

# Special Joint Board & Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 6:30 PM

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*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. **Welcome, Call to Order & Roll Call** – Lydia Grant, 6:39 pm
  - a. **Present:** Cindy Cleghorn, Lydia Grant, Melissa Sagastume, Karen Moran, Armen Miradousi  
**Absent:** Barry Glover.
  - b. **Present (Members of the STNC Board)** - Sherry McCoy, Dante Calvo.
2. **Public Comments** - non agenda items
3. **Committee Member Comments/Calendar & Other Updates.**
  - a. Movie Night is now postponed to August 27<sup>th</sup> per Melissa.
  - b. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade status was discussed with comments from Melissa, Lydia and Dante. The parade viability is still unknown. Lydia received a letter from Sabrina who is coordinating the event for American Legion; the Tuesday meetings to discuss the parade are starting and she has reached out to the City. The letter said they are still planning to have the parade. Dante asked if info can be in the newsletter and Lydia advised holding off a couple of days to confirm with Sabrina.
  - c. Cindy said there was a new project, a home build, on Langley Ave that would be discussed at Monday's Land Use Committee meeting. Also the draft letter regarding the pre-school on Lowell Ave is in process at this time.
  - d. There is a program that is being set up at this time where additional residences to the area (houses and apartments) are tracked and the egress time in the event of an emergency can be estimated in consideration of these additional residences. The egress times for residents to evacuate is already stressed. The program might be useful, however, and could have impacts on decisions made to build additional units if egress times are increased significantly. The first community the program will focus on will be Sunland-Tujunga. The program uses a documented database, and will also help with directing people about how to egress. Lydia may become a trainer for the program and is anxious to have it be part of a tool to use for our community.
4. **Status of Board Member attendance and completion of required City trainings.** Victoria has yet to complete trainings. Karen will research attendance to determine the status of members who have missed consecutive meetings and/or the total number of meetings missed with the potential that they would be removed from the STNC Board.
5. **Discussion of interested candidates** for Region 1, Region 2, Region 4, and Education Board positions.
6. **Discussion/Possible Action:** STNC Budget and Funding:
  - a) Approval of outstanding March and April 2026 MERs. MERs are in process per Cindy.

- b) Approval of possible funding requests for consideration at the May 13, 2026 Board Meeting including upcoming community outreach sponsorships up to \$500 each for Memorial Day, May 25th at Sunland Park, Pride event at Sunland Park June 13, Flag Day June 14, 4th of July parade, National Night Out Aug. 4. Future events were discussed with comments from Lydia, Melissa and Cindy. No funding is needed for Memorial Day; there is a presentation at Sunland Park at 11 am on Memorial Day. On the 24<sup>th</sup> May (the day before), there is a music event at Brand Park in Mission Hills. May is the 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the formation of STNC.
- c) Motion to confirm STAT committee recommendations that were approved unanimously by the STAT committee on April 28: "To recommend approval by the STNC board to hold a Safe Traffic Town Hall at the Elks Club on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. prior to the regular STNC board meeting."
- d) Motion approved unanimously by the STAT committee, April 28: "To create signage for the STAT Committee's Tree Adoption program for the S-T Parade on July 4, 2026 to be either added to the STNC float or to secure another vehicle for this purpose."
- e) Motion approved unanimously by the STAT committee, April 28: "To create 4" x 4" or 4" x 5" glossy cards with artwork to promote our Tree Adoption Program to stakeholders, to explore the cost for 500 cards to be printed (potentially 4 designs in full color), and to order 500 stickers, 3" x 1" or 3" x 2" with the STNC logo, the words "Safe Traffic & Transportation Committee" and a phone number and/or email to contact us.

***STAT items c, d and e were generally discussed (funding requests and timing of when and how they need to be submitted) with comments from Lydia, Cindy and Melissa. Pat sent a request for funding for \$200. Funding requests for STAT have to be approved prior to the next General Board meeting.***

- f) Current STNC Funding Balance: **\$15,260.62** remaining for the fiscal year and anticipated rollover of up to \$10,000. Cindy heard that we should get all of our rollover. Lydia said she attended a meeting where it was put forward that there would be a full funding rollover and that the NC funding should be re-instated at \$40,000 which would be a very welcomed change. There is a one year extension for implementing ADA requirements.
7. **Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of updated STNC Bylaws for submission to DONE.** Changes have been addressed per Cindy and Lydia. Lydia said that per the Mayor's budget, tentatively we will have our election at the regular time and the City Clerk's Office will fund it. We do need to vote if we just want Selections; the process will be in the By Laws.
  8. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Zoning Administrator hearing held April 30, 2026 regarding 4459 Lowell; consideration and possible approval of a Community Impact Statement /support/ comment letter to the City. A brief discussion of the pre-school project was held with comments from Lydia, Cindy and Dante. Cindy is working on a draft letter of support of the pre-school but with a number of conditions to be included and considered by the City. The project is not opposed by STNC but there are serious concerns about traffic safety on Lowell Ave that are already impacted by parents dropping off and picking up students at the Chamblion school across the street from the proposed pre-school. Lydia commented that she saw the parking lot (claimed to be 50 spaces) already filled by parents navigating Chamblion drop off and pick-ups. DOT had concerns but the City Council Office over-rode them. Dante asked if it should be in the newsletter; Lydia felt that referencing the STNC position letter would be ok to do.
  9. **Discussion/Possible Action: Vote to approve Inventory list of storage items to keep or be returned to the City for Disposal.** Lydia asked about the inventory list of items. The list, from 2019, needs to be updated. The current storage unit is being kept for one more month (in addition to the new

smaller unit) because there wasn't enough time/manpower to transfer everything over to the new unit. Storage of particular items (chairs, etc.) was discussed and which items can be stored at NVCH. Lydia offered temporary use of her own storage unit at US Storage for items planned to be returned to the City vs. paying for another month's storage. Lydia is going through boxes at this time. An all hands meeting was suggested to finalize transfer.

**10. Discussion/Possible Action: Confirmation of Community Impact Statements (CIS) for Board vote.**

Current CIS were discussed with comments from Cindy and Lydia. One is Charter Reform changes. Another is that there is a change to have twice as many council members as we have now. Another is the ballot sent out regarding street lights. Lydia had attended a NC meeting (Lake Balboa) where it was discussed. They made a motion to oppose the measure. It is being put forward that if a home owner has a street light on/adjacent to their property, the property owner has to pay hundreds of dollars because it is considered an advantage for them. This is for street lights with aluminum poles only (not wood poles). The issue is that all the public benefits from these lights, not just the property owner. Prop 218 is on the November ballot (*from the internet: The tax assessments for the City's Street Lighting District Assessment have remained the same since 1996, in compliance with Proposition 218. The Bureau is planning for a citywide ballot to update over 550,000 parcels in order to provide funding for the City's system of 223,000 streetlights. The status of a citywide Ballot remains pending.*)

It was noted that there is an ordinance that says that if a YES vote for funds for lighting is not achieved, the City will just turn off the lights. The City wants to go solar, which would eliminate the abuse of stealing copper. There has been no budget increase in years for City lighting.

Melissa suggested someone from Street Lighting come to a meeting. Concerns about the arbitrariness of the fees imposed were expressed. Karen asked if we can feature in newsletter. Dante can copy the document (or link) for information without taking sides. There is no deterrent for stealing copper if the City doesn't prosecute the crime. Karen noted that her house, being a corner house, has two aluminum poles and was willing to have the City remove them.

Senator Menjivar is invited to come to the General Board meeting.

**11. Discussion/Possible Action:** Approval of outstanding meeting minutes. The motion was made by Lydia and seconded by Cindy; a vote was taken which passed.

**12. Discussion/Possible Action:** Approval of the May 13, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda, including Committee Reports and scheduled presenters. Cindy discussed the draft agenda for the next General Board meeting. She was unable to show the draft on screen. Comments were made by Lydia, Melissa, Dante, Sherry and Lydia. Some comments include the following. Square footage for apartments in ADUs is being capped. Dam dredging will be an agenda item. Hybrid meetings are not allowed unless specific equipment is used, approved by the City. Needs for National Night Out were discussed (what is needed to be done and when). Cindy will send out an updated draft of the agenda for member review.

**13. Adjourn. 7:45pm**