

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, October 13, 2010**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**North Valley Neighborhood City Hall**  
**7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042**

Attendance: 81, Board: 17, Audience: 64

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m. by David Cain, 2nd VP of STNC. Pledge of Allegiance and meeting overview. **Introduction of STNC board:** Belinda Woodruff, Lydia Grant, Mary Mulalley, Jodie Brittain, Olina Lowe, Cara DeCaro, Janet Linsalato, Richard Stewart, Cindy Cleghorn, Nanci Caillouet, Barbara Johnson, Brenda Fortune, Mark Seigel, John Laue and Arsen Karamians, John Blue. Absent board members: Dan McManus (work), Tomi Lyn Bowling (emergency), Ed Novy (work).
2. **LAPD Report:** Sr. Lead Officer Larry Martinez (Sunland-Shadow Hills areas) and Sr. Lead Officer Rich Wall (Tujunga) announced upcoming community events: On Tuesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and will continue every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. it's Meet Your LAPD Officers at Albertsons' Starbucks, 6240 Foothill Blvd. find out what's going on. On Oct. 28, attend Tip a Cop from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Big Jim's Family Restaurant, 8950 Laurel Canyon Blvd. – It is a fundraiser for the Jeopardy program, kids at risk. On Oct. 14 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., a fundraiser is being held at Bob's Big Boy at 8274 Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley to raise money for the treatment of a former officer's child who has leukemia. 10% of proceeds at Bob's Big Boy that day will go to the Compton Family. Flyers for Lock-It, Hide-It, Keep-It. They advised stakeholders to avoid becoming a victim of auto crime by keeping vehicles locked and hiding valuables from sight of others. Sunland-Tujunga Homeless Connect Day is Monday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be free health and other services will be available at 7747 Foothill Blvd. in Tujunga for the homeless. It is a step in the right direction to solve some of the homeless problems. Officer Wall announced that out of 32 burglaries, 25 resulted in arrests. Some of those arrests involved students at Verdugo Hills High School. The No. 1 is property crime are burglaries and burglaries from motor vehicles. Keep windows and doors closed and locked. A neighbor announced that homeless have moved into Haines Cyn and Foothill. LAPD has been working with City agencies to fence the property. Officers stayed to answer questions.
3. **STNC Board members introduced themselves and their positions.**
4. **Council District 2 Report:** Nate Jones, CD 2 Councilmember Krekorian's Field Rep, invited residents to attend Corsica Deli's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary event tomorrow and spoke about issues the Councilmember is working on. Anyone wishing to help with the Homeless Connect Day should contact him at the CD2 office. Paul Krekorian was at the Healing of the Ashes opening and will be at the Our Lady of Lourdes 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 17.
5. **Sacramento-Local State Issues Updates with State Senator Bob Huff –** Senator Huff reported on the affects budget cuts of \$1 billion dollars was having on State services. He said that monies were salvaged for school funding at a level similar to last year's and gave a brief thumbnail sketch of the state budget. His area is 50% LA County, 30% Orange County, 20% San Bernardino County and he lives in Diamond Bar. He took questions regarding the upcoming ballot measures clarifying redistricting and Prop 13 changes being discussed. Prop

20 adds Congress into the mix on how the lines are drawn. Latest on state selling buildings to qualified buyers for \$1.2 billion. Lydia Grant expressed gratitude for Senator Huff's support for the Parent Trigger legislation. Senator Huff is vice chair of Senate Education. The public weighing in on the issues is very important. This is not an election year for Senator Huff but he does try to get around to all his areas. This is his first 4 year term in State Senate. Complimented the STNC for their volunteer service. Invited all to sign up for his newsletter at <http://cssrc.us/web/29/default.aspx>

6. **Legislative Update:** Brett Walter from Senator Bob Huff's office not present. Assemblymember Cameron Smyth's Field Rep, Jared Degonia said that members of Congress had a hearing regarding the Station Fire. The State budget had a \$400 million tax on insurance premiums. The bulk of that revenue would have gone to Cal Fire. We would not have seen any of those monies to our areas and AM Smyth voted against it. Properties that abutt the SMMC have been ordered to clear brush in the public land areas. If anyone lives in these areas and have been issued an order to clear 200' into the public land, contact AM Smyth's office, Jared at: 661 286-1565.
7. **President's Announcements:** David spoke about handouts, notices, sign-in sheets, speaker cards and the agenda timeline.
8. **Presentation: California Ballot Proposition 23 Pro & Con** – PRO: Damian Jones, spoke on behalf of SuspendAB32.org. He talked about how it would help the economy to suspend the Global Green House Gas Initiative, AB32 that was passed in 2006. The measure if passed, will hold off implementation until unemployment levels drop to 5.5% (currently over 12%). SuspendAB32.org is supported by a coalition of independent businesses, chambers and 7,000 other groups. He provided a handout with more detail information. CON: The representative for the opposition of this initiative (environmentcalifornia.org) did not attend. Comments from the audience included questions about the unemployment quarters and possible venture capital that could come to California instead of going to China.
9. **Outreach Report** – David Cain, VP Outreach, thanked the board and other attendees who contributed to the Harvest Feast pot luck held prior to the board meeting. He asked for volunteers to join the Outreach Committee which meets on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at Verdugo Hills YMCA. He also encouraged stakeholders to support service groups in the community.
10. **Public Safety Report** – Nina Royal, Safety Chair, asked stakeholders who are interested in safety issues to join the monthly Safety Committee to ensure better quality of life issues in the neighborhoods. The Safety Committee joins the Fire, Police, and other public entities as a representation of the community. Nina is organizing the next First Aid Class, which requires 25 attendees. The fee is \$20.00 for the training. A Community Clean Up is being organized to remove out of date vehicles, trash, and to encourage citizens to be pro-active in helping the police with leads on these things.
11. **Arts, Culture & Recreation Committee Report** – Belinda Woodruff spoke about the committee's first meeting. Their main objective is to encourage participation in existing arts, cultural and recreational activities in the community. The committee wants to try to get signage on the 210 freeway directing motorists to McGroarty Center, a city historical building and Bolton Hall, a national historical site. Their meeting takes place the second Tuesday of the month at

6:30 pm at N. Valley City Hall, but will be moving to different cultural locations to cross-promote the committee as well as the events/activities.

**(Woodruff/Stewart) moved that STNC approve Ed Novy as chair and Belinda Woodruff as co-chair of the Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee with members: Lloyd and Marlene Hitt and Debby Beck.**” During discussion, board member Mary Mulalley asked to join the committee. Belinda stated that she already had other potential members interested. Mark Seigel confirmed that committees are limited to six members. **(Seigel/Cleghorn) then presented an amendment to the motion to add members, Mary Mulalley and Nanci Caillouet** as members of the committee. The vote deadlocked at: 7-7-1 and did not pass. **(Seigel/Mullaly) then moved to table the original motion until the next board meeting.** The motion to table failed. **The board then voted on the original (Woodruff/Stewart) motion to confirm members of the committee (two STNC board and three stakeholders). The motion carried with 2 abstentions.**

## 12. Group & Region Board Reports

- John Blue, Veterans Rep, talked about the impact Agent Orange has had on his health and offered copies of the VA’s “Agent Orange Review,” a report dedicated to the subject of Agent Orange’s side affects.
- Lydia Grant, Parent’s Rep, announced Parent Trigger petitions arrived but need to be corrected. Lydia is setting up a committee meeting with school police and Michael Bowman from LAUSD about some police issues at the schools. Meeting to be held on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at North Valley City Hall. Oprah Winfrey has started School Reform Conversation with her national audience and may be interested in coming to S-T. The discussion is based on the documentary “Waiting for Superman”. Lydia will have more information and may request STNC support for the possible event.
- Belinda Woodruff announced the upcoming presentation by the owners representatives for the Verdugo Hills Golf Course. She also announced the Citywide Zoning Code and Community Care Facilities initiatives that will be at the City Planning Commission tomorrow (Oct. 14).
- Nanci Caillouet, Historical Society rep, announced the following:
  - Little Landers Hist. Society is continuing their “Adopt a Rock Program.” For \$10 - \$25, you can sponsor one of the building’s 554.
  - They are starting a Youth Outreach Program and are seeking adult mentors with some experience with students to build programs for school assemblies at Bolton Hall.
  - Bolton Hall also needs volunteers who can donate time to help Bolton Hall in any way. The Verdugo Hills of Peace Cemetery was the location of an arrest of several key drug dealers and two individuals suspected of multiple burglaries in the area. A clean up of the historic headstones will be taking place soon. The cemetery is now online via Findagrave.com which maintains records of those who are buried in the historic pioneer cemetery.
  - Winter classes will be scheduled for McGroarty Arts Center in Dec.; A Holiday Boutique will be held on Dec. 11 with the famous chili bowl sale for \$10.00.
- Cara DeCaro, Student Rep, is starting work on getting students enrolled in the President Volunteer Awards to get more students involved and recognized for their volunteer work in the community. The VHHS Leadership is seeking advertisers for their football program.
- Jodie Brittain, Education Rep, reported that all schools are now actively fundraising. A “McTeacher Night” is being held at the Sunland McDonalds and Mt. Gleason is enrolled in

the “Positive Rewards Program.” Verdugo Boosters are fundraising to Save the Verdugo Hills Golf Course. The VHHS website now shows the new Governance Council info including meeting minutes.

- John Laue, Region 1, talked about concerns he has with Oro Vista Park’s planning process. On Nov. 1, STNC’s LUC will discuss this issue at their meeting at 7 p.m.
- Mary Mulally, Senior Rep, announced a free hair cut and manicure day for anyone over 50 on Fri., 10/15 at the Sunland Senior Center starting at 2 p.m. from local beauty students.
- Olina Lowe, Senior Rep, asked for help finding a sponsor to cover the bill for Cable TV for the Sunland Senior Center.
- Richard Stewart, Service Clubs Rep, announced events: A Haunted House, Friday, Oct., 29 – Sunland, Oct. 31 will be sponsored by the Rotary Club with help from Lions and Kiwanis Clubs at Century 21 in Sunland (now occupied by Healing from the Ashes).
- Brenda Fortune announced that her son’s Special Affects business will participate in making this a memorable Haunted House. Funds will go to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Volunteers are needed to build the house and act during the event. Need 10 – 15 actors.
- Mark Seigel announced he is now serving as Membership Co chair for Little Landers Society and Ham Radio classes are scheduled to begin in January 2011.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Carlos Medina – League of Women Voters in L.A., announced an Oct. 28, meeting from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at N. Valley City Hall to hear about propositions on the Nov. ballot. He Acknowledged Shirley Kellstrom’s past work with the League. The League meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at N. Valley City Hall.
- Ariyana Gibbon, Healing from the Ashes, thanked the community for their support naming several neighbors and businesses. Donations are being accepted through the end of the month for the 7 households that didn’t have insurance. There are a number of events coming up.
- Regina Clark, Little Landers Historical Society, announced an event presenting Historic site #1 the History of the Leonis Adobe on Sat. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at Bolton Hall.
- Sheri Smith, Little Landers and Bolton Hall Museum, invited the public to “Out to Lunch”, the new exhibit that starts Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. It is an historical look at restaurant business in S-T. There will also be a fundraising dinner at Dominick’s in La Crescenta at a future date.
- Diana Shaw, 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly district candidate, talked about issues she is working such as alleviating unhitched trailers.
- Jared Digionia, representing Cameron Smyth’s for the 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly seat and explained why the Assembly member voted against regulations on unhitched trailers as it has statewide impacts. Also, that he participates on the request of neighborhood councils.
- Nina Royal, L.A. Clean Sweep, announced the Sunday meeting at Denny’s on S. F. Road and Fletcher Road. Saving LA Project (SLAP) is looking for good candidates for the L.A. City Council as well as examining land use, school and other citywide issues. As the publisher of North Valley Reporter, Nina asked for advertising support.
- Lloyd Hitt, invited the public to attend STNC’s Arts, Cultural and Rec committee on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at N. Valley City Hall. Encourages anyone to participate, especially those not already involved on the board or other committees. A docent training will be held at Bolton Hall, Oct. 16 from 10 – 1 p.m. followed by a luncheon. They need volunteers who have 3 hours a month to donate.
- Dan Rosales, CD7 (Alarcon) deputy and SF Valley Veterans Day Parade committee, talked about the upcoming Nov. 11, 2010 parade which will be a Valley wide event with 90 – 100 entries, fly overs, and an appearance by the top military advisor to President Obama:

Admiral Michael G. Mullen, U.S. Navy, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The parade starts at 11:11 a.m. on November 11, 2010 on Laurel Canyon Blvd. and ends in Pacoima at Richie Valens Park. Mr. Rosales would like to be on the next outreach committee meeting to request funding for this event. Encourages everyone to participate.

- David Cain announced a clean up of the auditorium at North Valley City Hall on Oct. 16, Saturday, 8 – 11 a.m. He also asked for help in getting evidence of anyone dumping trash in the community, especially in the open, rural areas. He suggested taking picture of vehicle license plates then pass that info on to the LAPD.

### **13. Secretary's Report & Approval of Minutes of September 2010 –The minutes were approved as corrected.**

Cindy Cleghorn announced the Valley Alliance of NC's (VANC) meeting tomorrow Oct. 14 and the VANC Planning Forum at CBS Studios on Nov. 11, 5:30 p.m. STNC is a sponsor for this event. Michael LoGrande, newly appointed City Planning Director will give the keynote followed by breakout sessions on current planning issues and education. This is a well attended event, reservations requested.

### **13. Land Use Committee Report – Cindy Cleghorn**

- a. Next LUC meeting takes place on Oct. 18, 2010 at 7 p.m. and features a meeting with Mr. Hoberman and Fred Gaines representing property owners of the Verdugo Hills Golf Course. Neighbor outreach for this meeting is encouraged.
- b. On Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. the City will hold a public hearing on Community Care Facilities (including Sober Living Homes).

**(Cleghorn) moved the LUC motion, "That STNC support LUC's recommendations to the Citywide ordinance for Community Care Facilities: Clarification that there can be absolutely no unlicensed community care facilities or "sober living" homes operating in low-zoned residential neighborhoods; Community care facilities must be located at least 300 feet apart; Community care facilities must be 2,000 feet from schools, churches, temples and other places of religious worship; Public hearings shall be required before City may make a determination relative to the "Public Benefits" test; There shall be no "grand-fathering" in for existing community care facilities that are currently in existence but operating unlicensed or illegally licensed; and Correctional or Penal Institutions, including group homes, are entirely prohibited from locating in residential zones – meaning that there is no chance for these operators to use the CUP process. This vote is just to support these points."** Discussion both pro and con for the recommendation including audience participation about the overall subject. The new ordinance intends to regulate those not currently licensed. **The LUC recommendation carried with two abstentions.**

- c. Cindy explained that STNC is being asked to comment on the proposed Citywide Urban Design Guidelines for development projects from the ground up. Cindy said STNC also needs to review and pass a motion pertaining to the proposed Citywide Zoning Code Core Findings which are citywide zoning code changes.

**14. Treasurer's Report – (Seigel/Laue) moved that STNC accept the Oct. 2010 Financial Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.**

**15. Final comments: Cindy, Lloyd and Bill Skiles visited two sites in the community.** T-Mobile previously agreed to halt work (after communication from Councilmember Krekorian's staff) on a new AGF (Above Ground Facility on a power pole) at Summitrose and Las Lunitas, a crew started digging a 20' hole at that site and plans to install a 17' box underground. Also went to High Cliff Trail area - A public hearing will be held on Oct. 15 to review a proposal to build two residences on small lots on High Cliff Trail. Neighbors oppose the plans as presented to the City. Lydia Grant said she went to a meeting Huizar sponsored regarding possible Charter changes for neighborhood councils. Cindy also participated at this event. John Blue complimented neighbors in the audience who are attending the STNC meeting for the first time tonight.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:25 p.m.**

*Minutes by Pat Kramer, Kelly Services.*