

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Beatification Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 19, 2024
Sunland Tujunga Library

Roll Call: 6:04p.m.	
KT Travers*	Present
Roger Klemm	Present
Nelly Luboff	Present
Gerardo Barrientos	Absent
Angela Nordhagen	Present
Matt Walker	Present
Committee Quorum: 4	Quorum met at 6:04p.m.
	*STNC Board Member

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

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Co-Chair Klemm calls meeting to order at 6:04p.m. meeting quorum met.
2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items—
 Board Member Travers— 1) Her first book of poetry was published today, it is called *All We Have and What Remains*. 2) Indigenous People’s Day is Oct 13th, from 11am to 4pm, at the MRCA property, 12400 Big Tujunga Canyon Blvd., Tujunga.
3. Update on Big Tujunga Canyon situation; discuss 9-14 clean up— Both Co-Chairs agree that the clean up was a big success. Co-Chair Luboff thinks it is important that Armen, who has volunteered to feed clean up volunteers for free at two clean ups, should be paid for the pizza he makes. Board member Herman agrees to contact Senior Representative Flores about this. Board member Travers notes that some board members think that these events should be cleared through the STNC beforehand. Board Member Herman thinks that might be possible for the next clean up since their will be 2 months notice. Stakeholder Maxon wonders what forms would be necessary since this is a CD7 event. Board Member Herman notes he is requesting \$300 from the Outreach Budget to pay for incidental expenses like the water the STNC provided for the clean up, and other Beautification activities. Co-Chair Klemm thinks the exact date of the next clean up should be determined as soon as possible so the event can be cleared with the STNC. Board Member Travers notes it was great to see so many members of the community, some of whom have had disagreements in the past, working together and even being friendly with each other.
4. Motion: Approve August 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes — No corrections noted. Co-Chair Luboff moves to approve, Member Nordhagen seconds, all vote in favor. No objections, abstentions. Minutes approved

5. Update on Pinewood Mural — Co-Chair Luboff thinks the graffiti coating could be done on a Wednesday since the Welcome Garden will need less watering come fall. Stakeholder Maxon is concerned about re-coating parts of the mural. Member Walker notes the portion that needs to be recoated is so small that there should be plenty to cover the rest of the mural.
6. Sunland Welcome Nature Garden — Co-Chair Klemm — he has not heard anything about the water supply being fixed. He is going to the garden this weekend to see if the City fixed it. Co-Chair Luboff notes the plants in front of the main Welcome sign look bad and may need to be replaced.
7. Design of repainted DOT box at Foothill and Fenwick — the proposed design was approved by the committee via email last month.
8. Suggestions for Future Beautification Projects — Co-Chair Luboff— the small median at Foothill and Fenwick needs to have the weeds removed during one of the committee's Wednesday workdays. Member Walker— there is a lot of dumping on McVine near the Car Wash. Board Member Herman — the committee should meet on a Saturday and do a 311 blitz down Foothill Blvd. Co-Chair Luboff notes she has the contact number for Officer Herrera, who is in charge of homeless outreach in our area in case homeless camps are noticed.
9. Update on Trimming of 4 Oak Trees in the Sunland Welcome Nature Garden by Golden Oak Tree Service — Board Member Herman — he shared the response of Urban Forestry to President Grant's tree trimming request with Co-Chair Luboff. He contacted Pat Kramer about sending an email to her contract in this department about any financial assistance that may be available from the City. If there is no additional response from the City, this item will go back on the Budget and Finance Agenda for this month, then on to the STNC Board. Co-Chair Klemm notes that if the funds are available in November, there will still be time to trim the trees.
10. Possible coordination with NGO's and Non Profit Organizations — Since Co-Chair Luboff was absent when this item was previously discussed, Co-Chair Klemm briefly explains this idea for a possible annual meeting that was suggested by an STNC stakeholder.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 17th, 2024, 6pm at the Sunland Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02p.m.

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon