

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 18, 2024
Sunland Tujunga Library

Roll Call: 6:09	
KT Travers*	Present
Roger Klemm	Present
Nelly Luboff	Present
Gerardo Barrientos	Present
Angela Nordhagen	Present
Curtis Brown	Absent
Matt Walker	Present
	*STNC Board Member
Committee Quorum: 4	6 Present for entire meeting, quorum met.

Additional Attendees: STNC Board Member Ross Herman, Stakeholder Marjorie Maxon

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Co-Chair Klemm calls meeting to order at 6:09pm. Roll call-- meeting quorum met.
2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items— Member Barrientos— The Shadow Hills Art Show is on April 20th, from 10am to 4pm.
 Chairperson Klemm — He will be leading a 2 mile nature walk at the Fond Open Space on April 20th, at 9:30.
 Chairperson Luboff— STAT Co-Chair Pat Kramer is having another tree watering event in coordination with the STNC and the Council Office on May 4th from 8am to 11. Meet at North Valley City Hall
 Board Member Travers — 1)ST Forward is having an Earth Day event with Kids for Peace and Justice on April 28th at the MRCA property from 9am to noon, The California Conservation Corps has been doing weed trimming in the area. 2) Work is continuing at the Sunland Tujunga Welcome Garden of Resilience and Inclusion (Tujunga). Unfortunately the City is requiring that the drip lines have to be a foot underground, making the project more expensive. There are no regular volunteer days at this location until additional work is completed.
3. Motion: Approve March 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes —Board Member Travers notes that the spelling of MRCA needs to be corrected in item 9. Board Member Travers moves to approve as corrected. Member Barrientos seconds, all vote in favor. No objections, abstentions. Minutes approved.
4. Update on Pinewood Mural — Member Barrientos — the paint is still bubbling on some sections of the mural, stopping him from painting. He would like the STNC's assistance in the matter. Board Member Travers notes that ST Forward has received an Arts grant to do another mural at Pinewood, so perhaps the lead artist, Evelyn

Serrano, could be of assistance since she is working with the LAUSD engineers to insure that their project does not run into these sorts of problems. Chairperson Luboff is concerned that the anti-graffiti coating that has already been purchased does not last forever and should be applied soon. Member Barrientos notes that the mural needs to be washed first.

5. Sunland Nature Welcome Garden — Co-Chair Klemm notes he did some weeding in the garden. Member Nordhagen wonders if Board Member Travers has gotten a bid from the Oak trimmer. Co-Chair Luboff notes that since committee members are at the Garden every Wednesday from 9:30 to about 11:00am, this might be a good time for the trimmer to come and give an estimate. Co-Chair Klemm notes that a couple of organizations are interested in touring the garden.
6. NC Rules and Procedures Training — Board Member Travers — DONE has now decided that given the complexities of having every committee member take online training; it is okay if committee members simply read and sign the Code of Conduct. She will bring hard copies of the Code of Conduct to the next meeting.
7. Suggestions for Future Beautification Projects — Co-Chair Luboff— the LADOT box wrap at Sunland Blvd and Fenwick is so damaged it should be removed. Member Barrientos agrees to look at the box to see how this can be done. Board Member Herman would like each STNC committee to choose a signature project each year. He would like to see a more organized budget so there would be a higher percentage of projects that show where the \$33,000 in funding went to improve the community. He suggests that large expenditures like tree trimming might be split into two fiscal years.

Next meeting: May 16, 2024 at the Sunland Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:11pm.

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon