

STAT Committee Meeting, 7/26/2022

- 1. Call to Order:** STAT Chairperson Pat Kramer called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Roll Call: A quorum was established with Pat Kramer – Chair, George Arakel, Leny Freeman, Glenn Klatte, and Barbara Rowe. Jon von Gunten, co chair, joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.. Also attending were: Natalie Terrell, a stakeholder, Cindy Cleghorn, STNC board member, 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. CHAIR REPORT:** Pat reported that Mary MacAdam is our new CD7 deputy following Eve Sinclair's resignation. She told Pat that she couldn't attend this meeting but hoped to attend our next. Pat posted Councilmember Rodriguez's endorsement of tree care on our STAT Facebook page which we interpret as an indirect endorsement our tree-watering efforts and recruitment. LAPD Officer Diana Figuerora has also come on board as our new Sunland Senior Lead Officer but Jon noted she was unprepared at the monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Carol Hutchinson, STNC Secretary, has requested names of LAPD for National Night Out certificates for Tuesday, August 2, 6–9pm at Bolton Hall. Pat will not be in attendance due to being out of town. She asked that STAT members see if we still have any postcards and stickers to hand out. She asked Jon to bring our large standards signage. Jon will give out the LAPD certificates with Lydia. We will be setting up a booth and all STAT members who can attend should be there to show what our committee does and ask for involvement from the public. We spoke further about planning for NNO,

Jon gave a Neighborhood Watch report citing the death of a dangerous homeless man named James. Also, the alleged bear-spray assailant turned himself in at Foothill Station, per prearrangement by his attorney.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pat noted that Mercedes Castillo had asked about stats on dangerous streets. Since she was not in attendance, we did not discuss this further. Also, David Lucash, a volunteer, suggested we see if LAFD will help us with water for future tree care events.
- 5. TREE ADOPTION EVENT** - Natalie Terrell, a volunteer at our weekly tree care events, offered to help with putting together a tree adoption event for parents of school age kids. She is well connected and says this would be an excellent way to involved the public and get the trees ongoing care. We discussed ways to sign up local merchants and organizations to water specific trees. Pat will share a map that was created by TreePeople showing the locations of all the trees on Foothill Boulevard. We will hold out next Tree Watering Event on August 27, 2022, starting earlier at 7:30 a.m. due to the heat. Pat is scouting a location, possibly Vons or Ralphs. Cindy said that STNC has a free Canva (<https://www.canva.com/>) software graphics account that we could use. Leny suggested we use www.Zimas.lacity.org maps as a starting point using screen-grabs, etc. Building and Safety use it. Jon suggested a simple Word Excel spreadsheet would be faster to implement and be more understandable to volunteers. Pat and

Natalie will discuss further. Additionally, we would create a letter to be sent to store owners and other stakeholders to get their involvement.

6. **DISCUSSION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JUNE 2022.** Tabled to the next meeting.
7. **INTRODUCTION OF DEDE MUELLER AND HARRY LEON, CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL.** Pat spoke about meeting the leadership of the Crescenta Valley Town Council and how they would like to work with our committee on a safe traffic plan. Neither attended this meeting though. Mark Dutton attended the Crescenta Valley Town Council Town Hall on Traffic Safety and said there was high mutual cooperation among Sheriffs and their Council. Sheriffs are not geographically limited and will ticket a traffic offense wherever they see one. Same with CHP. Pat invited STAT members to attend the Crescenta Valley Town Council meeting with her at La Crescenta Library, Thursday, 18 August at 7:00pm.
8. **TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES: STATE ASSEMBLY:** Pat attended a meeting the Sierra Club put together with the deputy for Assemblymember Laura Friedman. She shared different transportation initiatives that we should follow up on.
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Here are some of the highlights:
 - AB 2438 would fund sustainable projects and include climate goals.
 - AB 2746 would suspend driving privileges for problem drivers.
 - AB 1919 gives students free rides on Metro
 - AB 23 makes it easier and faster for communities set own speed limits.
 - Aug 11, their Town Hall re Water Conservation.
9. **DISCUSSION: MOTION: TO UPDATE OUR ORIGINAL LETTER OF MAY 28, 2019 (SIGNED BY LILIANA SANCHEZ) ASKING FOR FUNDING FROM CD7 FOR AN ADDITIONAL VALLEY TRAFFIC OFFICER:** After discussion, (Pat/Jon) moved that our 2019 letter requesting \$80K to LAPD Valley Traffic for another motorcycle traffic officer. The funds can come, at least partially, from CD7's Discretionary Funds account. The letter would need to be approved by the STNC board and sent to CD7, Councilperson Monica Rodriguez, Foothill Division Captain Neiman, and anyone else who would help us. The motion passed unanimously.
10. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS:** Pat gave updates on STAT issues (including Gerry Sherman's resignation, what would become of his billboard campaign idea, and Leny Freeman's report on water barrier removals. We discussed where we stand on supplies, new volunteers, new contact with S-T Chamber of Commerce. Pat suggests we continue to speak with business owners about using their dumpsters for trash and other debris. Pat noted that Stephanie Mines at the S-T Chamber has been helpful in inviting our crews to use their water and has paid for refreshments on her own accord. She is trying to bring harmony to warring Chamber members. George Arakel did a quick study re a stop sign in his neighborhood. Bolted one of our NO SPEEDING signs to a standard, and it's still there. Collected 2-3 others that had blown away.
11. **Schedule Next Meeting: August 23, 2022**
10. **Meeting Adjourned** at 7.41 p.m. Minutes by Jon von Gunten/Pat Kramer