

**STAT – SAFE TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 6:00 pm**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:06 p.m. by Chairperson Pat Kramer.
2. **Roll Call:** Welcome. Quorum reached with board members present: Jon von Gunten, co-chair, Leny Freeman, member; George Arakel, member. Review of mission of the STAT committee by Pat Kramer. Also attending: Cindy Cleghorn, STNC secretary; Ross Herman, STNC board member, Region 4; Jacque Elzie, stakeholder; Justin Grams, stakeholder, Heather Mullin, Region 1 stakeholder and Nancy Ruiz, Region 1 stakeholder.
3. **Chairperson's Announcements:** Pat reported that she and Justin attended Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Exec Committee, which approved the letter to Chief Moore and Mayor Bass in November that we had drafted. At STNC General Board meeting, it was amended slightly and approved unanimously, less one vote. Also, funds were approved to hold a Volunteer Appreciation event in conjunction with the next Tree Care Day, possibly in March 2024. STAT's informal holiday gathering happened at Jon & Karen's. All brought food and refreshments. It was not a formal "event." And finally, CD7's Ricardo Flores volunteered CD7 for a future tree watering event. Fluid mechanics and logistics TBD.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of STAT Meeting November 2023:** (Freeman/Von Gunten) moved approval of the November STAT meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - Jacque Elzie stated that she would like to help on future tree care efforts. Pat said she has two bags of fertilizer left but no mulch. Leny offered to provide his truck to go to the Lopez Canyon yard to do a mulch run. Pat, Jon, George and Jacque will also help.
 - Ross Herman is STNC's new District 4 Rep. and is exploring the different committees.
 - Jon announced Coffee+Cop moved to Joselito's at 10:30 on same dates.
 - Pat said she was told that the Elks Club had closed. Cindy said it was just reorganizing.
 - Stakeholder Nancy Ruiz encouraged the committee to contact Assemblymember Laura Friedman who put forth the motion to allocate funding for speed cameras. <https://a44.asmdc.org/press-releases/20230901-landmark-speed-camera-bill-advances-full-senate-vote>
6. **MOTION ON STNC AGENDA IN JANUARY: PROPOSAL FROM STAKEHOLDER JUSTIN GRAMS TO REALLOCATE POLICE RESOURCES FROM CD1 AND CD 13.** Pat shared that the STNC approved the letter created by the STAT committee in November 2023. However, with the announced resignation of LAPD Chief Michael Moore, it was felt the letter should not be sent out until a replacement is named. Jon suggested contacting LAPD Cmdr. Tingirides to ask her advice. We discussed Senator Portantino's efforts to get funding for another traffic officer and the fact that our councilmember did not follow through with the senator on his offer.

7. **DISCUSSION: TRAFFIC TOWN HALL WITH EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (LALLAH ROWE).** The STAT committee members agreed this would be a worthwhile event. Plans tentatively set for April for a Town Hall meeting. LAPD and LADOT, CD7 and other alliances will be invited to participate.

8. **Updates From CD7, LAPD, LADOT.** No stats were available on recent fatalities from LAPD Traffic Officer Sal Venegas. The committee discussed another recent pedestrian death on Foothill Blvd. Jon updated the committee on new LAPD Senior Lead assignments: Officer Esther Alvarado for Tujunga and currently, Officer Wil Godoy for Sunland.

9. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

- Pat spoke about the lefthand turn signal being installed on Mt. Gleason at Foothill and the crossing beacon to control Foothill traffic when fire engines exit LAFD station.
- Leny stated that we could make homemade signs saying "Slow Down" if neighbors would agree to get out and wave them around (this would require an organized effort by the STAT committee).
- George left a message for CD7's Ricardo Flores about his efforts to get a Stop sign placed on Elmhurst. He has not received a call back.

Pat said the next tree work day might be in late February, providing all hands are on deck. We first need 10 - 15 buckets of mulch. She encouraged board members to announce that we need volunteers for both our tree care events and for our STAT committee. Pat reinvited Jacque, Nancy, Justin and Heather to join STAT.

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes by Jon von Gunten and Pat Kramer