

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
CALIFORNIA  
**Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council**  
**General Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**January 14, 2026, 7pm**

*IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER-** Lydia Grant, President. Lydia, 7:02pm

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Lydia went over the items below.
  - a. LA Homeless Count Sign-Up: The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has opened volunteer registration for the 2026 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, which will take place on the evenings of Tuesday, January 20, Wednesday, January 21, and Thursday, January 22, 2026. Sign up to volunteer at <https://count.lahsa.org/>
  - b. The STNC is looking for people to fill the roles of Education Representative, Region 1, 2 and 4 Representative. Please send a resume and cover letter to [president@stnc.org](mailto:president@stnc.org) to apply. Board members are also welcome to apply.
  - c. STNC Committees require at least one board member. We need a Boardmember for the Beautification Committee. If you have an interest, please email [president@stnc.org](mailto:president@stnc.org)
  - d. Determination of Quorum /Roll Call, Report on Voting Eligibility - Karen Moran

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Armen Mardirousi	Present	Yes	1st VP
Melissa Sagastume	Present	Yes	2nd VP
Barry Glover	Absent	Yes	Treasurer
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	Correspondence Sec
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Recording Sec

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Rep
VACANT			Region 1 Rep
Sherry McCoy	Present	Yes	Region 2 Rep.
Mikal McEnany	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Dillon Dorothy	Absent	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep.
Vicky Cerpa	Present	No	Region 4 Rep.
Dante Jose Calvo	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Mark Seigel	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
VACANT			Region 4 Rep
Cheryl Schmidt	Present	Yes	Public Safety Rep
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	Senior Rep
Vartan Keshish	Present	Yes	Community Interest Rep
Members of the Community with information as identified.			
Doug Chapin			Member of the Community (MC)
Michelle and John Hales			Member of the Community (MC), Northridge NC
Dennis Arguelles			Member of the Community (MC)
Rudy Melendez			Member of the Community (MC)
Joceline Torres			Member of the Community (MC)
Glenn Bailey			Member of the Community (MC)
15 present; 2 absent (17 total); Note: Vicky came in shortly after roll call at 7:15pm; Vartan joined at 7:20pm; Nina joined at 7:30pm. They are included in count above.			

- e. Emergency Preparedness first meeting on Zoom January 25, 2026 at 3pm. Lydia noted that we will be requesting Grand Jury review of egress plan.
  - f. Announcements from STNC Committees: Land Use, Beautification, STARC, STAT
2. **DISCUSSION//Updates/Q&A:** LAPD, LAFD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, NC Budget Advocates, City Departments
- a) **Officer Godoy, LAPD.** Officer Godoy provided an end of the year status on crime including auto-theft, robberies, etc. with many decreasing overall. Gody noted that the area in front of K-Mart has been cleaned up at this time and encouraged people to use the 311 reporting tool. Ricardo said the issue with the 311 app has been fixed in response to a comment from Leny.
  - b) **Officer Coloca, LAPD.** Officer Coloca provided a status on end of year crime with many decreasing. Coloca also encouraged people to report crime and concerns. The Little Landers encampment is being addressed. Leny said he is passing out flyers to alert parents about dangers to their children.
  - c) **Ricardo Flores, Senior Field Deputy for the Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez.** Comments/questions were provided by Melissa and Lydia. Flores provided a status of events and future events. Cert Training (<https://www.cert-la.com/>) is in progress at this time. Classes are taught by the LAFD with emphasis on how to help in the event of an emergency (e.g. earthquake, etc.) teaching basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Space is still available for the Spanish speaking training.
  - d) **Scott Hilton, Battalion Chief, LAFD.** Chief Hilton gave an update on Riverwood; Riverwood was successfully able to be navigated during the recent rain storms. Sister Elsie has 3 encampments. One is on private owned property. They will be cleaned in the immediate future. The LAFD had to get a letter of entry from the private property owner. Lydia commented that we will be starting Emergency Preparedness meetings and invited Scott (and all) to attend.
  - e) **Alex Avanesyan, Office of Assemblymember Nick Schultz.** Alex provided a status of current and future events noting there was a deadline of February 20<sup>th</sup> to submit new bills. A current bill will have stronger punitive measures for DUI enforcement. The Government has released their version of the budget with a \$3B deficit. Lydia said we are watching SB79 and noted that Wiener is determined to ensure that all cities are impacted.
  - f) **Glenn Bailey, Co-Chair for the NC Budget Advocates Group.** Glenn said that the Budget 101 session will be on January 29<sup>th</sup>, in partnership with Budget Advocates. There is a high level overview of the budget process. There are Trainings on-going with the California Administrative Office (CAO). The Budget Advocate vacancies are now filled with 3 new Budget Advocates assigned. Usually comments are provided for the city budget in April, after release by mayor; the budget advocates will try to give people an update on what is in the City budget. An annual event known as "Neighborhood Council Budget Day" is held to bring transparency to the City budget and how services are funded. This event is organized by the L.A. Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates group. The next Budget Day is scheduled for **June 27, 2026** and will be open to the public.

g) **Joceline Torres.** Joceline works with the YWCA in Glendale and Pasadena and is soliciting feed back from the community for programs. From CHAT – “There is a Senior Wellness Survey that we are hoping to get community members ages +65 to participate in the survey helping us support our senior community members. Please feel free to reach out to me at [jocelinetorres@ywcagp.org](mailto:jocelinetorres@ywcagp.org) and this is our website for reference and more information about YWCA Glendale and Pasadena <https://ywcagp.org/>” xs

3. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Motion to approve outstanding Monthly Expenditure Reports for September, November and December. Each is approved individually:

a) Approve September 2025 MER

<b>Item 3a. Motion to approve September 2025 MER.</b>					
<b>Motion: Cleghorn Second: Mardirousi</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Grant, Mardirousi, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, McEnany, Von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Schmidt, Royal, Keshish  <b>14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 2 absent, 17 total</b>			Cerpa		Glover, Dorothy

b) Approve November 2025 MER

<b>Item 3b. Motion to approve November 2025 MER.</b>					
<b>Motion: Sagastume Second: Cleghorn</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Grant, Mardirousi, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, McEnany, Von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Schmidt, Royal, Keshish  <b>14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 2 absent, 17 total</b>			Cerpa		Glover, Dorothy

c) Approve December 2025 MER

<b>Item 3c. Motion to approve December 2025 MER.</b>					
<b>Motion: Cleghorn Second: Mardirousi</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>

Grant, Mardirousi, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, McEnany, Von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Schmidt, Royal, Keshish  <b>14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 2 absent, 17 total</b>			Cerpa		Glover, Dorothy
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4. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** To approve outstanding General Board Meeting minutes for December 2025.

<b>Item 4. Motion to approve December 2025 General Board Minutes.</b>					
<b>Motion: Cleghorn Second: Freeman</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Grant, Mardirousi, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, McEnany, Von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Schmidt, Royal, Keshish  <b>14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 2 absent, 17 total</b>			Cerpa		Glover, Dorothy

5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approve Community Impact Statement in support for CF-25-0002-S90 letter of support Rim of the Valley now in Congress to preserve our trails and open space and send a copy to contact in Washington Dennis G. Arguelles Southern California Director | National Parks Conservation Association 213-393-5077 | darguelles@npsca.org | npsca.org and Mary Benson, President Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee [www.laparks.org/equine](http://www.laparks.org/equine).

- Dennis Arguelles gave an overview about the Rim of the Valley Project, a project that he and others have worked on for more than a decade at this time. The Rim of the Valley is a vast natural area and wildlife corridor encircling the San Fernando Valley, connecting the Santa Monica, Santa Susana, Verdugo, and San Gabriel Mountains, and is a focus of major land preservation efforts to expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA). Dennis said that about 118 acres is planned to be added and there is legislation in Washington DC to make this happen. The organization that Dennis is part of is the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) and Dennis would like to get local support at this time. A letter from STNC would go to Congress who is working on the Legislation. Lydia said that STNC would have to work with the City and the letter would go to the Councilwoman Monica Rodrigues.
- Nina asked about the trail system and Dennis said there is a desire to create a contiguous hiking trail but it wasn't known when this could be completed.
- Glenn Bailey asked if there was anything that they were obligated to do even if the budget isn't increased for national parks. Glenn also asked if the boundaries assumed match the boundaries of the State. Dennis said that legislation authorized establishment of boundaries

and that while it will take time to build up resources, the Park Service will use existing resources for restoration and trail planning to start the work. Dennis said that the boundaries don't match exactly but the acreage is felt needed to ensure wildlife, plant and tree habitats.

- From CHAT (Dennis), more information is available on <https://www.schiff.senate.gov/news/press-releases/news-sen-schiff-rep-friedman-introduce-bill-to-protect-some-of-the-last-open-land-in-los-angeles-expand-santa-monica-mountains-recreation-area/>

<b>Item 5. Motion to approve Community Impact Statement in support for CF-25-0002-S90 letter of support Rim of the Valley now in Congress to preserve our trails and open space.</b> <b>Motion: Cleghorn Second: Freeman</b>					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, Mardirousi, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, McEnany, Von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Schmidt, Royal,  <b>13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 3 absent, 17 total</b>			Cerpa		Glover, Dorothy, Keshish

6. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: STNC Calendar at [stnc.org/calendar](http://stnc.org/calendar).** Cindy noted that the STNC website is important to use to check meetings and availability of dates.

7. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** That STNC adopts the LANCC L.A. City Charter Reform recommendations <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-igAnT1gko0HkNfj0Obhh1DR-hFkx03/view>.

- Lydia provided background about the Charter Reform effort. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) has made recommendations for Charter reform changes. Cindy put up the LANCC document on the STNC website and provided a verbal scan through of the contents during the discussion. LANCC recommendations were submitted to the L.A. Charter Reform Commission and the L.A. City Council and approved, as amended, at the LANCC meeting on January 3, 2026. The presentation and mark-ups are available at the website <http://www.lancc.org/>
- Cindy read through the detailed powerpoint presentation entitled LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COALITION (LANCC) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHARTER REFORM Submitted to the Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission Better Government Committee January 21, 2025. (<http://www.lancc.org/resources/LANCC%20Charter%20Reform%20presentation%202026.01.21%20FINAL.pdf>). The question at hand is if we want to support the updates as written or make changes. Kay Hartman ([kay.hartman@palmsnc.las](mailto:kay.hartman@palmsnc.las)) was pivotal in creating the recommendations.
- Rudy Melenez encouraged getting involved with the Charter Reform Commission and encourage LANCC to get a seat at the table. Lydia noted that she has been to several

meetings. Glenn Bailey commented that the Committee was opened to everyone and getting NC input is important to get the Commission to take NC input seriously. The material will be presented in a week to the Charter Reform Commission. Cindy expressed appreciation for the effort done on the recommendations.

<p><b>Item 7. Motion to approve STNC adopting the LANCC L.A. City Charter Reform recommendations</b> (<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-igAnT1gko0HkNfJj0Obhh1DR-hFkx03/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-igAnT1gko0HkNfJj0Obhh1DR-hFkx03/view</a>).</p> <p><b>Motion: Cleghorn Second: Sagastume</b></p>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Grant, Mardirousi, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, McEnany, Von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Schmidt, Royal, Keshish  <i>14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 2 absent, 17 total</i>			Cerpa		Glover, Dorothy

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** That STNC will participate in planning a Valley / Citywide Town Hall on a “Homelessness Path to Solutions”.
- Lydia commented that there is a growing resentment about the homeless not being held accountable for crimes that regular citizens are; there is no equal treatment. Additionally there is inconsistency in law enforcement. For example, LAPD has to personally see a homeless person attack on someone, or there is no charge. However, in Simi Valley, only a witness is needed to charge a homeless person. Lydia recounted a personal event with a homeless person attack that the LAPD would not prosecute. NCs are putting together a Town Hall to address the Homeless crisis and will develop a list of expectations about how the Homeless situation should be handled. The question at hand is if STNC would like to participate in the NC’s Town Hall.
  - Glenn asked if this effort was different than what Mike Benedetto (Granada Hills South NC) has been working on and Lydia said it was the same. A location for the Town Hall has been identified but the event won’t happen until the February, March or even April time frame.

<p><b>Item 8. Motion to approve STNC participation in planning a Valley / Citywide Town Hall on a “Homelessness Path to Solutions”</b></p> <p><b>Motion: Royal Second: Cleghorn</b></p>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>

Grant, Mardirousi, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, McCoy, McEnany, Calvo, Schmidt, Royal, Keshish  <b>11 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 3 absent, 17 total</b>	Freeman, Von Gunten		Cerpa		Glover, Dorothy, Seigel
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9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approve moving storage from US Storage to Extra Space Storage or Public Storage or similar and smaller space up to \$800 per month.

- Melissa, working with Leny, will get additional information about alternate locales and costs and hopefully have the specifics to vote on it at the next Board meeting. Additional comments were made by Nina and Lydia about quotes; the quotes from the past need to be updated.

<b>Item 9. Motion to approve moving storage from US Storage to Extra Space Storage or Public Storage or similar and smaller space up to \$800 per month.</b>					
<b>Motion: Cleghorn Second: Freeman</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** To approve purchase of 10 cases of Dog Waste Bags at up to \$1,000. Lydia described how Leny refurbishes bags in the (5) parks. Leny commented that one of his drivers is to make sure that the children’s play area isn’t affected by dog feces.

<b>Item 10. Motion to approve purchase of 10 cases of Dog Waste Bags at up to \$1,000.</b>					
<b>Motion: Freeman Second: Keshish</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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11. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Regarding the start of the Dam release of water on December 24, 2025 from Big Tujunga Dam during heavy rains. Need for better communication for the entire Sunland-Tujunga community.
- Lydia commented about disappointment with the lack timeliness for City notifications about the release of water from the Big Tujunga Dam during a previous rain storm. Ricardo said he will include Lydia in after event communications.
12. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Regarding Big Tujunga Reservoir Restoration Project - For more information about the project, or to be added to the project mailing list, please email [reservoircleanouts@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:reservoircleanouts@pw.lacounty.gov) or call (626) 458-6119.
- This item serves also as placeholder for next Board meeting per Lydia.
13. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** To approve members of the STNC Budget Committee: Barry Glover, Treasurer & Chair, Leny Freeman, Melissa Sagastume, Nina Royal, Lydia Grant, Carol Hutchinson.

<b>Item 13. Motion to approve members of the STNC Budget Committee: Barry Glover, Treasurer &amp; Chair, Leny Freeman, Melissa Sagastume, Nina Royal, Lydia Grant, Carol Hutchinson</b>					
<b>Motion: Cleghorn Second: Sagastume</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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14. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** To approve members of the STNC Emergency Preparedness Committee: Lydia Grant, President & Chair, Mark Seigel, Jon von Gunten, Mikal John McEnany, Dillon Dorothy.

<p><b>Item 14. Motion to approve members of the STNC Emergency Preparedness Committee: Lydia Grant, President &amp; Chair, Mark Seigel, Jon von Gunten, Mikal John McEnany, Dillon Dorothy</b></p> <p><b>Motion: Cleghorn Second: Sagastume</b></p>					
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15. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - liaison chairs present. Lydia asked if there were any public comments. Comments from Rudy and John are below.

- DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Committee & Liaison Reports and Confirm Assignments – by
- Homeless
- Citywide Budget / Budget Advocates
- LADWP MOU
- LADWP Committee
- LANCC
- VANC
- PlanCheckNC
- Emergency Preparedness
- Sustainability
- Rudy Melendez, CD-29 Candidate, introduced himself. Rudy has served on 2 NCs in the past, and is a big advocate of the NCs. Rudy summarized issues he would like to work in DC and said he is a conservationist and an environmentalist and is focusing on restoring housing and affordability legislation. Lydia asked who is in the current role at this time and Rudy said it is Luis Rivas.
- John Hales, Northridge NC, commented that with Lydia’s efforts, STNC is “a shining example of a community run group!”
- Glenn Bailey said there was an event **on** January 27th at Fire Station 87 (LA County) for a community "Little Library" unveiling held by the LA County Fire Dept. for the Sunland-Tujunga area, promoting literacy and community engagement with residents near the station.

**TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MEETING TO GO TO SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AT 8:39 PM. MEETING RESUMED AT 8:52 PM**

**See Minutes for Special Board Meeting Below**

17. **PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System. This item not addressed.**
  - A. Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS)
  - B. NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statements
18. NC Alliances (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils - VANC meets 2nd Thursday on Zoom; LANCC meets 1st Saturday at 10am; PlanCheckNC meets 2nd Saturday at 10am, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities.
19. **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.**
  - The next Board meeting will be in person at the Elk's Lodge on February 11 per Lydia.
  - Lydia commented that there is a concern about residents in the Seven Hills area and more dumping from the recent storms.
  - Lydia commented that there is a concern about the City's plans to take two dams off-line at the same time and the potential impact this could have if there was a fire and these dams were not able to be used for water to fight the fires.
  - Lydia reminded that the next meeting is in-person at the Elk's Club. Melissa said the Dept of Sanitation planned to present but this could be delayed until March.
20. **Adjourn.** Lydia said that she wanted to dedicate adjournment to the memory of Joy Atkinson. Joy was a BONC Commissioner who passed away January 10, 2026. During her many years of dedicated service, not only on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners but in many other civic roles, Joy served with compassion and kindness and she was someone who truly listened to and engaged with people. Cindy and Lydia commented about how hard she worked. She will be missed.
  - **The meeting was Adjourned at 8:56 pm.**

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2. Roll Call

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Rudy Melendez			Member of the Community (MC)
Joceline Torres			Member of the Community (MC)
Glenn Bailey			Member of the Community (MC)
14 present; 3 absent (17 total); Note: * Freeman absent for beginning of meeting.			

- Motion to approve up to \$300 for in person meeting costs at the February 11, 2026 board meeting to cover cost of Elks room and refreshments.

**Item 3. Motion to approve up to \$300 for in person meeting costs at the February 11, 2026 board meeting to cover cost of Elks room and refreshments**

**Motion: Mardirousi Second: Sagastume**

Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, Mardirousi, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, McCoy, Von Gunten, McEnany, Calvo, Schmidt, Seigel, Royal, Keshish  <b>13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 3 absent, 17 total</b>			Cerpa		Glover, Dorothy, Freeman

4. Motion to approve Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 25-1428: The Sunland–Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports Council File 25-1428 as a necessary, locally controlled approach to implementing Zone 0 defensible space regulations. As a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone hillside community, Sunland–Tujunga is particularly vulnerable to the unintended consequences of rigid State mandates. CF 25-1428 appropriately prioritizes home hardening an ember resistance while allowing well-maintained vegetation and trees, protecting ecological stability, community character, and existing local ordinances. STNC urges adoption of CF 25-1428 to ensure effective, science-based wildfire mitigation tailored to Los Angeles neighborhoods.
- Lydia gave an overview of the bill that can have a negative impact if implemented as written and said that there are people fighting it in Sacramento. L.A. is trying to make it a local ordinance with some modifications, such as you can't have anything very flammable within 5 ft of the structure (e.g. dead tree). Insurance companies may require clearances but the law would not go into effect for 3 years. Leny and Jon commented that changing insurance companies was a good way to proceed if the insurance company was obstinate. Lydia felt that removing trees could destabilize grounds in a mountainous community.

<b>Item 4. Motion to approve Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 25-1428</b>					
<b>Motion: Royal Second: Cleghorn</b>					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, Mardirousi, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, Von Gunten, McEnany, Calvo, Seigel, Royal, Keshish  <b>13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 3 absent, 17 total</b>			Cerpa		Glover, Dorothy, Schmidt

5. **ADJOURN. 8:51pm** (and return to complete the regular meeting)