

STNC MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

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

Attendance: 81, board: 17, audience: 64

1. **Call to Order at 7:07 p.m. by STNC President Dan McManus.** Pledge of Allegiance, meeting overview and introduction of elected Officials & City staff. **Board Members** in attendance: Olina Lowe, Dan McManus, Cindy Cleghorn, Belinda Woodruff, Brenda Fortune, Jodie Brittain, Araz Parseghian, Lydia Grant, Richard Stewart, Mark Seigel, Jan Linsalato, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Arsen Karamians, Nigel Burns, and John Blue. **Absent:** John Laue, Ed Novy, Ricky Grubb.
2. **President's Report & Announcements:** Dan welcomed everyone and introduced new CD2 Field Deputy Bill Hackett.
3. **Senior Rep's Report:** Olina Lowe reported that she acquired a bingo machine for the Sunland Seniors' Center.
4. **Minutes:** The board approved the STNC board meeting minutes from December 14, 2011 as presented.
5. **Treasurer's Report,** Mark Seigel presented the breakdown of bills paid since the last STNC meeting. He proposed shifting monies in the budget to cover the Recording Secretary's budget as it was determined that DONE had paid bills from the last fiscal year with monies from the current fiscal budget. **A motion to receive the January 2012 STNC Financial Report was approved.**
6. **Congressman Adam Schiff's presentation:** The board was addressed by Congress member Adam Schiff who will be representing this area through the current redistricting process. Up to ten years ago, he represented the STNC area.
7. **Region 3 Representative board position:** Stakeholder Sonya Marquez addressed the board saying she was interested in serving on the STNC. She would like to see improvements to Foothill Blvd. Since Jan Linsalato, current board member, has recently moved to that same area, Jan was asked to also address the board for her interest in continuing to serve the board in this Region. (see next action). **The board approved the appointment of Sonya Marquez as the new Region 3 rep for the board.**
8. **Group Representative board position: (Grant/Blue) proposed that Jan accept Group Rep board seat, now vacant. Jan accepted this request to serve in the capacity as Union Rep. for the Group Rep seat. Jan then resigned from Region 1 and was appointed to serve as Group Rep by the board.**
9. **Region 1 board position: Stakeholder Kresse Armour, Rotary member and professor of political science for L.A. City College/L.A. Trade Tech was appointed to serve as the new Region 1 rep.**

10. **STNC Outreach Plan** including STNC meeting calendar: New V.P. of Outreach, Brenda Fortune, informed the board about her ideas for Outreach and asked stakeholders to attend the upcoming meeting Jan. 19 at the YMCA.
11. **L.A. City Redistricting:** The board discussed plans to submit STNC official comments and a map regarding the proposed/preferred LA City Council Redistricting to the L.A. Redistricting Commission. **(Cleghorn/Bowling) requested the board write a letter to the Redistricting Commission delineating the boundaries STNC would like to see for this area. The motion carried.** Information on how to contact the City Redistricting Commission will be on the STNC website blog for public information.
12. **Land Use Committee Report:**
- a. **Day Street:** Tomi Lyn Bowling introduced Stephanie Klasky-Garner who gave a 30-minute presentation on LA Family Housing's permanent housing proposal, the Day Street Apartments designed as a long-term solution to end homelessness. The site at 7650 Day Street would generate 46 studio apartments with a fulltime manager onsite and support services for the residents. Stephanie took questions from the board/stakeholders as the project continues to move forward.
 - b. **Samoa:** The recommendation from LUC was presented on the proposed low income housing for 10046-50 Samoa. City Planning released their Determination Letter, dated 1-4-12. An appeal is expected to be filed by abutting neighbors and the STA. A meeting was announced to address the appeal.
 - c. **Goodwill:** Tomi presented the LUC recommendation for the Goodwill Donation Center's proposed expansion at 6535 Foothill to the site of the former Glendale Bakery on the Marnice Street side in Tujunga. Michael Pauls of Goodwill told the board the former bakery will be used as a drop off center.
 - d. **St. Estaban:** Tomi said the LUC has no issue with single family homes proposed for St. Estaban.
 - e. **Coin Laundromat:** Tomi spoke about the benefits of having a new, updated Coin Laundromat at 6914 Foothill, which is a change of use permit for a vacant building. LUC gave a positive recommendation for this use as it would provide benefits to the community.
 - f. **Other Land Use Committee Updates.** Tomi and Lloyd Hitt commented on Survey L.A.'s plans to save historic homes in our area. **The board approved LUC's recommendation for Survey L.A. to go forward with this plan similar to what they did with Stonehurst Historic Homes.**

13. Public Comments:

- Sandra Bahia, a community advocate, introduced herself and her interest in serving on the board in the Region 1 board seat. She was involved in opening the first shelter for women in the Valley.
- Nina Royal, publisher of the North Valley Reporter, talked about her paper and what it covers.
- Sheri Smith of Bolton Hall invited the public to the Historic Native American presentation in Tujunga on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1 p.m.
- Eric Owens reported that the Sunland Farmer's Market will be closing.

- Richard Stewart invited stakeholders to adopt a street as part of his community-wide “Belly Busters Club.”
 - Kresse Armour of the Rotary Club announced the Spring Dance, March 3, 7 – 10 p.m. at the Elks Club.
 - Roberta Cole talked about 14-wheelers parking overnight on Foothill Boulevard, asking if this worked against the Foothill Corridor Specific Plan.
 - Mark Seigel announced a new series of Ham Radio classes starting March 22nd and continuing for eight Thursday evenings. The course is free with the purchase of the printed materials.
 - David Barron made some comments.
 - John Henderson talked about his website and outreach efforts to bring a Walmart or Target to this area.
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14. **Neighborhood Elections:** (Cleghorn/Linsalato) moved that STNC establish a 2012 STNC Elections Committee to review the budget dollars and create a plan to begin outreach campaign including costs and coordinating with DONE, the Foothill Trails District NC, Sun Valley Area NC and the Independent Election Administrator. The motion carried.
15. **LADWP – Recycled Water & Review of Draft Master Planning Documents –** Cindy told the board that public comments on the DWP’s (Memorandum of Understanding) MOU are due by Feb. 10, 2012 to serge.haddad@ladwpc.com. Every five years, the DWP must renew the MOU with the neighborhood councils and they also must notify NCs in advance if they want to increase rates. STNC is in favor of asking DPW to renew the MOU which is now up for renewal.
16. **Skate Over Hate:** (Fortune/Linsalato) moved that STNC allocate \$300.00 to purchase food for the Skate over Hate Youth Event at Sunland Skate Park on Jan. 21st and appropriate the advertising for a banner to be raised showing STNC’s sponsorship at the event. The motion carried.
17. **L.A. City Mayor’s Budget Survey:** Cindy gave a report that the Budget Survey will be out on January 15, 2012. The STNC is going to be asked to weigh-in on the budget and how to balance the City’s budget. Stakeholders are being asked to give input as well.

18. Group, Region & Committee Reports

John Blue, Veterans’ Rep, talked about the veterans returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan. Jan Linsalato informed the board of how she got a large pothole/sinkhole filled on Tujung Canyon.

Araz Parseghian reported that there has been a rise in motor vehicle vandalism in his area. The police have been notified on behalf of the neighbors.

Belinda Woodruff and Nigel Burns met to discuss Region 4’s needs.

Lydia Grant is moving forward with the Presidential Awards and STNC awards to promote local businesses and inspire the national volunteer program in this area’s schools. Lydia will take STNC letter regarding truancy ticketing to the School board. She also announced a second Parent Trigger being launched on a school in Idyllwild.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Kelly Services.