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Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 16, 2021
Online Meeting Via Zoom 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call at:5:36 pm	
*Carol Hutchinson	Present
Roger Klemm	Present
Nelly LuBoff	Present
Gerardo Barrientos	Present at approx. 6pm
Judy Sutherland	Absent
Marjorie Maxon	Present
Angela Nordhagen	Absent
Steve Black	Absent
Committee Quorum: 3	4 Present at roll call 5 for most of meeting. Meeting quorum met.

Additional Attendees:

Sandy Capps *Cindy Cleghorn * Cheryl Schmidt
 Georgia Brown * Mark Seigel
 Brenda Jalhelka *Leny Freeman * notes current STNC Board Member

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Co-Chair Roger Klemm calls meeting to order. Roll call-- meeting quorum met.
2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items –

Co-Chair Luboff – 1)there is going to be a clean-up of Big Tujunga Canyon Rd. this Saturday, 9AM please come if you can; 2) She was disappointed that after voting for the 311 outreach lawn signs last month, our committee’s board member spoke against the signs at the general board meeting. Co-Chair Klemm reads a letter he received from the group that proposed the lawn signs expressing disappointment at how their matter was treated at the general board meeting, where issues addressed by the Beautification Committee were raised again and new objections were added. They felt their efforts were discounted. They have informed Co-Chair Klemm they will be seeking funding from other sources. Board Member Hutchinson responds she was surprised to see the item listed on the STNC Board meeting agenda. Former Treasurer Capps notes the Finance Committee only votes on the funding aspects, not the design of the sign. Member Maxon notes that this new policy of having every detail worked out in committee is difficult. How can a committee foresee the objections/ opinions of 21 board members before they are expressed? Co-Chair Klemm notes that if there are requirements, the committees should get this information. It was agreed that in the future, if a member has a strong objection to something, they should say so at the meeting, not simply make a comment after voting for



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the item. Board member Freeman thinks a before / after picture would have been better. Brenda Jalhelka thought the signs were gorgeous and liked the artwork.

STNC Board Member Freeman-- suggests the STNC buy/install dumpsters around a couple of places where people dump to keep them from dumping. Co-Chair Luboff suggests he ask Monica Rodriguez for the money.

Member Maxon notes that some of the badges on the Welcome monument sign have been removed. She suggests that maybe the remaining badges should be more evenly spaced if there is no money to replace them. Brenda Jalhelka notes maybe the groups could replace the badges.

Co-Chair Klemm – a pipe broke at the Welcome Nature Garden so as of now it is not working. The City has been notified.

3. Discussion/Action: Approve May 19, 2021 meeting minutes. Co-Chair Luboff moves, Gerardo Barrientos seconds. All present vote yes, minutes approved.
4. Potential work day at Finn Garden. Board Member Hutchinson notes that Rachel Beltran said that the STNC could co-sponsor an event; but the garden is for members only. Board Member Hutchinson offers to help with the event form paperwork. Brenda Jalhelka from the Finn Community Garden is here, she says the garden is open to the public but access was restricted during Covid. Since we are just coming out of that period, she does not know about the City requirements. She is aware the garden needs some attention. The no trespassing signs were posted so the homeless who might camp there could be legally removed. She recalls an event a couple of years ago hosted by STNC Region 2 rep Glen Belt that included a picnic. That event was successful and appreciated. STNC Region 4 rep Cheryl Schmidt loves this idea and could get her Girl Scout troop involved, even if the STNC is not interested.
5. Discussion / Action: Update on Pinewood Mural Project – Member Hutchinson contacted the Dept. of Cultural Affairs, but got no response other than a suggestion to contact artists at the Mc Groarty Arts Center. Co-Chair Luboff – she and Member Barrientos met with the Pinewood Elementary principal, all they need now to start is the insurance. The paperwork for the paint and the insurance is done; the problem is the STNC does not have a credit card. If these items do not get paid for by June 20th, they will have to be re-voted on by the new board. As a practical matter, the deadline may be this Friday since it is the last business day to pay the insurance.
6. Arrangements to hang 311 awareness banners. Georgia Brown notes she requested these banners last February and she did not know they were done. Member Hutchinson thinks they need to be hung on City property and this item is going to be discussed at the Outreach Committee. (Discussion resumed after items 7 and 8) Georgia Brown notes that this item is not on tomorrow's Outreach Committee agenda and suggests this committee choose the spots since it is on their agenda. The committee agrees to hang them at



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Sunland Park and on the DWP property fence near Mt. Gleason and Big Tujunga Canyon Road. Co-Chair Luboff agrees to call DWP and get permission to hang this sign. Co-Chair Klemm does not think this is an item that needs a vote.

7. Discussion/ Action Potential Purchase of Cordless Electric Hedge Trimmer – STNC Board Member Hutchinson notes that at the last meeting it was noted that this tool might not have that many uses. Co-Chair Klemm suggests this request should be dropped.
8. Potential Budget Items – Member Maxon notes she added this item because she remembers last year we submitted a budget to the Finance and Budget Committee. STNC Board Member Hutchinson notes money is probably going to be tight this year if they do not get office space at North Valley City Hall, so maybe the committee can just ask for money as needed. Former Treasurer Capps notes the rollover will be close to \$10,000 and will be \$10,000 if the STNC does not get their credit cards in time. The owl boxes, street banners, and the Pinewood mural are included in the budget. Although Beautification is part of Outreach, they do not have to go through the Outreach committee. Co-Chair Klemm wonders how something like tree trimming would come under outreach. The Welcome Nature Garden is a median that the STNC adopted and they agreed with the City to take care of this garden. These trees need to be trimmed by a professional arborist. Member Barrientos wonders if he has a last minute art supply need for the mural, can he get reimbursed? Former Treasurer Capps says no, only board members can be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses. She also notes that the Beautification Committee can submit budget requests under Community Improvement.
9. Discussion: possible tree planting project in local City Parks -- Co-Chair Klemm notes that Member Maxon spoke to Cathy Roberts about the Cal Fire grant since they both go to Love the Neighborhood's Second Saturday monthly clean ups. (Member Maxon put him in the email loop since he is the one with the training to take advantage of the grant which requires someone with knowledge about tree planting/location in order to request the grant). Since the Hollywood Beautification Team already has a Cal Fire Grant for the trees, the STNC would not be involved. Co-Chair Klemm is interested in planting Oaks in McGroarty Park and some additional trees in Sunland Park. STNC Member Hutchinson says she spoke to the park arborist and he said they don't want to plant oaks in McGroarty because they don't know why they are declining. She suggested Sycamores. Brenda Jalhelka noted that Finn Park could also use some trees to shade the play area.

Next Meeting Date – July 21st at 5:30.

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon