

**Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Special Joint Board, Budget & Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes**

March 26, 2025, 6:45 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, 7:01pm
 - a. Roll Call: Present – Lydia Grant, Ross Herman, Carol Hutchinson, Cindy Cleghorn, Karen Moran. Absent - Armen Mardirousi. Stakeholders present: Vartan Keshish, Susan Denning, Sherry McCoy
2. **Executive Committee Member Comments/Updates –**
 - a. Lydia emphasized that it is important to keep complete records of what we have done (conversations, test results, etc.) for the on-going Altadena debris dumping in the local area (Zachau Sediment Placement Site, 7200 Seven Hills Place, Tujunga). Cindy has already transcribed tapes to ensure we have a full record. Lydia said a law suit will probably come up and keeping complete records is important.
 - b. The County and Army Core of Engineers have not communicated routes with the community /STNC, but we have no control over where they go, per Lydia. Lydia said that she has already complained but both the County and Core are saying that their routes are independent from any control from the community. Ross reminded that the recent presenters at an STNC Townhall, Jonathan King and Larry Bunker, said that if there were specific complaints about the trucks, we should feel free to all him to get it resolved; we should get the unit number of some truck identifier. Lydia said that one of the truckers was let go when the community members complained. Karen said she would email out the business cards for Laren (Larry) Bunker and Jonathan King after the meeting.
3. **General Public Comments on any non-agenda items** - none
4. **Discussion/Action: Approve Outstanding Minutes** – A motion was made by Lydia and seconded by Ross to approve the February 26, 2025 minutes. A vote was taken which passed.
5. **Discussion/Action: STNC Selection Updates.**
 - a. Lydia reminded that we have to get fliers out and order the banners if there are enough candidates to even hold an election. Cindy said information is posted on Facebook and banners are up throughout the community, but noted that people often wait until the last minute to sign up. Cindy noted that we will need to hold a separate meeting if we don't have candidates and noted that some (current) members have indicated that they might change their position. Lydia reminded that we have to have elections even if just one post was contested (i.e. there are two candidates for a single position).

6. Discussion/Action: Approve April 9, 2025 Special General Board Meeting Agenda on Zoom

- a. Cindy displayed the draft agenda for discussion and revision. The plan is to have it be in-person at Verdugo Hills High School, 10625 Plainview Ave, but this still has to be approved by the city. Lydia said that she expected a lot of the meeting to be devoted to further discussions about the current dirt dumping problem and wanted to streamline other items with the expectation that there would not be enough time to discuss everything. Lydia said that if there were any contested seats (i.e. more than one person targeting a single seat), the election would be held. We have to have 11 to function as a board. Money saved from not having an election could be used for a meet-and-greet with the new board members. Cindy wanted to plan for a meeting to discuss the elections before the 9th April.
- b. There was a discussion about adding an event to the agenda for the STARC committee which wants to host to see the Hooker Telescope, a 100-inch reflecting telescope located at Mount Wilson Observatory in California. Ross reminded them that they need to put it in as an official event to be covered for insurance and that it would have to be approved in April to have enough time for approval in May. Carol noted this might not even be enough time. Ross said that they wanted to charge for the event and Lydia said that as a Neighborhood Council, we had to make the event free for all the public. Carol said that we haven't set aside any money from the Board for the event. Lydia suggested that they just invite people outside the committee. STARC asked for a single check (if money was allotted). It was decided to put the event on the agenda for initial discussions even if it were pulled for voting.
- c. With edits that include the above and other discussed changes, a motion was made by Lydia with Carol seconding it, to approve the draft April 9th Special General Board agenda.

7. Adjourn. 7:42pm