

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

STAT COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:00PM

- 1. Call to Order at 6 p.m. by Pat Kramer, STAT chairperson.**
- 2. Roll Call/Set Quorum** of 3 achieved with 4 members: Pat Kramer, Jon von Gunten, George Arakel and Dante Calvo. Also attending, Cindy Cleghorn, STNC Secretary.
- 3. Chairperson's Message:**
Traffic Pocket Card:
The committee discussed the need for a new Pocket Card or postcard to promote Tree Adoptions in our community. Designs and language were suggested and reviewed and will be finalized at our next meeting. Cindy offered to get a breakdown of costs for printing 500 Pocket Cards and stickers with our information on it. These will be used to approach businesses and stakeholders to educate them on the need to adopt and water our local trees on Foothill Blvd. and Sunland Blvd.
Earth Day:
There was discussion regarding the low attendance at Earth Day on 4/18, possibly due to poor promotion. CD7 was the organizer.
Our Tree Care event , April 25: was cancelled as CD7's water faucets were locked and the Deputy Ricardo Flores did not show up to unlock them. Volunteers had to be sent home. Event has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2026 at Joselito's in Tujunga, same time. Ricardo told Pat he would pay for the coffee and refreshments of \$100 that we had to buy for the cancelled event. Pat filled out the form he sent her for this purpose. It is unknown whether the CD7 office will actually approve the cost going forward.
- 4. Approval of the March 2026 STAT Minutes: (Von Gunten/Calvo) moved to adopt the March 2026 STAT minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.**
- 5. CD7 Ricardo Flores update: No report.**
- 6. Plans for a Traffic Town Hall:** Pat suggested a Traffic Town Hall on Wednesday, June 10, from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., at the Elks Lodge on Commerce in Tujunga. The purpose would be for the community to give input on traffic improvements they would like to see and to review options with LADOT and suggestions by CD7. Pat contacted LADOT and was told they can only attend during regular working hours, which is why the 4 p.m. start time was suggested. **(Von Gunten/Arakel) moved to schedule a Traffic Town Hall on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Elks Club on Commerce in Tujunga, prior to the regular STNC board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.**
- 7. S-T Parade: Dante's idea for a Tree Adoption float.** The committee discussed the idea of having signage on a vehicle/float for the S-T parade on July 4, 2026 promoting our Adopt a Tree program. Due to the time constraints, it was decided that we make the signage ourselves, and consider purchasing a weather-proof banner for future events. As plans are still in flux for the parade, we will discuss this at our next meeting.
- 8. Outreach to businesses on tree adoptions.** George reported his efforts with several Armenian businesses to water or adopt trees.

9. Committee reports:

- a. NW Updates * LAPD Traffic States: Jon reported that 29 people attended the recent Neighborhood Watch meeting at Joselitos with LAPD. However, our Traffic Officer Sal Venegas did not provide stats to Jon for this meeting.
- b. Promos for our Committee: Dante will improve the artwork for our Pocket Cards to make it localized. He will also create larger, business card sized Tree Location Cards to be laminated for future events.
- c. Outreach to Armenian community - See above #8.

10. Public Comments: Cindy Cleghorn spoke about a Land use hearing for a school being proposed on Lowell Avenue.

11. Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

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