attend.
14. Adjourn 7:35PM