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Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Online Meeting Via Zoom 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call at:5:45 pm	
Roger Klemm	Present
Nelly LuBoff	Present
Gerardo Barrientos	Absent
Judy Sutherland	Absent
Marjorie Maxon	Present
Angela Nordhagen	Present
Steve Black	Present
Nayri Vartanian	Present (at 5:55)
Committee Quorum: 3	5 Present at roll call 2 Absent

Additional Attendees

STNC Secretary Cleghorn at 5:20

STNC Board Member Pati Potter Joined the meeting at 5:54

Former Chair Nayri Vartanian at 5:55

STNC Treasurer Capps at 6:00

STNC President Sanchez at 6:30

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Quorum met. Member Klemm agrees to manage meeting agenda.
2. Discussion / Action: Selection of New Committee Chair or Co-Chairs – Member Klemm moves this item to end of agenda
3. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items –

Steve Black – There is going to be a tree giveaway in our area, unsure of date. The CD 7 office is working from home. He thinks there should be security cameras in problem dumping areas rather than just having sanitation come for a weekly cleaning.

Nelly LuBoff – There is going to be a clean-up on Big Tujunga Canyon Road on Sunday, Sept. 27th at 9am. There will be parking at the little league field. Come if you can.

Marjorie Maxon – no comment.

Cindy Cleghorn – The NC Board elections are coming up. If you want to serve on the elections committee please reach out and volunteer. The Board would like to have



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members be neutral parties who are not interested in running for office joining this committee. The filing deadline for candidates will be December 19th. The STNC election will be on April 20th and will be by mail only. The Community Improvement Committee will be discussing this in more detail at tomorrow's meeting

Nayri Vartanian – will stay in group as long as she can.

4. Discussion/Action: Approve August 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Marjorie Maxon moves; Nelly Luboff seconds. All present vote yes, minutes approved.
5. Discussion / Action: Update on Pinewood Mural Project, schedule workdays – Member LuBoff reports she received some paperwork from Principal James Lee that is different from last year. He is asking about our liability insurance. Sandy notes that if the mural project is covered under an NPG, then the LAUSD agreed to do the liability insurance. Nayri notes that the previous NPG was for preparing the wall for painting, not for the painting itself. Sandy agrees to give Nelly DONE advisor Elbarbary's contact number to clarify about insurance issues. Nelly will put project on hold until all the LAUSD paperwork is done and liability insurance issues resolved.
6. Discussion / Action: Request for electric weed whacker: Member Klemm -- This is an item from some time ago when the Clean Streets Grant money was going to be used to buy a weed whacker, but now it is being used to repair the monument sign. Treasurer Capps notes all you have to do is submit a request to the budget committee; the process is simpler when it is from STNC funds. Roger inquires who would have custody of the weed whacker, Sandy answers that since North Valley City Hall is closed for remodel, it would go the STNC US Storage units near Lowell and Foothill. Both President Sanchez and Secretary Cleghorn have keys to the facility. At Nelly's request Marjorie agrees to submit this request through the STNC's agenda portal after Roger does some more research and gets estimates.

Motion: Purchase an Electric Weed Whacker at a cost of between \$200.00 and \$500.00. Marjorie Maxon moves / Nelly LuBoff seconds. All yes votes, motion passes.

7. Discussion / Action: Repair of damaged wrap artwork on DOT Box at Foothill and Valmont, and faded wrap artwork at Foothill and Fenwick DOT Box – Member LuBoff spoke to Robert at Sunland Printing. He is going to do some research on graffiti treatments and clean up sprays that do not react poorly with the wraps. She will report back after she hears from Robert.
8. Discussion status of Welcome Monument Sign Repair, Foothill and Wentworth: Member Maxon -- Todd Olson generated two invoices to total \$720; one for \$645.06 (the balance remaining of the Clean Streets Grant) and one for \$74.94 to come from STNC funds. The check from the STNC funds has been approved; she is still waiting for approval of for the Clean Streets funds, the required paperwork has been submitted. Treasurer Capps notes



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she will let us know as soon as it is approved, she advises that Marjorie should update Todd re the status of the funding.

9. Discussion: Potential Welcome Garden East Project, median on Foothill near Pali. Member Klemm met with a local resident, Eric Santiestevan, who was interested in adopting this median; Roger pointed him to the right people. Member Klemm told him that this was too big a project for the Beautification Committee at this time. Member LuBoff thinks we should concentrate on getting the mural done. Member Maxon suggested that since Resident Santiestevan is part of the local arts community he might be interested in helping with the mural. Member LuBoff said that this would have to be cleared with Member Barrientos first. Member Klemm notes that this median needs a lot of work, the irrigation is in bad shape, and the community signs are worn. Angela agrees the median could be improved but thinks a lot of other areas in town are in far worse shape.
10. Item 2 (continued) Selection of New Committee Chair or Co-Chairs—Member Klemm has no desire to chair a committee given the other demands on his time. Member LuBoff suggests responsibilities be shared and offers to work on projects if Member Maxon will do the minutes and the agenda. Member LuBoff agrees to take a title of co-chair. Member Maxon declines to take title of co-chair, she will continue to do agenda and minutes. Former Chair Vartanian agrees to help Nelly with outstanding projects as much as she can.
11. President Sanchez says she has offered 4 times to be chair of this committee and feels like the committee does not want her. This is her last offer, take it or leave it. Former Committee Chair Vartanian responds that she does not think this the case. Other busy board members like Cindy Cleghorn and/or Sandy Capps have attended all Beautification Committee Meetings. Former Chair Vartanian does not think it is fair these busy board members take on even more responsibility when it has been brought up (by President Sanchez) that other board members are not serving on any committee as they are required to do. President Sanchez replies she has repeatedly asked and no one has volunteered. Does not want someone to file a grievance about this committee. Treasurer Capps notes that she has also offered to be the board member for this committee. Member Klemm thanks President Sanchez and Treasurer Capps for their ongoing support.

Action item for next meeting: Add agenda item to select Lilliana Sanchez or Sandy Capps as the board member for the STNC Beautification Committee.

Next Beautification Meeting October 21st at 5:30 pm. Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 pm

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon