

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING SPECIAL AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, April 11, 2012**  
**North Valley Neighborhood City Hall**  
**7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042**

**Attendance: 82, Audience: 65, Board: 17**

1. **Call to Order** by Dan McManus, STNC president. Pledge of Allegiance, Meeting overview, Introduction of STNC Board, Elected Officials, City staff, LAPD Sr. Lead, DONE rep, Handouts, notices, sign-in sheets, speaker cards, agenda timeline, sound system. **Board members in attendance:** John Blue, Arsen Karamians, Olina Lowe, Wendy Snyder, Dan McManus, Cindy Cleghorn, Brenda Fortune, Richard Stewart, Belinda Woodruff, Mark Seigel, Sonya Marquez, Jan Linsalato, John Laue, and Kresse Armour. **Absent:** Araz Parseghian, Nigel Burns, Jodie Brittain, and Ricky Grubb.
2. **LAPD** Senior Lead Officer Rich Wall introduced temporary Senior Lead Officer Cosa. Crime Stats: He announced there has been a spike in MV larcenies and advised residents to lock their cars and not to leave anything of value in it. A Senior Lead Summit will be held April 17 at N. Valley City Hall. On April 28, from 10 – 2 p.m., LAPD will hold a prescription drug turn-in with the DEA to destroy old or unused prescriptions, also at N. Valley City Hall.
3. **CD 2** Field Deputy Mary Benson announced a Council Member Community Meeting to learn about Athens Waste Material Recycling Facility on April 12 at 7 p.m. There will be a Great Cleanup at the Haines Canyon channel at Tujunga Wash on Sat. April 28<sup>th</sup> by Friends of the L.A. River and on April 28, the Bureau of Sanitation holds a tire recycling day.
4. **Mayoral Candidate** Kevin James introduced himself and spoke about his platform for the election in March 2013. He is the first of the candidates to present to STNC. Kevin was formerly a Assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles, an entertainment attorney, Board Vice Chair and Co-Chair for AIDS Project L.A., and a broadcaster for KABC and KRLA covering news for 10 years. He is best known, though, for his Voice of the Neighborhood Councils radio show. His key priorities as Mayor would be the creation of jobs, a reform the business tax, support for the Parent Trigger legislation and open enrollment; audits of the DWP, and improvements to the transportation system including fixing pot holes and installing right-hand turn signals to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists. As Mayor, he said he would do a radio broadcast every Sunday where callers could pose questions to him.
5. **Volunteer Awards:** Parent Rep. Lydia Grant awarded certificates from President George W. Bush from a previous campaign held in 2007 by the Volunteer Center of L.A.'s Presidential Volunteer Rewards Service Program. Certificates were awarded, posthumously to Shirley Kellstrom and Michelle Sahfran, former STNC board members. Additional certificates were awarded to: STNC board members Mark Seigel, Dan McManus, Richard Stewart, John Blue and Janet Linsalato with additional certificates to be presented to former board members: Tim Borquez, Penny Barcena, George Powell, John Van Es, Joan Slater, Jeannine Crowley, Deborah Ray, and Victor Castro.
6. **President's Report & Announcements:** Dan reminded the board that the campaign to Save the Verdugo Golf Course is ongoing and needs support with letters, emails and phone calls to ensure Prop O funds are acquired for this project. He also spoke about board members' requirement to complete the annual Ethics and Open Government Training for City Officials.

7. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved as revised.
8. **Public Comments:**
  - Nina Royal gave the Safety Report: The Easter Carnival was a success other than her bee stings. The next CERT class is being organized. It will run weekly for two hours per night (potentially on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m.). Five more attendees will complete the enrollment. Nina also asked for volunteers for the Citizens Advisory Board which reports to the LAPD. She announced her candidacy for Honorary Sheriff and will use funds received to purchase First Responder Equipment for S-T. As the publisher of the North Valley Reporter, she is in need of articles and advertising.
  - Robert Klemm, stakeholder, announced that the Theodore Payne Foundation holds its Garden Tour this weekend with homeowner's gardens' and landscapes available for tours, including his own. He is renovating the community garden at the entrance to Sunland where someone planted non-native plants/weeds which are covering up the signage and need to be removed.
  - Pat O'Brian, Commander of American Legion, asked for support with service banners – need six more donations @ \$250.00 each. Selling bracelets for \$5.00. Rotary Club is behind the hometown banners campaign. Memorial Day, 11 a.m. service and BBQ at American Legion.
  - Sheri Smith of Bolton Hall announced this weekend's program on Saturday @ 1 p.m. on the History of Transportation in the City of L.A. The annual Plant Sale fundraiser for Bolton Hall is on Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 – 1 p.m. on Commerce at C & M Printing's parking lot.
  - Lydia Grant is setting up an Educational Coalition across the NCs in the city. She attended the S.F. Valley Gangs Coalition and reported that the "Knock-Knock" burglars were arrested (13 of them). She suggested staying connected to the Foothills Forum to follow crime trends.
  - David Barron, a stakeholder, spoke about the police's impounding of cars and people driving without a license.
  - Brenda Fortune announced her candidacy for Honorary Sheriff. She is representing the S-T Chamber of Commerce and will pledge the money she raises to VHHS arts, music and sports programs. She is also the Interact Advisor for VHHS.
  - Brian Abbott, Football Coach at VHHS, is looking for coaches to assist the sports program, both men and women with football experience.
  - Mark Seigel invited the public to join his 2nd Ham Radio class, ongoing.
  - Ed Novy invited the public to McGroarty Arts Center this Saturday at 3 p.m. to meet the newest poet laureate of Sunland-Tujunga.
  - Belinda Woodruff reported a business sign at a car dealership in Shadow Hills inviting unlicensed motorists to buy cars from them.
  - Aliyah Jones, student at Mt. Gleason Middle School brought chocolate bars to sell as a fundraiser.
9. **Secretary Cindy Cleghorn** announced the STNC election for board members will be held August 4, 2012 at N. Valley City Hall. (Cleghorn/Bowling) moved that STNC approve STNC Board Elections Plans including joint advertising plans with Region 1 neighborhood councils and the Election Committee to complete details regarding elections procedures and timeline with the City. The motion carried unanimously. May 9 is the Call for Candidates Forum at the next STNC meeting. On June 13, all verified candidates will have a chance to announce themselves at the June STNC meeting. Empower LA will hold a Leadership Training meeting at N. Valley City Hall on April 21. .
10. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. **(Seigel) moved that STNC receive the April 2012 STNC Financial Report. The motion carried. (Seigel/Novy) moved that STNC encumber up to \$6,000 for the August election. The motion carried.**

11. **NC Budget Advocate Report:** Ed Novy spoke about the efforts the Budget Reps have made including a 136-page White Paper with suggestions to the Mayor on revising the budget from the results of the budget survey. He announced that the Mayor is looking to cut jobs to force the unions to negotiate and wants to raise the retirement age for city employees. On the budget survey, STNC ranked #3 out of 95 NCs taking the budget survey and #1 in the Valley for best NC participation.

## 12. **Group, Region & Committee Reports**

**a. John Laue, Region 1 Rep** congratulated those who participated at the Mayor's Day of Service event at, soon to be, Oro Vista Park. Over 400 people attended the event on March 31. The land proposed for the park is still sitting idle with no work scheduled to complete it. He asked, again, for help from CD2 to move this project forward to get it established as a park. **(Laue/Blue) moved to approve a letter proposing an extension of the bike lanes from Wentworth Street to Foothill Boulevard into Sunland. (Blue) made a friendly amendment that the bike lane addition would add economic value to the community as a recreational draw. The motion carried as amended.**

**b. Land Use Committee Report: (Bowling) moved that STNC support the Land Use Committee's recommendation to support design plans for 10163 Mountair apartments – bonus density 10-unit apartment complex. The motion carried unanimously.**

- a. She updated the board on news from Samoa Sub-Committee: 10046-56 Samoa design plans.
  - b. Our Lady of Lourdes has filed an application with the City for a Wireless Telecommunications Facility installation at Apperson & Tujung Cyn. They will give a presentation on this at the next LUC meeting, Monday, April 16, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
  - c. She encouraged stakeholders to write letters/emails to support Verdugo Hills Golf Course getting Prop O funding. Otherwise, a 229 home development will replace that open space.
- d. Lydia Grant, Parent Rep. spoke about a motion to support funding for Adult Education.
- e. Richard Stewart thanked STNC for donating \$250.00 to the Mayor's Day of Service where service clubs worked on picking up trash.
- f. Brenda Fortune announced that the Outreach Committee also appreciated that donation which provided food and drinks to over 400 people at the Mayor's Day event. The next Outreach Committee meeting will be held at Bolton Hall, with next month's at Sunland Rec. Center in May and McGroarty Arts Center in June.
- g. Olina Lowe, Senior Rep, reminded the board that Sunland Senior's Center needs prizes/donations for their Bingo games.
- h. John Laue congratulated Brenda, Richard and Mary Benson for their work at the Mayor's Day of Service and said he hoped that event will help move the Park project forward. He spoke about the need to pave Oro Vista and asked Mary Benson for her help in making it a priority.
- i. Arsen Karamian suggested paving Mt. Gleason Avenue by Tujung Cyn Blvd.
- j. John Blue, Veterans Rep. announced veterans' discounts from AT & T (a 15% reduction on phone bills for veterans), as well as discounts from Sears and Lowes.

## 13. **Additional Comments:**

Stakeholder Amelia, a realtor, notified the board that the Dept of Building and Safety will run drug dealers out of town in 21 – 28 days if properties they are using are reported.

14. **Meeting adjourned** at 9:18 p.m.

-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Kelly Services-