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Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Online Meeting Via Zoom 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call at:5:35 pm	
*Carol Hutchinson	Present
Roger Klemm	Absent
Nelly Luboff	Present
Gerardo Barrientos	Absent
Marjorie Maxon	Present
Angela Nordhagen	Present
Steve Black	Absent
	*STNC Board Member
Committee Quorum: 3	4 Present at roll call and entire meeting. Meeting quorum met.

Additional Attendees:

*Karen Purdue, *Cindy Cleghorn, *Mark Seigel

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 Luboff calls meeting to order. Roll call-- meeting quorum met. Committee Member Maxon agrees to act as meeting chair.
2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda items –
Co-Chair Luboff—Last Saturday’s tree watering event was very successful. Pat Kramer suggested holding another tree watering event for the trees in Tujunga. Board member Hutchinson thinks this would be fair since the other event was in Sunland. Member Maxon notes the new trees planted in Tujunga still have a 3 year watering contract. Co-Chair Luboff thinks Pat Kramer is talking about the other trees in Tujunga, not the new plantings. No one objects to the Beautification Committee participating in this event.
3. Approve August 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Member Maxon notes that Board Member Hutchinson noticed that Judy Sutherland submitted her resignation, so she would like to amend the minutes to note this resignation. No one objects to the proposed language. Co-Chair Luboff moves to approve the minutes as amended, member Nordhagen seconds. All approve except Board Member Hutchinson who abstains because he was absent. Minutes approved.
4. Committee Discussion / Action: Update on Pinewood Mural Project – Co-Chair Luboff notes that she and members Barrientos and Maxon went to the mural today and measured the wall. He is ready to do the test section of the mural. Once he does this he will have a good estimate of how long the mural will take and how much paint the rest of the mural will require. Member Maxon notes that she spoke to her husband who thinks the small section where rust from a small metal plate is bleeding through the primer needs to be sanded and treated for rust, not just re-painted with primer. Co-Chair Luboff thinks this is a minor problem we will be able to fix. Co-Chair Luboff also notes the school is happy to assist with whatever else is needed. Co-Chair Luboff wonders why the Pinewood Mural is on the Outreach Committee’s agenda. Board VP Outreach Purdue says she is



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just putting the word out that labor is needed. Co-Chair Luboff notes that the artist wants to have control on who works on the mural because it is a complex work of art. Board member Hutchinson notes that she heard the artist mention a specific group at last Saturday's watering event. This is an STNC mural and the Beautification Committee is an STNC committee. Board member Cleghorn notes everyone wants to see the mural completed. The rules are changing it is a huge liability. The STNC Board needs to approve the artists. They want to be involved. Co-Chair Luboff notes that no one was interested in helping her with the paperwork to get the insurance, which covers the liability risk for anyone working on the mural. She is concerned this new found interest is due to the artists that might be helping the lead artist. She also notes the Pinewood Mural has been on the Beautification Committee Meeting agenda every month for years. Board President Grant has not asked her for a report. The STNC already purchased the paint for a small test section; they did this before Covid restrictions put the project on hold. Member Maxon expresses concern that denying a local resident and stakeholder an opportunity to work on the mural only because of her political views could get the STNC in trouble. Board member Purdue repeats that the Outreach committee only wants to help, only a call for artists. Board member Rowe is also involved with a group of artists. Co-Chair Luboff is only concerned that the volunteers be qualified artists. This mural is large and will need a lot of help once the small test section is done. Board member Seigel notes this project has been going on for years and this project seems like it is different, the Board needs to see the artwork. Co-Chair Luboff notes she has been involved since the beginning when she and former committee chair Nayri Vartanian met with the former Pinewood principal and Monica Rodriguez' local deputy Eve Sinclair, it has never changed. Member Maxon notes she remembers a board meeting where the last board was shown the artwork, she thinks the meeting was at the Sunland Rec Center. Co-Chair Luboff notes there was also outreach to the neighbors and to parents at the school where they could see the mural. Board member Cleghorn notes she wants committees to work together and does not want anyone left out. Co-Chair Luboff notes she is 100% in favor of cooperation, she just thinks since she has worked so long and hard on this project she should be informed before it goes on another committee's agenda.

5. Repair or replacement of DOT boxes. Member Maxon notes that these boxes are subject to removal and junking if a signal is upgraded or repaired. They are pre-wired and not repairable or transferable. Co-Chair Luboff wants this item to be delayed to far in the future. Board member Cleghorn would like other potential locations selected and discussed maybe 5 months in the future. Member Maxon expresses frustration that this tiny committee seems to be tasked with many projects and receives little support from the rest of the STNC Board. Board member Seigel notes the committee's work is supported and appreciated. Member Maxon notes she appreciates the time and work of the STNC Board.
6. Request for funds to trim oaks in the Welcome Garden – continued until next meeting since Co-chair Klemm is getting the estimates and he could not attend

Next Meeting Date – October 20, 2021 at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Minutes by Marjorie Maxon