

SPECIAL STNC STAT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

1. Call to Order by chairperson pat Kramer at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call/Quorum achieved with three members:

Pat Kramer, Chair

Jon von Gunten, Cochair

George Arakel, Member

Cindy Cleghorn, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Lionel Mares, not an S-T resident, posted a notice in Chat re the Boyle Heights fire, then left.

3. Chairperson's Message: Tree Watering, New Tree Locations, Empty tree wells, need for storage space.

Pat stated the next event is set for Ralph's Market, Sunland, July 18, 7:00am with a Boy Scout Troop, ages 11 to 17 plus their parents.

Pat met Jorge Martinez's wife who has offered to hand out tree-watering pocket cards to local businesses. George Arakel will hand out the cards to Armenian-speaking businesses.

Ricardo Flores, CD7, will get 10 trees planted in Sunland as Pat requested.

Cindy offered her parking lot as storage space for our water buckets and jugs at C&M Printing! Pat to ask Sierra Club for tarps to cover them. Wants them on pallets so they don't rest on hot asphalt, which can crack them.

Ricardo wants us to finish off the mulch pile at CD7, so we need to distribute it.

Pat will weed some trees in the O'Reilly parking lot, this Saturday, 7:30am.

4. Approval of the May 2026 STAT Minutes

George moved to approve. Jon seconded. The motion carried.

5. LAPD, LADOT, CD7 Ricardo Flores updates

Pat had a successful meeting with Ricardo, but he's uncertain about the watering

Luther of Classic Jewelers offered to pay for using the water in their parking lot which is owned by t Rostand Jewelers.

6. Review of the Traffic Town Hall June 10, 2026

Pat reviewed the stats and all were very happy to be a part of this event which drew over 30 stakeholders. People vented and were listened to and we got a great article in the CV Weekly.

7. Traffic Pocket Card

Pat picked them up last Monday, and gave some to George. We can hand them out at NNO.

Melissa and Pat got some potential volunteers for us at Pride Day which was well attended.

8. Committee Reports:

a. NW Updates and Sal Venegas stats – Jon – accidents/fatalities

Neighborhood Watch meeting covered residential and commercial burglaries, which have dropped slightly. Tujunga is lowest in Serious crimes in LAPD's Valley Bureau. Sunland is #2 lowest.

b. Outreach to Armenian community using cards for Tree Adoptions – George

George spoke to La Mia Bakery, and they might help.

Stop sign at Elmhurst and Carlynn Pl. He called Ricardo, who said they'll reopen the case!

9. Public Comments - Non agenda items.

Pat received notice of a St. Esteban street improvement that will occur within 365 days.

The Sunland 4th of July parade is going forward and is asking for donations. Permits are pulled and paid for as a result of help from CD7. It will start at 10am. The Grand Marshall is a two-time POW. Senator Menjivar and Monica Rodríguez will be in the parade. Pat cannot attend parade as she will be out of town.

10. July or August meetings - should we go dark?

Pat is considering resigning as head of STAT Committee but, in any case, will go dark in July and August, see how things look in September.

Jon suggested we again run a No Speeding yard sign campaign. It got good reception and does a public service. Jon will pursue it.

There was an upset about a wrong location advertised for the tree watering event, causing Pat to have to correct the notice on social media. Ricardo was also bugged, as his CD7 location was the wrong one posted!

Cindy volunteered to make some 15 certs of appreciation for tree care volunteers with Sunland Printing printing.

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

-Minutes by Jon von Gunten-