

DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC) * SPECIAL * MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, March 14, 2007 – 6:30 -7:55 PM
Mt. Gleason Middle School
10965 Mt. Gleason Avenue - Sunland

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1. Call to Order – Victor Castro, IV, DAC Chairman
2. Update re: 8040 Foothill Blvd. (former K-Mart site). Proposed Home Depot in Sunland has been declared a "project" by the Department of City Planning's Zoning Administrator.
3. Adjourn to STNC Elections Candidates Forum

STNC ELECTIONS CANDIDATES FORUM AGENDA
Wednesday, March 14, 2007 – 7:00-8:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Marti Marshall, Elections Chair
2. Candidate Q&A Elections Forum
3. Adjourn to STNC Monthly Board Meeting

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, March 14, 2007 – 8:00 PM

****Time limits may take more or less time and are shown as a guide only.**
Order of items on this agenda may be changed by the chairperson**

8:00 PM Call to Order – Cindy Cleghorn, Chairperson

Introduction of STNC Board, Elected Officials, City staff, LAPD Sr. Leads, DONE rep, Handouts and notices, speaker cards, timer

8:05 PM Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items - 10 minutes

8:10 PM – Item #1 – Discussion/Action related to annual 4th of July Fireworks event (see copy on attached sheet).

8:20 PM – Item #2 – Discussion/Action regarding Neighborhood Councils able to appeal development approvals (see copy on attached sheet).

8:25PM – Item #3 – Discussion / Action to approve recommendations of the Design Advisory Committee (see attached sheet).

8:35 PM – Item #4 – Discussion / Action to approve resolution that STNC supports proposed changes to the NC's-DWP Memorandum of Understanding.

8:40 PM – Item #5 - Discussion / Action regarding Council File #06-2444 regarding addition of field mobile computer technology.

8:50 PM – Item #6 – Discussion / Action regarding support to Mt. Gleason Middle School to reduce class sizes

8:55 PM – Item #7 – Discussion / Action regarding support of Mt. Gleason Middle School's Habitat H2O Science trip in June 2007 including up to \$2,000 for promotion expenses and \$250 for booth expenses at the 2007 Easter Carnival to be held at Sunland Park.

9:00 PM – Item #8 – Discussion / Action regarding support of Sylmar NC, Mission Hills NC and SEIU United Healthcare Workers – West that an EIR be required prior to approving the expansion of Providence Holy Cross Medical Center.

9:05 PM Executive Committee Reports/Discussion/Action

Treasurer – Approve report as presented.

Approval of minutes

9:10 PM Adjourn

Next STNC Meeting – Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Next Meeting of the Neighborhood Council Review Commission (912 Commission) is March 20. Visit the web site at www.ncrcla.org - Stakeholders may submit comments to the commission via the web site.

Current and past board members' survey in progress. Contact Dr. Gregory Robinson at grobinson@fullerton.edu. He will reply with a link to the online survey.

STNC Elections – Monday, March 19, 2007 4-8 p.m. at North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
www.stnc.org

Attachment For March 14, 2007
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Agenda

Item #1

Outreach Motion 1: That the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council agrees and approves STNC activities to assist the community, through partnership with the Verdugo Hills High School Boosters, in organizing and executing 4th of July fireworks event at Verdugo Hills High School on July 4, 2007. Any financial commitments will be submitted for approval through separate motions.

Outreach Motion 2 (contingent on approval of Outreach Motion 1): That the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council approves the creation of an ad hoc committee to investigate, recommend, and coordinate STNC efforts to assist the community with the 2007 Fourth of July fireworks event at Verdugo Hills High School through coordinated effort with the Verdugo Hills High School Boosters. If approved, the Fourth of July Committee will investigate involvement opportunities, make recommendations to the STNC board and work in conjunction with the standing Outreach Committee to coordinate approved efforts in this regard. The committee will deliver a final report on its activities at the STNC General Meeting on July 11, 2007. At that time the committee will have completed its task and will be duly disbanded.

Outreach Motion 3 (contingent on approval of Outreach Motions 1 and 2): That the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council approve the appointment of Victor Castro and Dan McManus as co-chairs of the ad hoc Fourth of July Committee.

Outreach Motion 4 (contingent on approval of Outreach Motions 1, 2, and 3): That the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council approve the submission of the motion detailed below to the Wendy Greuel's Council District 2 office for submission and approval by the Los Angeles City Council to allow creation of a citywide event status for the 4th of July fireworks event at Verdugo Hills High School on July 4, 2007.

CD 2 MOTION (GREUEL) relative to Fourth of July Community Event to be held at Verdugo Hills High School in Tujunga on July 4, 2007. Recommendations for Council action: 1. APPROVE the Fourth of July Community Event to be held at Verdugo Hills High School in Tujunga on July 4, 2007, as a "City of Los Angeles Event."

Item #2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL APPEAL RIGHTS

Whereas:

Currently, Neighborhood Councils lack the legal right to appeal discretionary development approvals such as tentative tract map decisions, variances, and conditional use permits. As currently written, the appeals rights provisions of the Municipal Code undermine the important role that Neighborhood Council's play in the development process.

Whereas:

The City Attorney has taken the position that Neighborhood Councils cannot appeal because they are part of the City structure. However, the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) allows

city officials, including the Mayor, City Council members, as well as the Advisory Agency (Planning Department) to appeal tentative tract maps, an entitlement needed for larger condominium projects. Virtually all development entitlements may be appealed through the administrative process by any *interested or aggrieved parties* - which includes individuals, businesses, homeowner associations and in some instances, City officials. Neighborhood Councils are unfairly excluded from this broad class of potential appellants.

Therefore:

The THE SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL hereby requests that Councilmember WENDY GREUEL, COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 initiate ***appropriate amendments to the LAMC* that would grant Neighborhood Councils the right to appeal development decisions***, such as requests for tentative tract maps, variances, and conditional use permits.

****The following LAMC Sections need to be amended:***

- o Tentative Tract Maps: Amend LAMC Sections 17.06 A.3 and 17.06 A.4.
- o Parcel Maps: Amend Section 17.54 A.
- o Conditional Use Permits: Amend Sections 12.24 I and 12.24 M.2.
- o Variances: Amend Sections 12.27 H and 12.27 O.

The SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL further requests that CINDY CLEGHORN, CHAIRPERSON draft a letter to Councilmember WENDY GREUEL, COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 explaining the SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL'S position on this matter.

Item #3 – DAC Recommendations

From 1/22/07 DAC meeting:

RE: 8556 Foothill - DAC supports this project with the use of rustic terra cotta stone materials.

From 2/5/07 DAC meeting:

RE: 8737 Fenwick – Mario’s Sterlings – include realistic traffic count and thorough environmental review.

RE: 8040 Foothill – proposed Home Depot – letter to Councilmember Wendy Greuel regarding Mr. Bookbinder’s safety concerns.

RE: 9401 Foothill – Angeles National Golf Course – letter to Wendy Greuel regarding ANGC conditions not met.

From 2/12/07 DAC meeting:

RE: 9401 Foothill – Angeles National Golf Course – letter to Building & Safety Commission regarding AGNC conditions not met.

From 2/26/07 DAC meeting:

1. 10637 Mt. Gleason – letter supporting neighbors concerns
2. 10639 Wilsey - FAR/ICO hardship exemption for 94 sq. ft. - support
3. 7751 Beckett - FAR/ICO hardship exemption for not including garage in FAR calculation - support
4. 10024 Commerce - support for on sale only beer and wine license - support

From 3/5/07 DAC Meeting:

RE: 7070 St. Estaban – letter to Dept. Building and Safety regarding haul route.

Item #4

The SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL supports the proposed modifications to the NC-DWP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

1. Increase notification time from 90 to 120 days for multi-year rate actions
2. Correct verbiage identifying NC's that can participate in modifying MOU
3. Extend duration of MOU from two to five years.
4. Include the requirement that the Oversight Committee send to the DWP agendas and minutes and updated membership roster as necessary.

Item #5

The SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL wishes to express it's support for CFI 06-2444 - the addition of field mobile computer technology integrating several Building and Safety programs. Currently, the Department of Building and Safety suffers from a high degree of inefficiency as all notices, orders and official correspondence are hand-written in the field and inspectors must return to the office to enter data into their computers. In addition to being grossly inefficient this is subject to loss of information in transit, lack of enforcement on issues of immediate need, lack of inter-department coordination in a timely manner.

Item #6

STNC supports Mt. Gleason Middle School in its efforts to participate in the PHABO funding and reduce class sizes from 40 to 25 students. Currently Mt. Gleason has 69% minority students which is very close to the 70% requirement needed to receive PHABO funding. The addition of this funding to Mt. Gleason can be used for our English learning students. The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council seeks to improve the quality of life in Sunland-Tujunga for all stakeholders. (See PHABO documentation for more details.) *[Lydia Grant]*

Item #7

STNC approves up to \$2,000.00 for Mt. Gleason students marketing and outreach expenses for the Habitat H20 science trip.

STNC approves up to \$250 Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce booth cost at the Easter Carnival to be held Easter Weekend April, 2007 for Habitat H20 Science students.

Budget Category: Education Outreach. [Submitted by: Jeannine Crowley/Deborah Ray/Lydia Grant]

Item #8

STNC support of EIR prior to expansion of Providence Holy Cross Medical Center - See attached 3-page information sheet

Item # 5

PLANNING ^{Plan Budget} and LAND USE MGT.

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MOTION

BUDGET & FINANCE

Over the past decade, the Department of Building and Safety has experienced a dramatic rise in the number of building permits issued annually, from approximately 79,000 in fiscal year 1996-97 to 142,000 projected for the current fiscal year—an 80% increase. The city's real estate boom demands that the Department respond with increasing efficiency without compromising safety or professionalism.

In the early 1990's, the Department identified technology as one of the most effective tools to improve efficiency without compromising safety. In 1991 the Los Angeles City Council adopted ordinances adding Section 98.0416 (980416) to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) creating a 6% Systems Development Fee Surcharge to finance a variety of technological improvements. The first of these was an automated Plan Check and Inspection Status System (PCIS).

The Ordinance also added Chapter 41 to Division 5 of Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to create the Building and Safety Systems Development Surcharge Fund. These funds have been used to enhance technology Department wide.

In a July 10, 2006 Performance Audit of the Department, the City Controller found that although the Department is working toward providing inspection staff with electronic tools to enhance their efficiency, there are additional steps management needs to consider in order to optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of their inspection and code enforcement activities. The Controller reports that currently, inspectors in the field issue notices, orders and official correspondence via hand-written documents, then return to the office to enter this information into their computer systems. Approximately 75% of Code Enforcement inspectors and 19-20% of Inspection Bureau inspectors spend at least 50% of their time in the office completing paperwork and performing administrative tasks.

Additionally, the City Controller's recent Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Building and Safety found that the Department does not appear to operate the System Development Account of the Department's Enterprise Fund as intended. While the PCIS system was implemented in 1997, the Department continues to collect the 6% surcharge and to use this fund to finance additional technology components. Furthermore, the enabling ordinance includes a sunset clause requiring the Department to discontinue the surcharge when it determines that the amount received from the surcharge is sufficient to fully pay for the design, acquisition, financing, and implementation of a fully operational system.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Building and Safety to report back within 90 days to the Planning, Land Use and Management Committee regarding an information technology strategic plan which provides mobile computer technology to field personnel and integrates the information currently contained in a number of separate information systems which support the City's land development processes, including the Code Enforcement Information System (CEIS), the Plan Check

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and Inspection System (PCIS), and the Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program (CNAP) system,

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to review the Department of Building and Safety's current utilization of the System Development Fund and

- report back within 90 days to the Planning, Land Use and Management Committee regarding its legality;
- make recommendations for new or revised ordinances, as necessary, to expand the uses of the System Development Fund to support implementation of the Department of Building and Safety's overall comprehensive information technology strategic plan.

PRESENTED BY: 

JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, District 14

SECONDED BY: 

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Student Integration Services

PHBAO School Programs

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Articulation Program

The Articulation Program in each school provides a means of improving communication among elementary, middle and high school levels. Meetings are arranged to familiarize elementary school students and parents with middle school programs and middle school students and parents with high school programs to ensure a smooth transition.

Counseling Support Program

The Counseling Support Program provides additional counseling services to all PHBAO high schools and to PHBAO elementary and middle schools selected from a ranked list of low-achieving schools. Counseling positions are provided to the high schools, according to a norm chart, to reduce the counselor:student ratio. One counselor is provided for each of the selected 28 middle schools to assist with postsecondary planning and to increase the factors, behaviors and conditions that will help incoming students who are identified as "at risk" to succeed in middle schools.

One elementary school counselor is assigned to each of the 43 designated elementary schools to provide counseling and guidance services that support the instructional program. A school psychologist is assigned to each of the ten schools for two and one-half days per week.

Language Development Program for African American Students (also known as, English Academic Mastery Program)

The Academic English Mastery Program (AEMP) also known as the Language Development Program for African American Students (LDPAAS), is designed to facilitate acquisition of the language of instruction using American English [AE] for students who are speakers of languages other than English. The program responds to two LAUSD documents *The Children Can No Longer Wait: An Action Plan to end Low Achievement and Establish Educational Excellence (March, 1989)*, and *Priorities for Education, A Design for Excellence (December 1986)*, which call for instruction appropriate to the specific language needs of students who speak non-mainstream languages, and for staff development on topics that "come directly from the needs of students [and] teachers," which "address both the content (what) and the process (how) of teaching." It provides comprehensive staff development and training to teachers, paraeducators and parents on cultural diversities and instructional methodology issues and offers a strategy oriented curriculum directed toward assuring LEP students' acquisition of literacy through access to the core curriculum.

Master Plan Differentials

This program provides for the payment of differentials and incentive stipends to qualified employees who are appropriately assigned to programs included in the *Master Plan for English Learners*. The payments were instituted to enhance the quality of

services provided to identified limited-English-proficient (LEP) English Language Learners (ELLs), to help LAUSD recruit and retain qualified teachers for LEP students, and to serve as an incentive for employees to upgrade qualifications and request or accept assignments utilizing special qualifications in Master Plan programs. Employees in PHBAO schools and designated CAP Receiver schools (which receive sufficient LEP students from overcrowded PHBAO schools under the Capacity Adjustment Program) are eligible for the integration-funded portion of the differential payments.

Medical-Counseling, Organizing and Recruiting (Med-COR) Program

The Med-COR Program provides opportunities for middle and high school students to become acquainted with the various health careers and educational prerequisites. Students are also provided academic support in mathematics, English and science courses taken at PHBAO schools and exposure to college level laboratories. The Med-COR program is co-sponsored by the University of Southern California (USC) Keck School of Medicine.

Parent Conferences Program

PHBAO schools are required to provide two conferences between parents and teachers during the school year. The conferences allow parents to monitor the academic and social development of students and to involve parents in the educational processes. Individual parent conferences are conducted on school sites and written records of parent participation are kept by schools.

The first conference is scheduled during the first or second reporting period and either before or after subsequent to Back-to-School and Open House nights. The second conference is scheduled during the third or fourth reporting period and before the last four weeks of the school year.

Priority Staffing Program (PSP)

The PSP develops, plans, and implements specific strategies to follow the Court Order's request for teacher placement at hard-to-staff schools. Such strategies include: conducting special recruitment activities, using school vacancy data to prioritize and expedite scheduling of interviews, providing an opportunities for principals to meet potential teachers and immediate contracting and processing of selected teachers.

School Readiness Language Development Program (SRLDP)

SRLDP provides educational opportunities for prekindergarten students to develop oral language and readiness skills that enhance self-esteem. SRLDP also prepares students to be successful throughout school experiences. The program includes students who are identified as English language learners (ELLs) and Standard English language learners (SELLs). All children must be four-years old by December 2nd of the year of enrollment. Attendance in parent education classes and participation as classroom volunteers are mandatory for parents/guardians of students enrolled. SRLDP is administered by the Early Childhood Education Division

Student-To-Student (STS) Interaction Program

The STS Interaction Program is designed to address the harms of racial isolation, specifically interracial hostility and intolerance. Each Local District will hold workshops that (1) provide training for students, staff, parents and community members in the area of human relations, (2) explore human relations concerns, obstacles and potential solutions and (3) allow each school to develop a human relations program. The Local Districts will also identify one of the following three areas to study at a one-day camp

experience: school climate, cross-cultural understanding or conflict management/resolution. The Office of Student Integration Services will provide assistance in the following areas: development of activities/curriculum, facilitation of workshop groups, development of agenda items as specified by each Local District, operational assistance at the designated camp, assessment/evaluation and other technical assistance as requested by Local Districts.

Urban Classroom Teacher Program (UCTP)

The UCTP is designed to recruit and retain teaching staff, to upgrade teaching quality and to provide additional services to students through additional teacher-student contact at identified educationally impacted schools. A salary differential is paid to identify certificated staff who agree in writing to provide additional services through increased student contacts for a specified amount of time.



Providence Health & Services Hospital Expansion: What It Means For the San Fernando Valley

Providence Health & Services is expanding at their Holy Cross Medical Center campus in Mission Hills, CA. PH&S, a Seattle based company with more than \$5 billion per year in revenue, is investing heavily in each of their five states. In Mission Hills, they intend to build a 136-bed expansion in front of their existing building.

What exactly is Providence Health & Services building?

According to a PH&S press release, the \$116 million, 4-story patient tower will include 101 new beds, including added intensive care beds, operating rooms, labor and delivery suites, and a neonatal intensive care unit, all known in the hospital industry as being relatively profitable.

PH&S documents filed with the city, however, describe a 97-foot tall, 136 bed project, with 5-stories (including the top penthouse level) with a 7 foot side yard. The area is zoned for a maximum height of 45 feet and minimum 25 foot side yard.

In support of its project, PH&S submitted to the Los Angeles Planning Department a set of flawed and incomplete documents describing the project's environmental impacts. Among the problems are the following:

- Providence claims the expansion will have a “less than significant impact” on traffic. LA DOT traffic projection formulas, however, suggest that the new facilities may create up to 1,930 additional trips per day, many during rush hour, nearly four times above a “significant impact.”
- Even with all of these new trips, Providence documents say they will be *reducing* the number of available parking spaces, compounding the problem that neighbors already have of visitors parking on the street instead of at the hospital.
- Providence's plan does not include measures to mitigate impacts on air quality from construction, even though a school is located just across the street.
- Though construction will entail their use, Providence has no plan to mitigate the risks of the use of hazardous materials in construction, other than to follow “manufacturers' instructions.”

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Does this project serve the community's needs?

With all of these problems with Providence's expansion plans, what benefits will the project bring to Mission Hills and the San Fernando Valley? The answer is unclear.

The San Fernando Valley has faced many hospital closures, and residents need new medical services for a growing population. However, none of the public health needs identified in the PH&S' own Community Benefit Report (2005) on the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys appear to be met by their expansion plan at Holy Cross. Instead, the tertiary services slated for expansion at Holy Cross are regarded by the hospital industry to be profit-making enterprises. Seattle-based PH&S CFO Michael Butler has stated publicly that his intention is to invest in the company's top five profit-producing medical service lines.

Simply adding more beds to a hospital does not mean that they will serve the health needs of the surrounding community – it can even aggravate the problem. When hospital corporations like PH&S increase market share, healthcare costs frequently go up. For instance, research shows that PH&S is a dominant cost driver in Oregon, which is the second most expensive state in the country to spend a night in the hospital.

Providence is already the biggest and strongest system in the San Fernando Valley. And Providence has demonstrated its intention to expand its market share in the region by offering to purchase Henry Mayo Hospital in Santa Clarita and indicating an interest in purchasing Tarzana and Encino Hospitals. It is thus reasonable to ask: Is Providence expanding Holy Cross to meet community needs or their own profit goals?

An Environmental Impact Report is the way to go!

As former City Councilmember Alex Padilla, Assemblymember Richard Alarcon, and neighborhood councils in both Mission Hills and Sylmar have publicly argued, a **full Environmental Impact Report is necessary for this important, lasting project**. Providence's expansion plan is massive, and we will live with it for generations. We only have one chance to make sure that this project is carried out responsibly. We can do so by demanding that Providence submit an EIR before the city allows it to move forward with construction.

The following community organizations are united in the opinion that the City Planning Commission should allow the proposed expansion of Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Mission Hills to proceed only if preceded by an Environmental Impact Report:

- List of neighborhood councils and other organizations

Our organizations are in agreement that the current expansion plan will result in significant environmental impacts, including traffic congestion, lack of parking availability, and air pollution caused by construction. We are in further agreement that Providence Health & Services has not yet addressed the question of how it plans to mitigate these impacts to the satisfaction of our community. Only with an EIR can these concerns be fully addressed.

Our community is insistent that our quality of life and of health be maintained during the expansion. The thousands of nearby families, school children and athletes on the fields of proximal schools will carry the effects of our action or inaction in protecting their environment over the multi-year span of this project. It is essential to take the time now to ensure that this expansion is conducted in the most responsible manner possible.

We respectfully urge the Planning Commission to require an EIR prior to approving the expansion plan of Providence Holy Cross Medical Center.

**SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 7, 2007 – 7:00 PM
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121 attendance, 18 board members, 103 audience.

7:00 PM Call to Order – Cindy Cleghorn, Chairperson

Roll Call: Saro Minassian, Richard Stewart, Linda Brand, Ricky Grubb, Janet Linsalato, David Cain, Victor Castro, Mark Seigel, Deborah Ray, Jeannine Crowley, Nina Royal, Shirley Kellstrom (parliamentarian), Cindy Cleghorn, Dan McManus, Lydia Grant. Chrissa Villaneuva, Michelle Sahfran and Tim Borques arrived late.

Pledge of Allegiance given by Vince McManus. STNC volunteer board self-introductions. Introduction of Dale Thrush and Jackie Keene from CD 2. Explanation of notices and speaker cards.

Elections Committee Report, Marti Marshall announced the upcoming deadline for filing as a candidate for the STNC Election: Feb. 17th, 2007. A candidate information session will take place on Feb. 12 at North Valley City Hall. On March 8th and 14th, candidate forums will be held. A Candidates Mixer will be held Saturday, March 10 at 10 a.m. to meet the candidates. The STNC Election is March 19, 2007.

Mission College President Ernest Moreno introduced himself and the programs at the College. He was previously president of East L.A. Community College. He said Mission College is going through a turnaround. His goal is to provide educational opportunities to everyone. For \$20 a unit, anyone can earn a degree. Plans are to establish an educational center in Sunland-Tujunga, as a satellite office. He also spoke about 2-year Certificate programs and their outstanding vocational program. They also have a Super Graduate Program that high school juniors and seniors can enroll in and take classes.
www.lamission.edu.

Youth for Positive Change, Anthony Ortiz Luise spoke about this non-profit that is located at Verdugo High School. It is an intervention program that finds alternative ways to help teens apart from suspending them. He showed a Power point presentation on how this program has reduced the rate of suspension and is helping kids.

Lydia Grant, District 4, Teachers Appreciation Presentation: Lydia presented certificates to several outstanding Mount Gleason Middle School teachers including:

- Mark Fackler, science
- Robert Thurman, 8th grade science
- Shannon McCord, science
- Gary Ireland, astronomy

- Michael Shone, Summer Academy & Egyptian Barter Day
- Michael Janson, 6th grade math & science

Mr. Thurman then showed a video presentation of their program Habitat: H2O leading students on a hands-on science trip to Florida in June. A fundraiser for this event will be held by Joselito's in Tujunga on Monday, March 5, 2007 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Proceeds from all meals will benefit this program. For more info: www.worldstrides.com or go to the STNC.org website.

Council Member 2 Wendy Greuel: Gave a presentation on relevant topics including an update on Home Depot and the announcement of her upcoming Hike in the Park on Saturday, February 24, 2007 starting at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Edmore Place and Olivia Terrace in Sun Valley. The hike celebrates the opening of the 80-acre expansion of Verdugo Mountain Park. She then answered questions from the Board and stakeholders for over an hour. Councilmember.greuel@lacity.org

Tree People: Belinda Arredondo announced a free community workshop on tree planting taking place in Sun Valley on Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop is part of TreePeople, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and the citizens of Los Angeles' partnering effort to help plant 300,000 trees as part of Mayor Villaraigosa's Million Tree Initiative. To register: leremita@treepeople.org or call: (818) 623-4878.

Public Comment:

STNC Safety Committee, Susan Potthoff reported that the Committee could not meet in January because no Board Members attended. Currently, only Board Member Nina Royal has been attending regularly. She asked that other members of the Board assigned to this Committee make the effort to come to the meeting. Otherwise, it has to be cancelled.

Rachel Orland announced the **American Cancer Society's Valley Relay for Life** will be held at Birmingham High School on June 2 and 3, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Contact www.valleyrelayforlife.org or 818 523-2659.

Roberta Cole, stakeholder, announced that Kay and Rick's Gift store in Sunland is now an independent business and no longer associated with Hallmark.

Nina Royal announced that STNC is a co-sponsor for a Candidates Forum hosted by District 7, on Friday, February 9, 2007 at Olive View Elementary School in Sylmar.

David Cain, STNC Board Member, announced his Write – In candidacy for CD 2 against incumbent Council member Wendy Greuel. March 6, 2007 is the date for the election.

Anne Taylor Riddle, stakeholder, asked if better lighting could be installed on Oro Vista, as well as speed bumps due to an increase in accidents with teenagers walking and stakeboarding on that dark street.

Norma White, stakeholder, asked what kind of store is coming in to replace the former antique store in downtown Sunland. Cindy noted it is a restaurant.

DAC Chairman: Victor Castro presented the DAC's recommendations:

1. **Mario Sterlings: 8737 Fenwick:** Enviro Assess/Zone Change application in process. Case No. ENV-2006-9074-EAF & APCNV-2006-9073-ZC. DAC recommends a Traffic Study and Physical Traffic Count and a letter to Council member Wendy Greuel.

3. **Angeles Golf Club: 9401 Foothill.** Recommends a letter to Council member Wendy Greuel regarding excavation, grading and digging of any sort and notification to surrounding neighbors.

4. **Letter in support of No2Home Depot.** Letter supporting No2Home Depot's campaign's letter to Council member Wendy Greuel regarding extreme safety problems at the site of this proposed Home Depot warehouse as described by Mr. Arnold Bookbinder, Structural Engineer, and request for an immediate independent investigation.

The motions carried: 15 –0-1. to approve all three items.

Nina Royal, Safety Committee, reported on updates to police activity.

Motion to postpone other business to the next meeting, agenda to be determined by the STNC Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 9:35 p.m.

Next STNC board meeting is March 14, 2007 at Mt. Gleason Middle School

- Minutes prepared by Pat Kramer, Apple One -