

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Safe Transportation & Traffic Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 6:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL - Welcome - STAT Chairperson Pat Kramer

Chair Kramer called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Quorum was reached with three members: Pat Kramer, Chair; Jon von Gunten, Cochair; and George Arakel.

Also attending were stakeholders: Susan Denning, Mihran Kalaydjian, who is president of the Winnetka NC and has a special interest in trees.

2. Motion to approve minutes from March 2025 meeting.

Tabled to next meeting.

3. Chairperson's Message: Update on securing supplies; Service Day May 31; and any other updates.

Pat received 30 bucket lids from Ross Herman so people can use buckets to transport water in vehicles.

On Service Day, 31 May, 9-noon, behind CD7, we will water, mulch, aerate, etc. Ricardo says there will be new trees planted!

Susan Denning reported a BrightSpot CD7 panel truck was in her neighborhood last week trimming suckers in front of 7578 Foothill, Sunland Printing, Tujunga.

4. LAPD Traffic Stats - Recent fatalities/accidents.

No current information. Officer Venegas was busy in court. Last traffic death was a 31-yo male. Jon thought Officer Venegas was concerned about public disapproval.

Mihran suggested we contact Urban Forestry about Great Caesars' owner, Hamlet, getting two trees chopped badly in front of his business and then denying he was responsible for it.

5. Updates from CD7, LADOT, CA High Speed Rail.

CD7 suggested contacting Pablo Cardoso, pablo.cardoso@tribalconservationcorps.org . Mihran@scwbteam.com (818 913 0153 cell)

Mihran got good cooperation from his Councilman Bob Blumenfeld to coordinate him with Urban Forestry. He responds to suspect tree-cutting addresses. Mihran says LA City has very clear ordinance on not butchering city trees and offered to help is with Great Caesars.

6. Efforts to grow our STAT committee.

We have 4. Pat asked everyone to reach out to recruit people we know! It's only once a month.

7. Update on landfill.

Jon gave an update: Channel 5, Channel 11 coverage; residents people marshalled to call AQMD; Ricardo said City had sent LA City Sanitation to test, but had been refused.

8. Public Comments.

Mihran's neighborhood is putting together a public safety event. Will coordinate with Lydia Grant.

9. Committee Reports.

Arakel updated us on an accident on Elmhurst (near Tujunga Canyon Blvd.) and the ongoing situation with dangerous driving in his neighborhood. He hasn't been able to get stop sign there. A Benz was backing out of driveway and got totaled.

Jon: All Part One (violent) crimes were down in Sunland-Tujunga!

Susan Denning: City's road narrowing—"Road Diet"—is causing more problems.

Glendale residents experience the same lack of awareness/response by Glendale City Council that we experience here.

NCs' budgets are being cut to \$25,000 from \$35,000!

10. Next Meeting: May 27, 2025

10. Adjournment at 6:56pm.

Minutes by Jon von Gunten