

## STNC Special Beautification Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday July 15, 2020

1. Call to order at 5:31 PM
2. General Public comments:
  - a. Roger- Electric weed whacker to agenda
  - b. Nelly- cleaning graffiti off DOT boxes. Marjorie and Nayri to help next Wednesday  
Trees planted in front of the YMCA that are not getting watered  
Gator bag around all the trees, Kathy Roberts offered to find out from LA CC how often they service the gator bags.  
Trees behind Ralphs never watered- not HBT- Nayri reach out to Eve Sinclair to find out more info.
  - c. Marjorie- Finished getting rid of the rest of the brush. On her own she cut the suckers from the crepe myrtle from Mt. Gleason to Whitegate
  - d. Mark- Listening and he is here to determine if he is going to join
  - e. Cindy- more of the DOT boxes having some collaboration with STARC. If there are other locations in community as a contest/outreach opportunity
  - f. Cathy- thank you for inviting me again
  - g. James- Thank you for having me today
3. Discussion/Action- Changing Beautification Meeting standing meeting day from third Wednesday of the month to another day of the month (Marjorie Maxon to lead discussion)
  - a. Marjorie- Wednesday wasn't a problem in the beginning but now community improvement and outreach host their meetings the same evening.
  - b. Cindy- hate to see us change our meeting day and time if we don't have to.
  - c. Nayri- suggested we keep current meeting as is. We keep this agenda item as a reoccurring meeting until we can bring on a board member
4. Discussion/Action- Update on replacement 'Welcome Sign' located at Foothill and Wentworth
  - a. Marjorie- will attend budget and finance meeting. Nayri to send over vendor contact info to Marjorie
  - b. Nayri confirmed that Sandy Capps does have the request for approval of funds as an agenda item and they will be discussing it on the agenda for July 22<sup>nd</sup>
5. Pinewood Elementary School Mural updates (provided by Nayri)
  - a. Nayri provided the back story of the mural since Mark was attending our meeting the first time.
  - b. Nelly- we are at the phase of completing the vignette. James confirmed that we can have access inside the school with the district's facility service request.
  - c. James- will be starting under community of schools. There is a new administrator, her office will be at Pinewood Elementary. All the Sunland-Tujunga schools that are LAUSD will be under the new administrators. Best course of action of when Mike, Gerardo and Mike can get on campus.
  - d. Nelly- will contact Gerardo to get dates. Nayri shared we got some funds approved to spend on beautification and neighborhood council funds
  - e. Nayri- Already sent an email to Gerardo and Mike and asked to commit to some dates to start artwork on the vignette
  - f. Cindy- asked about a timeline to finishing the mural. Nayri shared that the weather plays a big role and shared that it must be done when it is not too hot and before the rain starts so an optimistic goal would be by the end of the year

6. Discussion/Action- Beautification workday at wild flowering annex/welcome garden/Tujung Cemetery
  - a. Nayri thanked everyone for all the volunteer work that has been done
  - b. Roger- Not any immediate work that needs to be done at the wild flowering annex or the welcome garden.
  - c. Nayri- shared since there is no physical work to be done to beautify those areas, suggested that we switch our efforts to supporting Gerardo and Mike to starting the vignette artwork
  - d. Randy- Tentative plan for August 8 with love the neighborhood to cut suckers off myrtles along Foothill. Shared to please let us know if there are bags of things that need to be picked up.
  - e. Nayri- shared that she would just show up at the ralphs parking lot on August 8<sup>th</sup> and work on the trees on Foothill Blvd. Will send Randy an update via text how far she gets.
  - f. Mark- had to run to another meeting. Thank you so much for allowing me to sit in
7. Discussion/Action- watering for Foothill Trees (Hollywood Beautification involvement led by Kathy Roberts from HBT)
  - a. Cathy- haven't had any efforts in getting any funds. During covid had to offer to staff to take time off if they are uncomfortable working in the public. Now with the lack of staff don't know they can offer watering at this time unless they hire someone new
  - b. Nayri- Explained NPG grant process and method of having watering paid for through the NPG funds. The Beautification Committee cannot ask for the funds because we are not the vendor carrying out the service however, offered to write a recommendation letter supporting the watering service. Nayri referred to the email she sent back on June 25<sup>th</sup> with all the information just stated. She will resend that email to Cathy as she may have missed it since she was off that week.
  - c. Cathy- also shared there is another method of having watering which would require placing a tank that can fit on a pick-up truck and water can be filled in it from the welcome garden. Marjorie offered to do this with her husband however that would take a lot of time and effort. Cathy suggested she first start with the NPG grant and go from there so the watering wouldn't fall on one person.
8. Meeting for August set for August 19<sup>th</sup> and this meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM