

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Wednesday, August 11, 2010
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042

1. **Call to Order** at 7:10 PM by Tomi Bowling, STNC Vice President.
Roll Call: Lydia Grant, Cara DeCaro, Mark Seigel, Olina Lowe, David Cain, Janet Linsalato, Richard Stewart, Ed Novy, Cindy Cleghorn, John Laue, Arsen Karamians, Brenda Fortune, Nanci Calliouet, Barbara Johnson, Mary Mulalley, John Blue and Tomi Bowling. An ice cream social and potluck was coordinated by David Cain, STNC Outreach Chair.
2. **Crime Update:** LAPD Officer John Bennett said the latest robberies involve catalytic converters off of vehicles. He urged the community to report any suspicious activity, especially at night, around parked cars. He also spoke about ongoing issues with homeless people camping under a local overpass and 'sting' operations in traffic enforcement (monitoring of motorists' speed) on Tujunga Canyon and other locations.
3. **CD2's Nate Jones**, representative to Councilmember Krekorian credited the Councilmember for representing the community's wishes in opposing a zoning variance for a propane gas refilling station on Foothill Boulevard in Sunland. He invited stakeholders to participate in their upcoming "Clean Team" effort at Sunland Park in anticipation of the Watermelon Festival. He also talked about traffic closures on Foothill Boulevard by Hansen Dam.
4. **Outreach Chair** David Cain invited the public to his Outreach meeting at the YMCA on Wednesday, August 18 and to the STNC booth at the Watermelon Festival. In preparation of the next STNC board meeting's pot luck, he asked that everyone to let him know, in advance, what they are bringing: (davidcainstnc@gmail.com).
5. **Safety Committee Chair** Nina Royal thanked David Cain for his work at the BBQ for National Night Out. She thanked several food vendors, markets, the band, and Lloyd Hitt for opening up Bolton Hall to the public to accommodate this successful event.
6. **Public Comments:**
 - Richard Pozzo alerted the board to a problem taking place at ATMs located behind buildings in STNC area. He suggested everyone watch out for people sitting in their cars with their engines running as they have been asking people for money. He suggested getting their license number and vehicle description then calling the police.
 - Sheri Smith, Little Landers Historical Society, announced their "sponsor a rock" fundraiser for Bolton Hall. She is also seeking family recipes to feature in a local cookbook that will combine advertising with recipes of local businesses.
 - Regina Clark, Bolton Hall, announced their upcoming events and exhibits.
 - Karen Zimmerman invited stakeholders to a poetry reading by Village Poets at Bolton Hall, August 22 at 4:30 p.m. featuring the 2004 – 2006 S-T poet laureate.

- Diana Shaw, 38th Assembly District candidate, spoke about her candidacy. She is interested in green technology jobs and attracting venture capital to this area.
- Ms. Sally, a stakeholder, who lives by the Angeles National Golf Course, talked about diseased rats that are living off the trash being generated by the homeless.
- Ruben Garcia, Pacoima NC, invited everyone to their Sept. 8th Town Hall meeting, 5:30 – 8³⁰. They are partnering with all the area NCs on this event which will include the LAPD Chief.
- Nina Royal spoke about L.A. Clean Sweep, which is seeking new candidates for the L.A. City Council: [www.LAClean Sweep.com](http://www.LACleanSweep.com).
- Ed Novy announced an auction on Sunday, Sept. 19th at 3 p.m., to benefit Sunland-Tujunga Alliance, McGroarty Arts Center, and Bolton Hall. The event will take place at McGroarty Arts Center. He then presented Marynance Schellenbach, of the Lions Club, with a Certificate of Appreciation for her years of dedication with the Watermelon Festival.
- Lion's Marynance Schellenbach stated that the history of the Watermelon Festival goes back 44 years. Now, in 2010, it has become a Southern CA destination event.

7. Board Rep Reports:

- John Blue, Veterans Rep, read a letter describing a new organization he has formed called Local Vet Social Net which endeavors to help veterans in need.
- Barbara Johnson, Region 3 Rep, asked for ideas on how to outreach to neighbors.
- Brenda Fortune, Region 2 Rep, thanked the board for inviting her to the board.
- Arsen Karamians, Region 2 Rep, offered to help anyone with questions or problems related to their septic systems.
- John Laue, Region 1 Rep, talked about a proposal to extend the bicycle trail system down Oro Vista to Big Tujunga Canyon. He also reported new developments with Oro Vista Park, which he feels is lacking in its master plan in that it's equestrian oriented rather than pedestrian oriented. The cost for the park is \$300,000.
- Richard Stewart, Service Club Rep, is looking for volunteers to work with the various service clubs in the community.
- Janet Linsalato, Region 1 Rep, expressed concern about Oro Vista Park.
- Olina Lowe, Senior Rep, said the Sunland Senior Center is requesting sponsorship of funding for Cable TV services at the Center.
- Lydia Grant, Parents Rep, said the CA Dept of Education has passed the Parent Trigger legislation. She is helping on Senator Romero's Oversight Committee for this program. She anticipated having petitions for school reform by the Watermelon Festival. CNN is interested in interviewing her for a show about this topic.
- Cindy Cleghorn, Recording Secretary, attended a DWP Memorandum of Understanding meeting and gave an update on that meeting, a septic system meeting, and a Citywide Urban Design Guideline meeting. She announced the appointment of new City Planning Director Michael LoGrande. Mr. LoGrande has been serving as Chief Zoning Administrator.
- The owner of Star Hand Car Wash spoke against STNC granting approval for a zoning variance for a new self serve car wash at the Mobil Station at 8505

Foothill Blvd. in Sunland. (Note: To date, the STNC has not taken a position in this matter.)

8. **Approval of Minutes from July 2010 meeting.** The minutes were approved as presented.
9. **Land Use Committee Report:** The board was expecting to hear from the owner of the Mobil Gas Station in Sunland at 8505 Foothill Boulevard in regards to their conditional use permit . The LUC previously approved this permit but at the last board meeting it was decided to table the motion to approve to get more information. The owner of the Mobil Station is proposing to open a drive-through, self serve car wash in place of their auto repair facility and removing the recycling facility. No one showed up to represent this issue so it was tabled.

Tomi reported that Councilman Krekorian helped 'kill' a proposal for a new 80' wireless telecommunications tower proposed in Tujunga.

Joe Barrett, Sunland Tujunga Alliance, reported new developments with the proposed propane station. At the hearing before City Planning, Councilmember Krekorian represented the STNC's wishes in opposing the propane refueling station. As a result, the approval was downgraded from a 25' x 5' propane tank to a 5' x 5' propane tank on site.

Karen Zimmerman gave an update on improvements being made to the Verdugo Hills Golf Course. Regarding the reorganization of the City Planning Department, she stated that while it was being reorganized, the planner who has worked on this project will stay on until it is completed. There will be a fundraiser from Tues. Aug 17 – Aug. 22 at the Old Time Café on Commerce. Proceeds from each purchase will be donated to the Save the Verdugo Hills Golf Course.

(Bowling) presented two previously approved Land Use Committee motions:
(Novy) requested that the two motions be split up and voted on separately.

“The STNC coordinate with CD2 with Michael Hoberman, representative of Verdugo Hills Golf Course, to do a public presentation to the community.” The motion carried unanimously.

“That STNC support Tees on the Green’s reinstated conditional use exception permit for beer and wine. The motion carried. Cindy will modify the letter before sending it out.

Meeting Adjourned: The regular STNC Board Meeting adjourned at 9:04.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
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STNC Special Meeting Called to Order at 9:05 p.m. by Tomi Bowling, VP of STNC.

(Bowling) moved that STNC write a letter of support for the remote control park known as The Hansen Dam Flyers. The representative for the Hansen Dam Flyers stated that his group has won the support of adjacent neighborhood councils. The motion carried unanimously.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

STNC Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
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1. **Meeting called to order:** The regular board meeting resumed at 9:11 p.m.
2. **LUC Report:** Tomi announced as part of the LUC report that a resident from Sister Elsie Drive will present her plans to build a home on August 30th on that street.
3. **Reserve Animal Control Officer Program:** There was no representation for this agenda item so the item was not discussed.
4. **Region 3 Vacancy:** Amelia Anderson of Valmont Street announced her interest in serving on the board as Region 3 rep, in the seat now vacant. The board will vote on that appointment at the September board meeting.
5. **Letter of Support for McGroarty Arts Center: (Novy/Grant) moved that STNC approve a letter of support for the McGroarty Arts Center for the purpose of grant applications.” The motion carried unanimously.**
6. **Best of Awards: (Bowling/Seigel) moved to add four new categories for the Sunland-Tujunga “Best of Awards.” The four categories are: Best Business Signs, Best Shopping Center, Best Business Landscaping, and Best Community Supporter as an Individual Person.” The motion carried unanimously.**
7. **Treasurer’s Report:** Mark Seigel reported that STNC has received rollover funds amounting to \$11,900. The total budget now amounts to \$54,820.76 as of June 30, 2010. **(Seigel/Novy) moved that STNC receive the financial report and approve the revised budget and submit it to DONE. The motion carried unanimously.**
8. **DWP MOU Oversight Committee: (Cleghorn/Grant) moved that " The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council reaffirms its participation in the April 2007 Five-Year Memorandum of Understanding between neighborhood councils and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, reaffirms its participation in the MOU Oversight Committee, and appoints Nina Royal as its regular MOU Representative, Cindy Cleghorn as Alternate Representative 1 and Ricky Grubb as Alternate Rep. 2.**

“The Board instructs the Secretary to promptly send this resolution, together with telephone and email contact information for the council's Representative and Alternates, to both the MOU Oversight Committee and the LADWP, and to send the names and contact information for the council's newly elected Board members to both the MOU Oversight Committee and the LADWP when that information is available.”

9. President's Announcements: Tomi announced that the next STNC meeting takes place on 9/8/10.

10. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

- Minutes by Pat Kramer, Kelly Services-