

STNC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2011

North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042

Attendance: 50, Audience: 38, Board: 12

1. Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by STNC VP Tomi Bowling. Flag salute by veteran stakeholder.

2. Board members present: Jody Brittain, Olina Lowe, Tomi Bowling, Cindy Cleghorn, Belinda Woodruff, Richard Stewart, Lydia Grant, Mark Seigel, Nigel Burns, John Laue, John Blue and Dan McManus.

3. Reports from LAPD and Elected Officials:

Tujunga Senior Lead Police Officer Rich Wall spoke about the Veterans Day Parade in Pacoima and Sylmar that starts at 11:11 a.m. There was only one crime reported last week in the area – a motor vehicle break-in. Police arrested teenagers breaking into homes this week. All 3 burglary suspects were apprehended. With the holiday season starting he reminded stakeholders to park in well-lit areas and not to leave parcels or valuables in their cars while shopping.

LAFD Battalion Chief Joseph Castro gave a short presentation with safety tips.

CD2 Field Deputy Jackie Keene (jackie.keene@lacity.org) spoke about a food and a toy drive which will be hosted by the Council office. Submissions are being accepted for a Student Media Festival with the deadline Jan. 2012. Councilmember Krekorian has set aside \$250,000 in funding for necessary City Services such as removing tree branches and tree stumps. She asked that any needs for these be reported to her via email.

4. Public Comment:

- Regina Clark, Little Landers Historical Society/Bolton Hall, announced their Boom Years presentation this Saturday 11/12/12 at 1 p.m.
- Kara Hanson, a stakeholder, announced the Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011 bake sale to raise money for Sunland Senior Center. They are also seeking donations of yarn and knitting needles.
- Marc Dodell spoke about a complaint he made that resulted in a hoarder's yard being investigated and tons of trash removed, including over 80 shopping carts and two motor homes. He advises stakeholders to notify the LAPD Packrat Unit for these issues.
- Lydia Grant said LAUSD has not responded positively about STNC's request to cease their duckling program in the schools. Ducklings are being released into public ponds but then need to be rescued as they have no defenses against predators and no ability to fend for themselves in the wild.
- Jack Lindblad, candidate for the 2012 Assembly, reviewed his platform which includes advocating ecotourism as a fundraiser.
- Nina Menart asked for STNC's help with the Lucky Duck Rescue.
- Richard Stewart advised the board that Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance at Bolton Hall on Dec. 10, 6 p.m. for the lighting of the Christmas tree.

5. President's Report: Dan reviewed the mandatory Ethics Training that board members need to complete online. He announced board member David Cain's resignation as 2nd Vice

President and Outreach Chair. The board accepted the resignation. This seat will now be open and anyone interested may submit a statement of interest for future vote to fill the vacancy.

6. **Approval of Minutes** of the STNC Oct. 12, 2011 board meeting. The board approved the minutes as presented.

7. **Treasurer's Report**, Mark Seigel presented the STNC Financial report for November 2011, reviewing each item. The board approved accepting the November 2011 Financial Report.

8. **Group, Region, Committee Reports:**

- Veterans' Rep John Blue said he has not received the invoice for STNC's donation to the Veterans' Day parade in Sylmar.
- Belinda Woodruff reviewed the Prop O. proposal, still pending, to convert the Verdugo Hills Golf Course to a storm water runoff area. She suggested stakeholders write letter endorsing this proposal.
- Richard Stewart announced the Smart Meter Public Forum Alert on Thur. Nov. 10th at the Moose Lodge in Glendale.
- John Laue said he's still waiting for communication on the Santa Monica Conservancy's stewardship over the Angeles National Golf Course. He's also awaiting information on the schedule for pot hole repairs and a stop sign for Oro Vista Park. (Tomi stated that the hold up on the Santa Monica Conservancy is a title issue with Fidelity Title).

9. **Safety Committee** – no report.

10. **Land Use, Tomi Bowling:**

- Tomi reviewed the pending proposal for the Day Street apartments, 48 units of low income housing by L.A. Family Housing.
- Samoa project: She updated the board that the application is being reviewed next Monday by a LUC's sub committee.
- Aram Avagyan has been recommended by the Land Use Committee to join the committee.
- Tomi said a monopine cell tower proposed for Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Tujunga is now being reviewed by the church.
STNC board unanimously accepted the above report and recommendations.

11. **Outreach Meeting:** Cindy Cleghorn spoke on behalf of board member Brenda Fortune. A request for \$800.00 was presented for a Winter Fair at Bolton Hall. **(Cleghorn/Burns) moved that half of the allocation, \$400.00, come from the General Outreach fund, with the other \$400.00, in allocations of \$100 from each of the four STNC regions. The motion carried.**

Cindy reported that street repairs will be made by the City once a list has been compiled. She asked the board to pinpoint locations in each of their regions for that list. John Laue will be compiling the list.

12. **Foothill Boulevard Specific Plan:** Cindy reported that meetings are being held to set up eight workshops for stakeholder participation. The first workshop will take place in February 2012. She needs the public to attend the planning meetings to help Outreach fill the rooms for the workshops.

13. **Animal Services Liaison:** The STNC previously approved \$1500 for animal services training and uniforms. Now the board is seeking a person to serve as a liaison between the board, the community and City Animal Services.

14. **Motion for Cage Covers for Lucky Duck Rescue:** Lydia Grant informed the board that the mascot for the Lucky Duck Rescue that was present at an STNC meeting this year, had been killed by a coyote. The rescue needs cages to protect the ducks from predators. **(Grant/Seigel) moved that STNC approve \$350.00 for cage covers for the Lucky Duck Rescue. (Seigel/Burns) made a friendly amendment to increase that amount to \$450.00 to include \$100.00 for food. The motion to amend carried. The board then approved the amended motion.**

15. **Demand Warrant for \$50.00 for The Foothills Paper.** This motion was not discussed as the boardmember who presented it, David Cain, had resigned.

16. **Neighborhood Council Elections: (Cleghorn/Bowling) moved that the STNC by resolution supports neighborhood council elections in 2012. The motion carried.** Cindy explained that each of the NCs around the City need to vote on this in order for Neighborhood Councils to hold an election in 2012.

(Cleghorn/Bowling) moved that the following Draft Bylaws Language for Selection of Governing Board Members be submitted to the STNC Bylaws Committee for review, approval or modification and that they return with a recommendation at the Dec. 14th STNC meeting. The motion carried.

Cindy said the City Clerk is circulating a survey regarding the elections. She asked board members to review it so they can vote on it at the December 14th meeting, then forward the results to the City Clerk.

17: **NC Reform Motions:** Cindy asked the board to review and vote whether to support four NC Reform Motions on training, grievance policy and process, regional governance system and funding program. Tomi Bowling was opposed to approving the first draft motion on training, stating that there was already a problem getting board members to complete the Ethics training. She advised against imposing mandatory trainings for board member volunteers. **(Cleghorn/Woodruff) moved to vote on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th proposed reform motions with changes made to the language (Regional Governance System changed to Regional Resource System). The motion carried to approve the three reform motions.**

Revisions were then made to the Training reform motion language. The motion carried as amended.

18. **Standing Rule regarding Ethics Training:** Tabled to Dec. board meeting.

19. **Secretary's Report:** Cindy Cleghorn reported that new board member Nigel Burns received a binder with information on serving on STNC. Cindy mentioned that volunteers are being sought (board members) to serve as Peer Mentors for other NCs.

20. **Meeting Adjourned:** 9:10 p.m.

-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Kelly Services-