

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

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

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, 7:06 pm
 - Roll Call: Present – Lydia Grant, Ross Herman, Carol Hutchinson, Cindy Cleghorn.
Absent – Karen Moran, Armen Mardirousi.
2. **Executive Committee Member Comments/Updates**
 - Ross thanked call in members of the public for coming to the meeting.
3. **General Public Comments on any non-agenda items**
 - Mark and Debra Felkel had attended the STNC meeting (Budget and Finance) that occurred just prior to this meeting. They expressed a concern about the City putting in sidewalks on their side of the street; they live at 7644 Sumitrose St. A neighbor had inquired about the city putting in a sidewalk about two years ago and about 3 weeks ago Mark noticed a City surveyor and found out that the plan apparently was going forward. In contacting other neighbors, Mark confirmed that no one (including the original neighbor who had inquired) was in favor of the sidewalk. There is a generous sidewalk on the opposite side of the road and putting in more sidewalks would take away about 10-16 feet of property front. Mark was asking if the STNC could help the cause. Susan Denning had noted that the petitions Mark had collected were probably not going to be as effective as individual letters from the neighbors. Susan will send Mark a copy of the letter she sent in a similar situation. Lydia suggested that Mark send the petitions and letters to STNC (at Secretary@stnc.or or through the website) and STNC could work with Mark to make sure they are forwarded, with a letter from the STNC, to the appropriate City Council member(s). Mark expressed relief that STNC was there to support the cause. Ross will meet with Mark to discuss further. Mark will send pictures to include in the letter.
 - Mark Dutton commented that the City had done a bad job on a local repair on the street in the Sumitrose St. and Pinewood Ave area with a giant gap left; the City said they would repair it but nothing has been done.
4. **Discussion/Action: Approve Outstanding Minutes.** A vote was taken to approve the March 26, 2025 minutes (motion made by Cindy and seconded by Ross) which passed.
5. **Discussion/Action: STNC Selection Updates**

- Cindy reminded everyone that we are in-person voting only. STNC has had over 1200 voters in the past and would like to exceed this participation. At this time, other Neighborhood Councils that have vote by mail have not had good turn-outs. The next meeting is May 14th and will include a “meet the candidates” forum. The meeting will be via zoom. Selections will be at the Elk’s Lodge and refreshments provided. Lydia said that people will need to bring ID the day of voting. There are different ballots which are determined by where a person lives. Ross said there would be a follow up Outreach meeting on the 15th to meet the candidates also.
 - Voting will be between 12 noon and 4pm on the 17th at the Elk’s Lodge. People can vote based on living in Sunland or Tujunga, or working there, or having property there. Voters need to bring whatever evidence they can to prove their affiliation with Sunland/Tujunga.
 - Ross asked if anything resolved for food, and volunteered to help Lydia if needed. Joselito’s and Pena’s will be contacted. The budget will be \$2500 for food and \$500 for ice and drinks. Breakfast for people working will also be provided.
 - Lydia said that she has invited people from several other Neighborhood Councils to participate, as well as local residents. Cindy encouraged all to tell friends and neighbors to come out and vote. Lydia noted that we need to continue to advertise on social media. At 4pm, workers will stay at the Elk’s Lodge and count the votes.
 - Lydia shared that there have been NCs where there was only 1 voter, and that people have actually lost their position because there wasn’t a single vote for them (including their own vote).
6. **Discussion/Action: Approve May 14, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda on Zoom**
- The draft agenda for the General Board Meeting was displayed by Cindy and comments were made by Lydia, Ross and Cindy on items. It was noted that the meeting will be virtual; it had originally been planned to have an in-person meeting at Verdugo High School. Ross made a motion to approve the agenda and Cindy seconded it. A vote was taken which passed.
7. **Adjourn, 8:03pm**