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Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 12, 2021
7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order, Welcome** - 7:06 PM by President Lydia Grant.
 - a. Upcoming Dates: Homeless Count - January 25-27 - Sign up here: https://www.theycountwillyou.org/tujunga_count_20220125
 - b. Volunteers needed for STNC storage inventory contact Karen Perdue
 - c. Board / Committee training January 16 @ 2 p.m.
 - d. Completion of Anti-Bias training by board members.
 - e. STNC received two PRA requests from stakeholders.

2. **Roll Call, Voting Eligibility** - 14 present, quorum met

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Lallah Rowe	Present	Yes	1st Vice President-CIGA
Karen Perdue	Present	Yes	2nd Vice President - Outreach
Ed Babakhanian	Present	Yes	Treasurer
Carol Hutchinson	Present	Yes	Secretary
Mark Seigel	Present	Yes	At-Large Group Representative
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Representative
K.T. Travers	Present	Not on funding	Region 1 Representative
Trevor Schmidt	Present	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Claire Gordon	Present	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Cheryl Schmidt	Present	Yes	Region 4 Representative
Belinda Woodruff	Present	Not on funding	Region 4 Representative
Stakeholder Group Rep	Vacant		
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	STSERVS
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	STSH Community Fund
Chris Rowe	Present	Yes	Toastmasters
Shirley Kim	Present at 7:25	Yes	Shekinah Church
Michelle Wadler	Present	Yes	Apperson PTA
Stakeholder Group Rep	Vacant		
Quorum: 11 18 present at roll call			

3. Pledge of Allegiance - led by President Grant

4. Presentations

a. Presentation by Kelly Gonez, LAUSD Board President

Kelly Gonez stated that all LAUSD students and teachers would have to test once a week before coming to school and that there was universal masking in and outdoors. She discussed the Superintendent search, stating that Humberto Carvalho had been selected and she discussed the 2022 art contest.

- Ronan Pestes stated that parents were not getting their questions answered by school board members.
- A stakeholder asked why PCR tests were being used. Ms. Gonez stated that LAUSD followed guidelines from public health authorities.
- Ms. Schmidt asked about students being vaccinated without parental consent, stated her opposition to vaccine mandates, and asked about critical race theory (CRT) being taught at LAUSD schools. Ms. Gonez stated that parental consent was required and that CRT was not a pedagogy at K-12 schools.
- Ms. Cleghorn asked about students not being able to take tests. Ms. Gonez stated that if tests had been done outside of LAUSD it had sometimes led to technical issues.
- Mr. Schmidt asked if informed consent was required for vaccine mandates. Ms. Gonez stated that informed consent was required for all students under 18 years of age and that she supported vaccine mandates for school personnel.
- Chairwoman Grant stated that LAUSD had not provided an antigen test when she had requested one. Ms. Gonez stated that there had been supply problems with antigen tests.

b. **Certificate to Matt Walker** - Ms. Schmidt introduced the item, reading the certificate and describing his clean-up work.

5. Comments by Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, City Departments

LAPD Captain Johnny Smith spoke about an incident involving a plane that had crash landed on train tracks and a rescue of the people on board by Sgt. Joseph Cavestany, Officers Christopher Aboyte, Damien Castro, and Robert Sherock. **Officer Christopher Aboyte** described the incident from his point of view, stating that he and his fellow officers pulled the pilot out of the plane before a train collided with it.

Captain Smith stated that Foothill officers had confiscated more illegal firearms than any other division in the department. He stated that SLOs Caloca and Contreras would likely be moved out of the division.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Contreras stated that the move was unexpected and that he was proud of the work he did in the area. Chairwoman Grant and Captain Smith thanked SLO Contreras for his service to the community.

Mark Ross, Neighborhood Prosecutor from the City Attorney's office, spoke about a transient who had repeatedly trespassed in the area and several RVs that may be tapping into the City streetlights. He gave his email as mark.ross@lacity.org.

Declan Floyd stated that Sen. Portantino stated that the Senator had written an education bill.

Jason Maruca, from Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office stated that the Supervisor had caught COVID-19 and that it appears that many positive COVID tests at hospitals were performed on patients admitted for other ailments. He stated that Sunland-Tujunga will remain in the 5th District and that the Supervisor agreed with Ms. Cleghorn that illegal testing sites needed to be addressed.

Michelle Vergara, East Valley Area Rep. from the Mayor's office, stated that the City had transferred all of its testing sites to the County. She stated that there were 13 testing sites at which residents could take home free tests and that Metro seven, fifteen, and thirty day passes would be half price. She stated that the homeless count would be January 25th, 8-11 PM in the area and that six out of a possible 80 volunteers had registered. [Note date changed to Feb. 22]

Eve Sinclair from Councilwoman Rodriguez office stated that North Valley City Hall and Hansen Dam have COVID testing sites and that two speed feedback signs had been placed on Foothill Blvd. She gave updates on increased street lighting, RV parking restrictions, and that there had been a clean up on Commerce.

Vanessa Serrano, from DONE, discussed upcoming funding training and workshops. She stated that a workshop would be held on January 20th from 6 - 7:30 PM. She stated that DONE had released a post-election outreach report and that DONE had hired new neighborhood advocates.

6. Report from The Land Use Committee: Discussion/Possible Action to support /not support 46 unit apartment development at Plainview & Foothill (former Denny's site)

7. Committee & Liaison Reports (see last page for meeting and committee member information)

- a. STAT
- b. STARC
- c. Community Improvement
- d. Outreach - Ms. Perdue gave a report
- e. Youth & Adult Education
 - Ms. Rowe gave an update on the latest meeting and stated that a town hall would be held on January 23rd.
- f. Beautification - Update on Pinewood Mural
 - Gerardo discussed the latest meeting.
- g. Liaison Reports: LANCC / VANC /Budget Advocates /Other
- h. Other

OLD BUSINESS

8. Announcement of vacant board seats.

Ms. Cleghorn stated that two Stakeholder Group Representative seats are vacant. Details available on stnc.org

9. Discussion/Action: MOTION To oppose and submit a Community Impact Statement that STNC opposes the closure of Whiteman Airport 21-0002-S13

- Chairwoman Grant stated that this would not be voted on tonight as there had been no opposing viewpoints presented.
- Public Comments: Teo Reyes, Judith Quinones, Felipe Escobar, Brandon Gallardo-Arias. Lisa Fusano.

10. Discussion/Action: Motion to oppose the newest version of the BONC/EmpowerLA Digital Media Policy for Neighborhood Councils and submit STNC position / Community Impact Statement. ● Department Digital Communications Report 10.18.21 ● Unmarked Policy Draft: 10.14.21 Draft ● Department Digital Communications Policy Supporting Materials: <http://tiny.cc/DigitalCommsPolicyReport> ● Community Impact Statements - <https://empowerla.org/commission/community-impact-statements/>

- No Action Taken at this meeting

11. Discussion/Action: Motion to oppose the newest version of the BONC/EmpowerLA Code of Conduct Policy 3 for Neighborhood Councils and submit STNC position / Community Impact Statement • General Manager Report ([https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/GM-Memo-to-Commission-re_Code-of-Conduct-P o licy.pdf](https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/GM-Memo-to-Commission-re_Code-of-Conduct-Policy.pdf)) • Code of Conduct Policy Supporting Materials <http://tiny.cc/CodeConduct2021> • Community Impact Statements - <https://empowerla.org/commission/community-impact-statements/>
 •No Action Taken at this meeting

NEW BUSINESS

12. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. Any Board member or stakeholder may request that an item be removed. There will be no discussion of these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will go to the end of New Business and be considered as time allows. MOTION: The STNC Board approves the consent calendar:

A. Discussion/ Motion to approve the December 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report and Balances (MER) Chairwoman Grant tabled the item.

B. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve payment to Lloyd Staffing in the amount of \$111.80 for time keeping (funding is approved and set aside, only approve this expense)

C. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve appropriated funding to Land Use Committee up to \$100 in postage for mailing of notice of proposed building to all residents within 300 ft of the old Tujunga Denny’s location.

D. Discussion/Motion to approve the December 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Public comments- None

Item 12d. Motion (Hutchinson/L.Rowe) as amended					
Motion: Cleghorn 2 nd : L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, Babakhanian, von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, C. Schmidt, Travers, Gordon, Wadler, Woodruff 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent, 0 ineligible motion passed					Kim

Ms. Kim left at 10:15.

E. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve letter to L.A. City and County Cultural Affairs regarding support for opening and outdoor classes at McGroarty Art Center.

1. Public Comments: None

Items 12 B. C. E. Motion to approve consent calendar items					
Motion: Cindy Second: Karen					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, Babakhanian, von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, C. Schmidt, Gordon, Wadler 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent, 2 ineligible motion passed		Travers Woodruff			

13. Discussion/Action: Motion that STNC board confirms members of the Ad-Hoc Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee to include: Bill Skiles & Sandy Capps co-chairs, Claire Gordon, Lydia Grant, Evelyn Serrano, Cindy Cleghorn. Co-chairs will set the meeting agendas, calendar of meetings, post their agendas at physical posting

site, submit agendas and minutes to the secretary for website and posting requirements, the same Zoom link will be used for each committee meeting. Task is: to complete update to STNC Standing Rules for board approval, tentatively at the March STNC board meeting.

Public Comments: None

Item 13. Motion (Hutchinson/Perdue) to approve members individually.					
Motion: Hutchinson 2 nd : Perdue					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, , Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, Moran, , von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, C. Schmidt, Woodruff T Schmidt, Kim 13 yes, 5 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible motion passed	L. Rowe, Babakhani an, Wadler, C. Rowe, Gordon	Travers			

Item 13. Motion Bill Skiles					
Motion: Cleghorn 2 nd : L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, T. Schmidt, Gordon, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C Schmidt, Wadler, Kim, C Rowe, Royal, Cleghorn, Siegal 19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible motion passed					

Item 13. Motion Sandy Capps					
Motion: Cleghorn 2 nd : L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, Babakhanian, von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, C. Schmidt, Wadler, Gordon, Travers, Woodruff, Kim, T Schmidt 19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible motion passed					

Item 13. Motion Claire Gordon					
Motion: Cleghorn 2 nd : L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, Babakhanian, von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, C. Schmidt, Wadler, Gordon, Travers, Kim, T Schmidt, Woodruff 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible motion passed					

Item 13. Motion Lydia Grant					
Motion: Cleghorn 2 nd : L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent

Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, Babakhanian, von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, C. Schmidt, Wadler, Gordon, Travers, Woodruff, Kim, T Schmidt 19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible motion passed					
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Item 13. Motion Evelyn Serrano					
Motion: Cleghorn 2 nd : L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
L. Rowe, C. Rowe, Babakhanian, Wadler, Gordon, Travers, Kim 7 yes, 8 no, 4 abstain, 0 ineligible motion failed	Grant, Perdue, Hutchinson, Freeman, T. Schmidt, von Gunten, C. Schmidt, Royal		Moran, Woodruff. Cleghorn. Seigel		

Item 13. Motion: Cindy Cleghorn					
Motion: Cleghorn 2 nd : L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, Babakhanian, von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, C. Schmidt, Wadler, Gordon, Travers, T Schmidt, Kim, Woodruff 19yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible motion passed					

Item 13. Motion to add Mr. Seigel					
Motion: Royal 2 nd : C. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, Babakhanian, von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, C. Schmidt, Woodruff, Gordon, Wadler, Travers, Kim, T. Schmidt 18 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 0 ineligible motion passed			Grant		

14. Council Files and Additional Board Actions Updates

No updates

15. PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System a. Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS) b. NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statements c. NC Alliances, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities

16. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - One minute per speaker unless otherwise announced by the presiding officer – Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items, issues, announcements within the jurisdiction of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. The Brown Act

prevents the Board from commenting on your comments. If you wish to speak, either raise your hand (on computer or tablet) or dial *9 (on your cell phone).

Public Comments: None

17. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & BOARD COMMENTS

- Comments by: Ms. Gordon, Mr Siegal, Ms Travers, Ms Rowe, Ms Hutchinson

18. ADJOURN - 10:25 PM.

Representatives of LAPD, Local, City, County, State, Federal

Foothill LAPD Commanding Officer/Captain Johnny Smith 818-756-8861 - 30339@lapd.lacity.org

Foothill Community Sgt. Jesse Ojeda - 818-756-8866 - 33272@lapd.online

SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS - TUJUNGA SLO: Gloria Caloca: 818-634-0754; 35755@lapd.lacity.org

SUNLAND SLO: Cesar Contreras: 818-634-0705; 36373@lapd.lacity.org

CD7- Monica Rodriguez –Eve Sinclair 818-352-3287 - Area Director Eve.Sinclair@lacity.org

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CD7 Planning Deputy Dominick Ortiz dominick.ortiz@lacity.org & Anissa Raja anissa.raja@lacity.org

LA Mayor Garcetti–Caroline Menjivar, East Valley Rep - 818-659-2334 Caroline.Menjivar@lacity.org

LA City Attorney Mike Feuer – Neighborhood Prosecutor Mark Ross 213-978-8100 — mark.ross@lacity.org

LA City Controller Ron Galperin - 213-978-7200 - controller@lacity.org

LAUSD Kelly Gonez (District 6) – Michael Menjivar 213-241-6388 michael.menjivar@lausd.net

Congressman Adam Schiff (District 26) (818) 450-2900 Theresa.lamb.simpson@mail.house.gov

LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger 818-993-5170-Jason Maruca, Asst. Field Deputy: JMaruca@bos.lacounty.gov

CA State Senator Anthony Portantino (District 25) - 818-409-0400 vickere.murphy@sen.ca.gov

CA Assembly Member Luz Rivas (Dist.39) Arturo Garcia 818-504-3911 arturo.garcia-mendoza@asm.ca.gov

Sunland-Tujunga Library - Ardem Tajerian, Senior Librarian - 818-352-4481 - tajerian@lapl.org

LADWP - Christina Holland, Community Affairs, (213) 367-1076, christina.holland@ladwp.org

Friendship Line for Aging Adults - Call anytime 24/7 1-888-670-1360

GANGS-DRUGS: Frank Kryshak, email: 27701@lapd.online (Gang Enforcement Detail)

NARCOTICS, Det. Travis Coyle, 818-834-3136; 33128@lapd.lacity.org

TRAFFIC ISSUES: Officer Joel Flores 818-644-8142 - Valley Traffic

BONC Commissioner - Quyen Vo-Ramirez, North Valley Commissioner - quyen.vo-ramirez@lacity.org

Mission College – Dean Madeline Hernandez - (818) 875-4036

Sunland Elementary School – Principal John Graham - Jmg8758@lausd.net (818) 353-1631

Sunland-Tujunga Community of Schools - Carmina Nacorda, COS Admin - (818) 252-5400 -

SunlandTujungaCoS@lausd.net

Apperson Street School – Principal Rene Chavez 818-353-5544 - 10233 Woodward, Sunland

Diana Gutierrez, Greater L.A. County Vector Control District 562-944-9656 dgutierrez@glacvcd.org

STNC Committees

[all Committee Meetings held via Zoom]

- a. Beautification – Roger Klemm/Nelly Luboff (co-chairs) 3rd Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM
- b. Budget & Finance – Ed Babakhanian - 4th Wednesday @ 6:00 PM
- c. Neighborhood Watch – Jim Spishak - meetings via LAPD Zoom
- d. Land Use – Pati Potter - 1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:00 PM
- e. Community Improvement-Government Affairs - 3rd Thursdays @ 10:00 AM
- f. Elections Committee (ad-hoc) - Various dates - check calendar at stnc.org
- g. Outreach - 3rd Thursdays @ 7:00 PM
- h. STAT - Safe Traffic & Transportation Committee - Pat Kramer - 4th Tuesdays @ 6:00 PM
- j. STARC – Arts, Culture & Recreation Committee - Joe De Cenzo - 4th Tuesdays April 27 @ 7:30 PM
- k. Executive Committee – Lydia Grant - 4th Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM via Zoom

Community Impact Statement Submitters

Jon von Gunten

Carol Hutchinson

Karen Perdue

Shirley Kim

Claire Gordon

STNC Bank Card Holder

Ed Babakhanian, STNC Treasurer

Carol Hutchinson 2nd Card Holder

STNC Second Signer

Cindy Cleghorn

Carol Hutchinson, Alternate

STNC Committee Members reaffirmed by the STNC Board:

STAT Committee: Chair Pat Kramer, Co-Chair Jon von Gunten* Committee Members: Gerald Sherman, George Arakel, Levon Parian, Barbara Rowe, and Roger Swart.

STARC: Chair Joe DeCenzo, Kresse Armour, Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Scott Froschauer, Dawn Jenkins, Eric Santiestevan, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein, and Michelle Wadler*

Beautification Committee: Co-Chair Roger Klemm, Co-Chair Nelly Luboff, Carol Hutchinson*, Gerardo Barrientos, Judy Sutherland, Marjorie Maxon, Angela Nordhagen, and Steve Black

Land Use Committee: Chair Pati Potter, Bill Skiles, Debby Beck, Richard Marshalian, Cindy Cleghorn*, Nina Royal*, Liliana Sanchez, Vartan Keshish, Betty Markowitz, Berj Zadoian, Cathi Comras, John Laue, Arsen Karamians, and Stephanie Mines

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