

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

Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 7:00pm

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 - Call to Order & Roll Call, Confirm Quorum

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Absent	Yes	President
Armen Mardirousi	Present	Yes	1st VP (left early)
Melissa Sagastume	Present	Yes	2nd VP
VACANT		Yes	Treasurer (<i>Carol to be voted on during meeting</i>)
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	Correspondence Sec
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Recording Sec
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Rep
VACANT			Region 1 Rep
Sherry McCoy	Present	Yes	Region 2 Rep.
Mikal McEnany	Absent	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Dillon Dorothy	Absent	Yes	Region 3 Rep

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
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	Absent	Yes	Public Safety Rep
Nina Royal	Absent	Yes	Senior Rep
Vartan Keshish	Absent	Yes	Community Interest Re
Members of the Community (MC) with information as identified.			
Ross Herman	Absent		MC
Carol Hutchinson	Absent		MC
Wesley Carerra	Absent		MC
11 present; 5 absent (16 total) (<i>Was 17, but Treasurer position now VACANT</i>)			

2. **Announcement regarding new required training for all board members:** The NC Funding Training for all board members has been updated to incorporate the recently updated policies and guidelines. This virtual training offers board members the flexibility to complete it at their own convenience. All board members are required to finish the training and pass the NC Funding Training quiz by August 31.

Per Cindy, this will be a YouTube training, with video(s) followed by a test. The test is submitted to DONE. The deadline for the training is August 21st and applies to all Board members. It will expire June 30, 2027. The email certification of completion (passing is 70% on the test) will be submitted to DONE. Jose Galdamez said Cornerstone will still be active this fiscal year to support training (e.g. trainings (ethics, code of conduct, anti-Obias, and gender expression), but future years are uncertain. Jon asked about access for the google forms and Jose said you don't need a gmail account. Vicki asked about the link. Jose said the link was available on the website and City Clerk page also. From CHAT, the link is <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLB8K7Ssr3cRGgAsrp91T7gcPXXRwXKZd>. Mark asked about passwords or log-in codes to get access; Jose said that the Department would provide information when a board roster was provided to them.

3. **Board & Committee Member, and Elected Officials/Representatives Comments**

- **Officer Godoy** provided a status of crimes for both himself and for **Officer Caloca** who was not able to be present. Caloca is #1 in the Division, with 138 crimes in 2025 and 140 in 2026. Burglary for motor vehicles was 12 reported incidents and thefts were 9. People should use the 311 app to report crimes. We are waiting on the City for funding to board up the house on Commerce Ave. Cindy asked about graffiti in Little Landers. Again, call 311, and pictures are appreciated. Caloca also shared that the July 4th parade was very successful with no reportable issues.
- **Officer Godoy's** own report was 220 crimes in 2025 and 175 in 2026 with grand theft auto the biggest one followed by car thefts. Godoy remarked about a homeless individual who moves between Sunland Park and adjacent areas. A cleanup crew is being requested and together with CD7 providing housing options, the individual's homelessness might be addressed. He is a local person with family in the area. Vicky asked about speed bumps and what it would take to get them in place. Godoy said that with the narrow streets in many areas, speed bumps were hard to get – emergency vehicles have to use these roads and speed bumps are a problem for them also. With limited manpower, the focus is on Foothill Blvd. Jon said he understood that DOT was reconsidering speed bump philosophy. Ross commented that the process is data driven prioritization for speed bumps and equity indicators are being considered as well as proximity to schools, parks, etc. Requests are not being taken. Wesley said he noticed vandalism (e.g. drinking, smoking in parks, etc.). Godoy said that when investigated, not all apparent smoking was illegal. Wesley also wanted to know who to contact about cameras in the park; Godoy said Bolton Hall.
- **Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) with EmpowerLA.** The Joy Atkinsons NC Excellence Award is now extended to the end of July, and nominations can still be submitted. The Commissioner will select a winner for different NC regions. Reminder to take the funding training (discussed previously). Galdamez also noted the training sessions planned at this time, including a brown bag on July 22nd with the Planning Department. The NC Alliance meets second Saturday of the month at 10am - see the PlanCheck NC website (<https://planchecknc.com/>).

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION: ***Items previously voted prior Fiscal Year to be voted in current Fiscal year:***

- Motion to Appoint Carol Hutchinson Treasurer. Motion made by Melissa and seconded by Mark.

Item 4A. Motion to appoint Carol Hutchinson to be Treasurer.					
Motion: Sagastume Second: Seigel					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- Motion to Approve Annual 2026-27 NC Funding Budget Package including cardholders, second signature commitments, recurring payments. Motion made by Nina and seconded by Armen.

Item 4B. Motion to Approve Annual 2026-27 NC Funding Budget Package including cardholders, second signature commitments, recurring payments. Motion: Royal Second: Mardirousi					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridrousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- Motion to approve the following outreach expenses: (includes card and check payments)
 - i. Sunland-Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary - 4th of July Sponsor \$3,000. Motion made by Armen and seconded by Nina.

Item 4C(i). Motion to approve Sponsorship of Sunland-Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary – for 4th of July parade for \$3,000. Motion: Mardiousi Second: Royal					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridrousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- ii. Sunland-Tujunga Elks - National Night Out Sponsorship of \$2,000. Motion made by Melissa and seconded by Armen.

Item 4C(ii). Motion to approve Sponsorship of Sunland-Tujunga Elks - National Night Out \$2,000. Motion: Sagastume Second: Mardirousi					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 9 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total	Seigel		Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- iii. McGroarty Art Center - August BBB Sponsor \$1,000. Melissa said we would have a table at event and will be looking for volunteers. Motion made by Mark and seconded by Nina. Mark commented that McGroarty is a gem in our community.

Item 4C(iii). Motion to approve McGroarty Art Center - August BBB Sponsorship of \$1,000. Motion: Seigel Second: Royal					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- iv. Budget Advocates - Sponsor \$250.00. Motion made by Cindy and seconded by Nina.

Item 4C(iv). Motion to approve Budget Advocates Sponsorship of \$250.00. Motion: Cleghorn Second: Royal					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- v. Outreach expenses up to \$2,000 for National Night Out for water, decorations, ice, banners, cookies. Motion made by Nina and seconded by Melissa.

Item 4C(v). Motion to approve Outreach expenses up to \$2,000 for National Night Out for water, decorations, ice, banners, cookies Motion: Royal Second: Sagastume					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- vi. Outreach expense up to \$300 for STNC buttons. Motion made by Cindy and seconded by Armen.

Item 4C(vi). Motion to approve Outreach expense up to \$300 for STNC buttons. Motion: Cleghorn Second: Mardirousi					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- vii. NC Congress - Sponsor \$200.00. Motion made by Cindy and seconded by Melissa. Cindy said that at the end of September, all NCs will meet at city hall and all board members encouraged to attend. Melissa said that when she attended last year it was a lot of fun and interesting to see how other NCs are dealing with similar issues.

Item 4C(vii). Motion to approve NC Congress Sponsorship of \$200.00. Motion: Sagastume Second: Seigel					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

5. Discussion/Motion: Approve May 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Melissa.

- Note: Armen left after the items were voted on in item 4. Because Ross and Carol had already been voted in as Board Members, quorum could be maintained although they would be counted as ineligible because training is outstanding. Further note that Ross was voted on in item 6 below, but the vote was done out of sequence, i.e. prior to item 5 being voted on.*

Item 5. Motion to Approve May 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report. Motion: Cleghorn Second: Sagastume					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 ineligible, 6 absent, 18 total			Cerpa, Ross, Hutchinson		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish, Maridirousi,

6. **Discussion regarding candidates** for Region 1, Region 2, Region 4, and Education Board and committees. Motion to approve Ross Herman, Region 4 Representative. Motion made by Seigel and seconded by Sagastume. Mark gave an intro to members who might not know Ross about Ross returning to the Board, and a welcome back!

Item 6. Motion to Approve Ross Herman as Region 4 Representative. Motion: Seigel Second: Sagastume					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Mardirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish,

7. Approve outstanding **Minutes**. 3 sets approved, all past outstanding. Motion made by Mark and seconded by Nina. Mark gave an intro to members who might not know Carol returning to the Board in her former position as Treasurer, and a welcome back!

Item 7. Motion to approve appointing Carol Hutchinson to be Treasurer. Motion: Seigel Second: Royal					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

8. **STNC Bylaws** approved by DONE. Cindy said all members should have received new bylaws provided by DONE, not on website yet but in this meetings stuff.
9. **General Public Comment** up to two minutes per person non-agenda items.
- Mark - We had Ham Radio Field Day end of June, which was educational. Laura Friedman visited us. Mark is hoping for more ham radio operators in our community.
 - Jon said that the STAT Committee is hosting a tree watering event Saturday, July 18th from 7-10am. Volunteers welcomed. Pick up a bucket (or more than one), gather at the Welcome Garden in Sunland. Jon noted that the Sierra Club also helps.
10. **Discussion/Possible Action to submit CIS to 26-0489 (CFMS)**. Cindy gave an overview of the draft CIS. Details about the immigrant voting portion was discussed in a previous Executive Board meeting; this and some other elements have been shelved at this time. The Rec and Parks Dept funding has moved on to the Nov 3rd ballot. Melissa said we can circle back and discuss items that made it at a future date. See item 11 below for more background.

11. **City of Los Angeles Charter Reform** Discussion and Possible Motion to comment on the elements of charter reform that the City Council voted to put on the ballot. BACKGROUND: On June 17, 2026, the City Council voted to advance a package of charter amendments to the November 3, 2026 ballot, including doubling Recreation and Parks Department funding and allowing noncitizen voting in certain local elections, while deferring council expansion, ranked-choice voting, voting age reduction, and the city attorney role split to a new ad hoc Council committee targeting a 2028 ballot. The City Attorney's Office is now drafting official ballot language, with a final Council vote expected in the coming weeks.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Standing Rules - discussion meeting 7/13/26 on Zoom @ 6PM. Cindy said the meeting is at 6:15pm Monday - before the LUC meeting at 7pm. More info is on attachments in the STNC.org website calendar.
- Melissa said that NNO is looking for volunteers. Nina suggested a joint meeting for anyone who would like to volunteer. Nina and Melissa will get together to discuss further.

13. **Adjourn. 8:33pm.**