

## STAT Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2022!

1. **Call to Order:** STAT Chairperson Pat Kramer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call: A quorum was established with Pat Kramer – Chair, Jon von Gunten – Cochair, Gerry Sherman, (left at 6:50 p.m.), George Arakel, Leny Freeman, Roger Swart, Glenn Klatte, and Barbara Rowe). Also attending were: Candace Laughlin, Gail Adams, Bart Trevino and Tomas Robles of the San Fernando Valley Partnership and an unidentified visitor.
2. **Vision and Purpose:** Pat stated the purpose of the committee: to optimize traffic/transportation safety and other factors, primarily along Foothill but also feeder streets.
3. **CD&, LADOT and LAPD:** No one from any government agency attended but Pat heard from a stakeholder who invited CD7's Eve Sinclair to our STAT meeting that she never attends committee meetings. Eve also did not respond to Roger's notice about the two trees that were mowed down by a motorist recently on Foothill Boulevard.

Pat referenced a Facebook post from a stakeholder that said there was allegedly a fatality on Wentworth in Shadow Hills. Social media showed a horrific photo, but we could not get any date from LAPD's Joel Flores on the facts.

Roger shared a report from the VP of C-PAB, Phil Tabbi, that 5 of our 11 LAPD Foothill Division cars have been reserved by our Councilmember for her Fourth of July drone show, a complete dilution of neighborhood patrol safety on a critical night.

Regarding the Slow Down signs, Pat gave out 16 of the 21 recently-found NO SPEEDING signs left in the storage area. She has a few more people who have asked for them. George said he would take any leftovers and try to get his neighbors to post them on Elmhurst. There was discussion about whether there was a need to reprint the signs. Agreement was reached that we don't have enough requests at this time. However, if we do, we might consider redesigning the messaging with larger letters and less language. While Pat acknowledged that our guest, Aaron Schwartzbart, previously said the signs won't impinge on the crazies who speed, it is likely our signs empower our residents with messaging about LAPD.

Jon brought up Karen Moran's concern about red curbs now faded to pink which need repainting. Roger offered to request Eve Sinclair get a work order going to repaint the curbs. Jerry said there are pink/red curbs in his neighborhood. Leny suggested we call Street Services, the responsible agency. Jon will forward Karen's info to Roger.

There was also discussion about a Facebook post asking whether bollards were being removed. No one knew anything about this.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Pat read the May 2022 STAT meeting minutes: (Roger/Leny) moved that the minutes be approved. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Public Comments** – Gail Adams spoke about the June tree watering event which she attended.

6. **SFVP Update:** Bart Trevino expressed gratitude for STAT's approval of his two letters to liquor store owners stating that alcohol abuse affects everyone in the community. San Fernando Valley Partnership's (SFVP) **Alcohol Delivery Project** puts the focus on alcohol *deliverers* to verify buyers IDs when they deliver to homes. Four local stores are participating by pushing their delivery carriers to carefully inspect for correct age. SFVP is working with Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) in this effort and showed ABC's video. The project is expanding.

Tomás Robles is SFVP's project manager for preventing pharmaceuticals falling into wrong hands by placing a pop-up drug-collection box in pharmacies. MedEx and Miracles pharmacies are participating. Some want a safe disposal capability. Sunland Pharmacy has a pop-up. Robles offers more pop-ups as local pharms allow. [www.LetsMakeADifference.org](http://www.LetsMakeADifference.org) provides pop-ups; check site for locations.

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7. **Review of Tree Care Day on June 11, 2022:** The 11 June tree care event rehabbed 70 trees with 30 volunteers. Several members have done more on weekly outings. At one location, Pat and George, who were working in the evening on Foothill Boulevard, received substantial hands-on assistance from a helpful homeless person. Also, the owner of Mi Tierra bar offered to remove bricks and water the tree in front of his business.

Pat reported that STNC spent \$250 for more fertilizer and another \$100 for refreshments for our event. We were able to sign up more volunteers from this one event going forward.

8. **Committee Reports:**

George mentioned an accident occurring this day with injuries at 9650 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. & Tujunga Canyon Place. Elmhurst slides right into Tujunga Canyon Blvd. at that point so it is easy to speed onto TCB. George says that Elmhurst badly NEEEDS a stop sign. He has repeatedly been put on hold by Street Services.

9. Schedule Next Meeting: July 26, 2022.

10. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:36PM.

-Minutes by Jon von Gunten/Pat Kramer-