



Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Certified May 27, 2003

P. O. Box 635 • Tujunga, CA 91043 - (818) 951-7411 -- stnc.org

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 18, 2021
Online Meeting Via Zoom 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call at:5:30 pm	
*Carol Hutchinson	Absent
Roger Klemm	Present
Nelly LuBoff	Present
Gerardo Barrientos	Present
Marjorie Maxon	Present
Angela Nordhagen	Present
Steve Black	Absent
	*STNC Board Member
Committee Quorum: 3	5 Present at roll call and entire meeting. Meeting quorum met.

Additional Attendees:

Dave Brown, North Hills West Neighborhood Council
Xiomara Duran, Tree People

Committee Member Judy Sutherland resigned her committee membership this month. The Beautification committee thanks her for her service to this committee and the community.

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 –
Marjorie Maxon – Went to last week’s STNC General Board Meeting and heard a couple of items of interest 1) Craig Durst spoke about his efforts to repair and improve the Verdugo Hills Cemetery in preparation for its April 23, 2022 centennial. The project appears to be going very well. 2) STNC Committee members are invited to this year’s STNC Board Retreat. Some of the subjects of interest to committee members would be how to make committee’s more effective and spending priorities.

Roger Klemm – he has gone to some of the Verdugo Hills Cemetery preservation events and it is looking good. The mausoleum façade has been improved and the Boy Scouts are building a patio.

Member Barrientos -- adds that the Boy Scouts will be selling memorial bricks to raise funds for this project. He will keep the committee updated.

Dave Brown—North Hills West NC – Their NC does tree watering. They use rain barrels they got from the council office to water the trees every two weeks. Would also like to mention three important NC Events: 1) Budget Day, August 21st, 9:30 to 12pm; 2) Congress of Neighborhood Councils, Saturday October 25th; 3) the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance, Meets 4th Saturday of every month 10 am to 12pm. They are working on getting a skeleton emergency plan where NCs can list their assets and hazards when it comes to public safety and easily come up with a bare bones emergency plan. His contact information is: dbrown@NHWNC.net



Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Certified May 27, 2003

P. O. Box 635 • Tujunga, CA 91043 - (818) 951-7411 -- stnc.org

Xiomara Duran – she is the North Valley tree ambassador for the North Valley and can assist communities in picking and planting street trees or adopting fruit or shade trees to plant in your own yard. She plans to come to the watering event. Her contact info. is xduran@treepeople.org

3. Approve July 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes – No corrections noted. Member Barrientos moves, member Nordhagen seconds. All approve except Co-Chair Klemm who abstains because he was absent. Minutes approved.
4. Foothill Street Tree Watering -- (item taken out of order to accommodate guest attendees) Co-Chair Luboff—spoke to Randy at Love the Neighborhood who is offering water to fill containers; she is wondering if anyone has a wagon that could haul water. Co-Chair Klemm notes that he has a trailer that could be used for water containers. Co-Chair Luboff notes that Pat Kramer would like members of the Beautification Committee to water the trees on Foothill from Oro Vista to McVine on both sides of the street. Dave Brown notes what works best for them is to get 4 55 gallon rain barrels like the ones the City gives out, put them empty on the truck, fill them and then drive to the site, park between two trees and then water them using a garden hose. He uses approx. 35 gallons per tree. Member Barrientos wonders if we could get these rain barrels from Eve Sinclair at the council office, Roger Klemm agrees to ask her, if not he has 5 gallon buckets of water with lids. Dave Brown notes that it is a good idea to have safety cones and observers to make sure no driver hits the parked truck; he is also going to reach out to the Mission Hills NC to see if they are willing to come to this event. Member Maxon notes the event is currently scheduled for September 11th 8:30 to 10am.
5. Committee Discussion / Action: Update on Pinewood Mural Project – Member Barrientos attended the recent event in Sunland Park and met with Evelyn Serrano and an amazing group of artists that might be willing to help him with the mural. He is meeting with the group tomorrow. He also notes that they went straight to Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez for the funding. Co-chair Luboff notes the STNC has already allotted money for this project, so the focus should be on getting artists that can help, not additional funding. She also needs to be kept in the loop because she needs to get the insurance before Pinewood School will let anyone set foot on the property. She is in contact with the insurer and is going to change the start date on the insurance for September when hopefully these things should be straightened out.
6. Arrangements to hang 311 awareness banners—Co-Chair Luboff has not had a chance to speak to the Pinewood Elementary School Principal about hanging this on their fence. She will let us know if it is okay.
7. Repair or replacement of DOT boxes. Member Maxon notes she is going to take over cleaning of the boxes since Co-Chair Luboff is busy with the mural. If a committee member sees graffiti on a DOT box email her. Co-chair Luboff noticed that the DOT box at Foothill and Tujunga Canyon Blvd. was replaced. Member Maxon agreed to look to see if the name of the artist was included in the inventory taken a few months ago.
8. Request for funds to trim oaks in the Welcome Garden – Co-Chair Klemm has not gotten estimates, but thinks the cost might be \$800 a tree and four trees need to be trimmed. Member Luboff suggests doing one tree a year to make this funding request more modest given the current STNC budget.

Next Meeting Date – September 15th at 5:30.



Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Certified May 27, 2003

P. O. Box 635 • Tujunga, CA 91043 - (818) 951-7411 -- stnc.org

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon