

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 12, 2011
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042

Attendance: 108, Board 20, Audience: 88

6:30 PM – STNC PRE-MEETING POTLUCK

1. **Call to Order at 7:16 p.m. by Dan McManus**, STNC President. Moment of silence for the six victims in Tucson, AZ. Pledge of Allegiance, meeting overview, elected officials reps introduced and LAPD Lead Officers Rich Wall and Larry Martinez.

LAPD Report: Tujunga Senior Lead Officer Rich Wall reported that an “Order to Vacate” was issued to the medical marijuana facility on Commerce and that it is now in the hands of the City Attorney, who is reviewing an injunction. Overall, crime is down possibly due to the multi-agency meeting every month which is generating arrests for crimes in the Crescenta Valley area. Three arrests were recently made of perpetrators in a series of car break-ins.

Board Introductions: Mark Seigel, Jodie Brittain, Nanci Cailloet, Cara DeCaro, Olina Lowe, Ed Novy, Cindy Cleghorn, Dan McManus, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Lydia Grant, John Blue, Barbara Johnson, Mary Mulally, David Cain, Brenda Fortune, Richard Stewart, John Laue, Janet Linsalato and Arsen Karamians.

President’s Report: Dan reminded the board to take the online Ethics training.

2. **PRESENTATION – Best of Awards** –1st VP Tomi Lyn Bowling was joined by Councilmember Paul Krekorian in presenting the 2010 “Best of Sunland-Tujunga Awards.” The recipients were:

Best Restaurant: Joselitos West
Best Personal Service: Image West
Best Fast Food: In-N-Out Burger
Best Food Delivery: Dominos Pizza
Best Overall Business: Do It Center
Best Storefront: Kathy’s Kreations
Best Business Sign: Descanso Spa
Best Shopping Center: Tujunga Canyon Shopping Center
Best Business Landscaping: Starbucks, Sunland
Best Community Supporter: Richard Stewart
Best Post Office: Tujunga Post Office
Best School: Verdugo Hills High School
Best Café: Olde Towne Cafe
Best Entertainment: Steel Pit
Best Delivery: UPS
Best Supermarket: Vons
Best Community Supporter: Voice of the Village
Best Community Group: Little Landers Historical Society
Best Retail Clothing: Fashion Gal

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Regina Clark announced Bolton Hall's upcoming: Open House and April exhibit, "On the Home Front." She asked for leads to locals who served in the military, Red Cross, USO or at Lockheed.

Kristin Sabo, Volunteer with the Parks Dept., and Joe Barrett of the S-T Alliance noticed new construction in an area designated as Open Space while hiking in Verdugo Mts Park. A mountain biker has excavated an area of about a half a mile and 200' up the side of the mountain, installing ramps, ditches and biking trails. Kristin and Joe took photos and confronted the perpetrator who tried to run Kristin down with his bike. She needs help getting an agency to investigate.

David Lee, All Nation's Church Korean Church, invited stakeholders to attend a Saturday, Feb. 5th seminar on biblical principles from. 8:45 – 2:30 p.m.

Marlene Hitt invited the public to attend an open poetry reading every 3rd Sunday of the month at Bolton Hall. Kathleen Travers is the featured poet this month.

Wesley Carrera commented on the police work investigating the medical marijuana clinic.

Sheri Smith, Little Landers, announced the availability of local cookbooks created by community recipes @ \$20.00 and the ongoing "Sponsor a Rock" fundraiser for Bolton Hall.

Sarah, a student working on her Associates Degree, wanted input from the community for a paper she is doing for a class.

Susan Stewart invited the public to a Valentines Dance on Feb. 12 at the Elks Club.

Lydia Grant talked about efforts to try to sabotage and counteract the Parent Trigger through Assembly Bill A8086.

4. **Neighborhood Council Citywide Budget Update & Survey** – Ed Novy, North Valley Budget Rep., announced potential cuts of \$20 million to the City budget including financial cuts to the Fire Department, the Asst. Chief and the tenth man at the scene. He asked everyone to complete the survey on what they feel the priorities are for the City budget. The link to the survey will be available on 1-27—11 and will be open for one month. labudgetchallenge.lacity > <http://tinyurl.com/y95t6rd>

5. **Outreach Report** – David Cain, VP Outreach, thanked the community for participating in the pot luck dinner prior to the meeting. He announced that next month's meeting falls on the anniversary of the 1971 Sylmar Earthquake. To acknowledge that tragedy, there will be a presentation on earthquake preparedness at the STNC's February 9, 2011 with the Manager for Earthquake Safety at Cal-Tech as featured speaker. Other speakers and presentations on preparedness are being arranged. He then made some suggestions about ways residents can better prepare for the next earthquake including installing solar panels on their homes, protecting their property, and stockpiling supplies. He suggested everyone invite a friend to the next STNC meeting.

6. **PRESENTATION/Farmer's Market:** Manny Hernandez spoke about his interest in opening a Farmer's Market at 8307 Foothill Boulevard on Sundays, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The produce sold would be California products grown locally and his Farmer's Market would be certified. He is insured and licensed and has opened other Farmer's Markets around the City. No action taken by the STNC board but audience and board were receptive of this endeavor. Manny said that STNC and other community groups can have a table for their handouts/information. The first Farmers Market will be on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2011 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

7. **Arts, Culture & Recreation Ad-Hoc Committee:** Ed Novy, Region 4 Rep., is the chair of this committee with Belinda Woodruff, co-chair. A motion was made by **(Novy/Stewart) to add three new members to the committee: board member Brenda Fortune, Ariyana Gibbon and Maja Trochimocryk, Poet Laureate of Sunland-Tujunga. The motion carried.**

The Bylaws Committee will work with the Arts Committee to suggest the correct rules for this Standing Committee and Ed report back to the board at a future meeting.

8. Group & Region Board Reports:

- Olina Lowe, Seniors Rep, reported that the Senior's Center in Sunland still needs financing for Cable TV.
- Janet Linsalato will try to negotiate in favor of the Senior Center with the Time Warner/City.

- John Laue said he's waiting to hear when construction will take place at Oro Vista Park.
- Barbara Johnson said that several trees were recently cut down in her area on the weekends. She also spoke about a community member who had taken his own life recently; the man was very instrumental during the Station Fire in relaying information.
- Lydia Grant, Parent Rep, told a success story about how the community came together to help a VHHS student who had been held in jail for 8 months for a crime he didn't commit. This involved coverage of the incident in the L.A. Weekly which went viral with 2 million hits. A Good Samaritan in San Francisco then raised the funds to get the boy out on bail for the holidays. This demonstrates how the community can work together on something positive.
- Richard Stewart, Service Club rep, thanked Tomi Bowling for the Best of Awards. Planning is underway for the next Watermelon Festival with a service club meeting Thursday night at Joselitos. The Rotary Club is working on the July 4th Parade and are looking for ideas on float entries and a theme for the parade. The Elks Lodge is hosting a Valentines Day dance on Feb. 12.
- Brenda Fortune asked whether the STNC minutes could be printed in the Voice of the Village for better Outreach to the community.
- Cindy Cleghorn spoke about an upcoming Valley Alliance event. **(Cleghorn/Novy) to allocate up to \$100 for the Valley Alliance of NCs outreach event on 3/10/11. The motion carried unanimously.**

9. Secretary's Report & Approval of Minutes of December 2010 – Cindy Cleghorn

- A motion to approve up to \$500 to the Dept. of Animal Services was tabled.
- Cindy distributed copies of March 2011 City Ballot measures and explained what each of the measures entail.
- The board approved the December 2010 board meeting minutes as presented.
- Cindy alerted the board that she had received a funding request for the July 4th fireworks. It will be on next month's agenda.

10. Land Use Committee Report – Tomi Lyn Bowling, LUC Chair

- Tomi said a request for a wireless telecommunications facility (WTF) on the roof of an apartment building at 10051 Pinewood will be coming before the LUC to answer additional questions on what it will look like.
- A request was approved by AT&T for a WTF at 10193 Tujunga Canyon.
- Tomi spoke about the opposition to the Core Findings at City Planning Commission on 1-13-10, item #5. She said it was a way for the City to expedite planning issues.
- A hearing for a drive-through car wash at the Mobil Station on Foothill Boulevard in Sunland will take place on 1/24/11. The LUC were in favor of approving it. The drive through would replace the current recycling facility behind the gas station and remove the auto repair use.
- The Hollywood Beautification Team visited STNC to propose tree planting along Foothill Blvd. Next step is to get signatures of support to maintain the trees by the adjacent businesses/property owners or confirm with a nonprofit to do.
- Tomi talked about the "Best of Sunland Tujunga Awards" and how they have gotten the community very involved. Next year, the process will be to nominate candidates in advance for each of the categories to make voting easier and also to potentially have an online ballot for those who want to vote. The next LUC is Monday, Feb. 7, 2011

12. Treasurer's Report – Mark Seigel: (Seigel/Novy) moved that STNC accept the Jan. 2011 STNC Financial report. The motion carried.

Mark spoke about the new sound system that he installed and put into use for the first time at this meeting. The response was widespread approval. Dan spoke about the new STNC Request for Financial Support form, which is now required when anyone has a request for STNC funding. The form was been reviewed by the board.

13. Meeting Adjourned: 9:17 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Kelly Services