

STNC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042

Attendance: 75, Board: 14, Audience: 61

1. **Meeting called to order** at 7 p.m. by Vice President Tomi Lyn Bowling with the Pledge of Allegiance and meeting overview. The board members present were: John Laue, Jodie Brittain, Arsen Karamians, Olina Lowe, Cindy Cleghorn, Tomi Bowling, Brenda Fortune, Richard Stewart, Kresse Armour, Lydia Grant, Mark Seigel, Sonia Marquez, and Araz Parsheghian. Jan Linsalato arrived late. Absent were: Dan McManus, Ricky Grubb, John Blue, Nigel Burns, Wendy Snyder, Belinda Woodruff, Ed Novy.
2. **President's Report & Announcements:** Tomi introduced CD2 Field Deputy Jackie Keene who announced that another cleanup will take place in the Tujunga Wash on Thursday, May 24 to disburse the homeless encampments and put those who are living there in touch with homeless service providers. Councilman Krekorian is also requesting that members of the board and community come visit at L.A. City Hall so he can acknowledge STNC which celebrated its 9th anniversary at the May board meeting.
 - a. Tomi reviewed the Mountain Lion Presentation on May 8 and announced another to take place on May 14 at N. Valley City Hall.
 - b. There is still an open board seat for a parliamentarian.
 - c. Volunteers are needed for the 4th of July fireworks event in Tujunga to guard exits.
 - d. CD2/CD7 Transition: Councilmember Richard Alarcon will be assuming leadership of the Sunland-Tujunga area when the City Council approves the new legislative boundaries.

LAPD Sr. Lead Officer Rich Wall announced that Officer Rudy Rodriguez has been named the new Senior Lead Officer for Sunland. He reviewed crime stats and talked about the Gun Buy-Back Program at the LAPD Mission Hills Division this weekend which is offering \$100 gift card for guns and \$200 for assault rifles.
3. **Approval of Minutes – Without objection the April 2012 minutes were approved as presented.**
4. **Treasurer's Report:– (Seigel/Fortune) moved to receive the May 2012 STNC Financial Report. The motion carried.**

(Cleghorn/Fortune) moved to approve \$1,000 for the July 4th Family Fireworks expenses for stage and portable toilets, previously approved by the board in 2011 but not paid from the 2010-2011 budget. The motion carried.

 - a. Update regarding STNC budget for FY 2012-13 – Cindy noted that EmpowerLA (DONE) is expected to reduce the NC funding to \$37,000. Based on that figure, **(Seigel/Laue) moved that STNC approve the proposed budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$37,000. The motion carried.**
5. **NC Budget Advocate** –Cindy spoke on behalf of Budget Advocate Ed Novy by presenting 21 points the Budget Advocates have recommended on the budget to the Mayor.

(Cleghorn/Fortune) moved to approve supporting the 21 points in the Budget Advocates' report to the Mayor. The motion carried unanimous.

6. **Support of Adult Education** – Lydia Grant spoke about the motion by the North Valley Occupational Center to support funding for Adult Education classes in the City’s budget. There will be a candlelight vigil held at LAUSD at 4 a.m. on the date they are to take that vote. Stakeholder Renato Lira spoke about the Dream Act and how important Adult Education is to the community. Ricardo Benitez also asked for support. **(Grant/Laue) moved that STNC support the motion for funding for Adult Education. The motion unanimously. The board motion will be filed with two similar Council Files at City Hall.**

7. **Election Report:** Cindy announced that on this date, the City Council voted to approve that EmpowerLA administer the NC elections. This sets forth the following schedule: In June Candidate Filing will begin, in July, candidates for all the STNC board seats will start campaigning for board seats. On August 4th the election will be held at North Valley City Hall. (Other NCs that will hold elections on that date at separate locations. **(Cleghorn/ Parshegian) moved the board approve the Elections Outreach Plan. The motion carried.**
 - Cindy explained that an Election Administrator will kick off the Elections process by collecting the candidate applications and verifying their information. She then explained how a person can become a candidate for the STNC board.
 - Board members present then talked about their reasons for serving on the STNC board.
 - EmpowerLA will hold a Leadership Academy to train candidates. Cindy asked for volunteers to serve on the Elections Committee. She then reviewed the ordinance, passed by the City Council, to allow EmpowerLA to run the elections for the City’s NCs. She explained that if any of the board seats is uncontested or not filled, it will require a change from holding an Election to having a Selection process, which would be less representative of the community.

8. **Public Comments:**
 - Greg Bartz, LADWP Liaison, asked stakeholders to contact him if they have any problems with DWP. He talked about major management changes going on at DWP including vacancies in Sustainable Programs and a Manager of Energy Efficiency. There will be a rate increase hearing for CD2 On Wednesday, May 16 in Sun Valley at Saticoy Elementary.
 - Sheri Smith, Little Landers/Bolton Hall, talked about the new exhibit “The Life and Times of Ida and John McGroarty” and their monthly program: “L.A. County Fire Department.” She presented Cindy with a Certificate of Appreciation for allowing Bolton Hall the use of C & M Printing’s parking lot for their annual plant sale, which was a success on April 21st. She invited the public to Joselitos on May 24th to raise money for Bolton Hall.
 - Margie Margarita Carranza announced her candidacy for State Assembly and reviewed her platform.
 - William Torrez, an 8th grade student at Our Lady of Lourdes School, spoke about his school project which brought him to the STNC meeting. He talked about his awareness of STNC from having attended and thought more kids should come to the meetings.
 - Marc Dodel spoke about the lack of support services for people who need assistance getting transportation for their medical visits.
 - Kresse Armour talked about the candidates for Honorary Sheriff and invited the public to utilize a Mother’s Day golfing special.
 - Wendall Bowers, Hometown Heros Banner Campaign, announced they are three banners short and still need \$1200.00 in funding.
 - Pat O’Brian, president of the American Legion, talked about their Memorial Day event.
 - Nina Royal invited the public to attend an Open House at the Tujunga Fire Department on Saturday. She attended a DPW event recently and was surprised so few people showed up. With the rate increase meeting next week, she encouraged everyone to attend. She is a candidate for Honorary Sheriff of S-T. To raise money for her campaign

there will be a dance on June 23 at the Elks Club at a donation of \$12.00. The next North Valley Reporter will feature candidates for Congress and the State Assembly.

- Alexander Abam spoke about the importance of adult education.
- Mark Seigel updated everyone on his Ham Radio classes.
- Lydia Grant met with the School Board member to address local issues.
- Elaine Brown distributed a flyer protesting the killing of the Sunland mountain lion and asked for action to remove the President of the California Fish and Game Commission.
- Patty Lopez thanked the board for supporting the adult education resolution.
- Ricardo Benitez announced his candidacy for the 39th Assembly seat.
- Renato Lira asked for support of Dream Max (Adult Education).
- Sonia Tatulian read a Mother's Day poem written by Marlene Hitt.
- Paul Martinez, a North Hollywood Polytech student, thanked the board for supporting adult education.

9. **Award:** Cindy congratulated board member Richard Stewart who is being honored as "Business of the Year" by the United Chambers of Commerce on June 1st.

10. **Memorial:** A moment of silence was observed for local resident Chet Michalski, a Tujunga resident who was involved in founding organizations in this community.

11. **LAND USE COMMITTEE** – Cindy gave the report for Tomi.

- a. Assembly Bill 2231 (Fuentes) will make the City responsible for repairing broken sidewalks. Meanwhile, the City is trying to make home owners responsible for any sidewalk repairs in front of their homes.
- b. The next Foothill Blvd. Improvement Workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd at North Valley Town Hall.
- c. 9927 Commerce – **The board accepted LUC's recommendation for a Change of Use permit for a local business – a gym for kids – at the former Rios boutique.**
- d. 7660 Foothill –Another business has requested a Change of Use permit to operate a car wash at a former gas station.
- e. 10046-56 Samoa – The controversial application for a 64 unit development for low income housing on Samoa was withdrawn. However, Cindy said the developer is expected to reapply for a downsized 48 unit development at the same location.
- f. Verdugo Hills Golf Course – While Prop O funds were being sought by Councilmember Krekorian, it turns out the City has no money available.
- g. Zoning Code Reform – The City is looking at formed based zoning.
- h. At the May 21 LUC meeting, LA Family Housing will give a presentation.

Cindy also spoke about the Plastic Bag ordinance that will be heard by City Council soon.

Tomi asked for public response to having Gourmet Food Trucks come to Sunland on Wed. nights.

12. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE** – Brenda Fortune asked for volunteers for future Outreach events. The Anti Drug Walk by students was a success.

13. **Group, Region Rep & Other Committee Reports**

- Region 1, John Laue asked for follow up from CD2 on Oro Vista Park.
- Safety Committee-Nina announced an Anti bullying presentation at a Town Hall meeting in September.
- Lydia Grant asked the board to support Lakeview Terrace's LUC in opposing a hillside development of 39 detached condos.

14. **Meeting Adjourned** at: 9:10 p.m.

-Minutes by Pat Kramer, Kelly Services-