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## SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### Special Joint Board, Budget, Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES January 7, 2026, 6:30 PM

*This meeting is being held by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8(a)(2)(B).*

1. **Welcome, Call to Order & Roll Call** – this meeting is to prepare for the General Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Lydia Grant called to order at 6:35 pm
  - **Present:** Lydia Grant, Cindy Cleghorn, Melissa Sagastume, Karen Moran. **Absent:** Barry Glover, Carol Hutchinson, Nina Royal (Budget Committee), and Armen Miradousi, Barry Glover (Executive Committee). **Member of the Community:** Gail Pieropan
2. **Public Comments - non agenda items** - None
3. **Committee Member Comments/Calendar & Other Updates.** Comments provided by Lydia, Cindy, Melissa and Karen.
  - Status of Board members attendance and required City trainings.
    - i. Vicky Cerpa has not completed training. The Empower website shows that Nina and Jon have not completed their funding training but Jon stated previously that he had completed his training.
    - ii. Interested candidates for Region 1, 2, 4, Education board positions.

Melissa has potential candidates for some committees. All Board members should be on some committee, but not all are. One member who is on committee(s) has not been active in them. This needs to be brought up at a General Board meeting with members identifying which Committees they are on or would be interested in joining. Members are particularly needed for some committees, including Arts and Culture.
4. **Discussion/Possible Action: Budget requests and STNC Budget updates**
  - Melissa discussed items (SWAG) still in process, indicating there was a conflict needing to pay for them after receipt which is not the format that most on-line businesses follow. The items (primarily totes, pens and chip clips) can be paid for with a credit card, however, which Lydia said she can help with.
  - Approve outstanding MERs for board to approve
5. **Discussion: First meeting for Ad-hoc STNC Bylaws & Standing Rules committee** consisting of up to 5 board and stakeholders, 3 person quorum with purpose to review and provide updates to the board

by the February 2026 board meeting to the STNC Bylaws and Standing Rules if necessary with deadline to submit to DONE / City is April 2026.

6. **Discussion/Possible Action: Update regarding STNC Storage changes** as to reduce size of space, move to different location or closure.
  - A general discussion ensued regarding downsizing the current storage unit and moving to another storage facility to reduce costs. Comments were made by Melissa, Lydia, Cindy and Karen. Melissa has called around to get estimates for storage. The current storage facility needs to be assessed to see what items should continue to be stored and which ones can be eliminated to reduce the size of the storage unit. This has been discussed previously but no action taken to date. Understanding what is needed by the City to excess current items is essential. For example, can we donate items to a non-profit or will the City pick them up, can we make a transition to another storage facility ourselves or does the City need to be involved, etc. Lydia indicated that Jose Galdamez should be able to help. An immediate focus is on the contents of the file cabinets with the goal to eliminate file cabinet storage, and assessing the sound equipment. A plan needs to be outlined. Len is the primary person responsible for the storage unit. Cindy said she is available for some time on Saturday afternoon if anyone can join to look at the file cabinets. A vote was previously approved to change the storage facility, per Lydia, so we would just have to vote for a new place and the cost when known.
7. **Discussion/Possible Action: STNC Emergency Preparedness / Public Safety first meeting.**
  - Lydia said that the first meeting will be Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 3pm.
8. **Discussion/Action: Approve outstanding minutes**
  - A motion was made by Lydia, seconded by Melissa, to approve the previous minutes. A vote was taken which passed.
9. **Discussion/Action: Approve January 13, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda** The draft agenda, provided by Cindy, was reviewed with comments and edits provided by Lydia, Melissa, Cindy and Karen. Comments included the following (not inclusive of all comments).
  - Adding Charter reform to the agenda. The LANC Coalition met and had a committee that addressed changes to the Charter which were felt to be good changes, giving NCs more voice.
  - How can we encourage the community to become more involved in issues more than we are currently doing (e.g. newsletter, social media, STNC website).
  - Another NC plans to put together a Town Hall for the homeless-crisis including mis-use of funds and unfair practices where homeless people are not charged for the same crimes that regular citizens are charged with. The City has a general hands off policy for the homeless. There is a group of NCs that are trying to engage more NCs to discuss these issues and let the City know what our expectations are for them. For example, the homeless block sideways and make access impossible for handicap people, which is illegal, but they are not expected to stop blocking sidewalks. The STNC may want to get involved with the other NCs to support the issues and let our voices be heard, or may opt to support as individuals only. There is a need to understand what the City is doing and then to identify our expectations of them, such as bringing back mental health facilities. Allowing the homeless to live in the conditions they now live in on the street is

inhumane. A location has been identified for the Town Hall on Homeless in Porter Ranch although there is no date yet. There are people in City Hall that have demonstrated that will work with us over the years when we have identified an issue; we need to give them our expectations.

- Lydia noted that there is a bill that states there can be NOTHING within 5 ft of a structure to address fire concerns that could have negative unintended impacts. For example, removal of trees can result in destabilization of ground and potential mudslides. NCs can stand together; Lydia will take lead need be.
- The recent release of water from the Tujunga Dam was discussed. The City did not provide adequate alerts to the community. Lydia noted that 5 men almost lost their lives in the wash because they didn't know about the release of the water.

A motion to approve General Board agenda with edits was made by Lydia and seconded by Melissa. A vote was taken which passed.

**10. Adjourn. 7:51pm**