

Lydia Grant, President
Ross Herman, Second Vice President Outreach
Carol Hutchinson, Treasurer
Cindy Cleghorn, Corresponding Secretary
Karen Moran, Recording Secretary

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Special Joint Board &
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 30, 6:30 PM

This meeting is held by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8(a)(2)(B).

1. **Call to Order & Roll call**, Lydia Grant, 6:35pm
 - a. **Present:** Lydia Grant, Carol Hutchinson, Karen Moran. **Absent:** Ross Herman.
Present - Members of the Public: Armen Mardirousi, Susan Denning, Lionel Mares
2. **Opening Announcements**
 - a. Lydia got permission to do in-person voting (vs. on-line voting; we will send to City Clerk's Office. Encouraging other NCs to follow the same (Chatsworth NC) format.
3. **Community Agenda items:** Cannabis Dispensary, Traffic accidents, Sidewalks
 - a. Cindy said these are items community members have brought to our attention because they were a concern.
 - b. Lydia said she was told that there is no sidewalk repair going on in the City of L.A.
 - c. Cindy said the homeless encampments are an issue.
4. **Approve Outstanding Minutes** – approved.
5. **General Public Comments on any non-agenda items**
 - a. Lionel Mares, City confirmed 3 public works commissioners to the L.A. City Council, replacing 3 other commissioners and other current items.
6. **Outreach events**
 - a. Lydia said volunteers for tomorrow's Halloween event welcomed, starting at 4pm.

- b. Town Hall meeting. Lydia said she needs a flyer, can use one in the newsletter that Ross has. Flyer can be displayed in local venues.
- c. McGroarty Arts, December 7th event, per Lydia. Looking for Board members to help out at this event.
- d. Cindy said the Cemetery is having an event and will get more information on it.

7. Board vacancies

- a. Vacancies need to be filled for Region Reps and Board Members per Lydia. Cindy described how to apply for positions.

8. Special November 13, Community Engagement Town Hall

- a. Per Cindy, Ross is reaching out for speakers; Lydia is also. Susan is reaching out to her contacts in the mental health team but request may not be in sufficient time for the small team to support.
- b. Lydia said she understands there are illegal elder-care centers opening up in the area that are not being covered properly by mental-health and there are complaints coming in for the care provided. These are being run out of residential homes without supervision, which can create additional parking and other concerns. There are no regulations on these centers at this time.

9. Approve Special November 13, 2024 General Board Meeting Agenda - in person meeting

- a. Cindy went over the draft agenda for the upcoming General Board meeting and said the event will be at the Elk's Club. Cindy wasn't sure if there is a zoom link that will be provided but need someone to make the arrangements to be able to do this. Lydia suggested some changes in the arrangement of the topics, including bringing the funding items forward in the agenda and any other items where we have to have quorum. Lydia, Carol and Cindy also made other adjustments to the draft agenda, including the Town Hall agenda (as known). Lydia said that the Town Hall agenda would in part be driven by the concerns of the community and that we would attempt to have the right City personnel there to address these concerns, or to be able to come to a future STNC meeting to address the concerns. Lydia said there would be refreshments.
- b. Susan said there are few 'stake-holders' that supported STNC meetings and expressed a concern that the community would support the Town Hall meeting.
- c. Cindy asked if we should have a hybrid meeting; Susan encouraged a hybrid meeting. There are challenges with a hybrid meeting from a technical point of view and support to make this happen is needed. Cindy said we did do something like this about 6-7 years ago.
- d. Lydia said she would like to get the public safety committee going and suggested adding a couple of items including Pat Kramer's radio interview and the sink hole

concern. Lydia suggested putting photos up at the beginning of the meeting scrolling STNC events to feature what STNC is doing.

- e. Karen suggested discussing past achievements that the STNC has been involved with, Lydia can add them to the President's opening comments.
- f. Lydia said she went to a DWP event and there were a lot of flyers available with information about what departments are doing. Flyers are always helpful for these events.
- g. Karen asked if we can record the meeting; Lydia said if we do it on zoom and doing it on zoom would be a good idea if only to record the meeting(s).
- h. A vote was taken and the agenda, with revisions made and proviso that additional information (provided by Lydia or Ross) can be added, was approved.

10. **Adjourn**, 7:38pm