

MINUTES

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Regular Meeting of 05/08/2002

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were about 80 people in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Welcome Newcomers

Ken welcomed all the newcomers and gave a brief overview of what a Neighborhood Council is and does.

Open Forum/Announcements

-Laurel Fest mentioned that she has been checking with other community groups to find out if another night and/or time would allow more people to participate in the Neighborhood Council.

-Mark Fogwell commented that the proposed ARCO station will affect the community and offered to answer questions on it. He also stated that Trader Joes has expressed interest in the lot.

-An individual commented that the used car dealerships on Foothill Blvd. are making it look like Van Nuys Blvd.

-Elaine Brown mentioned that the signages on the car dealerships do not fit the Specific Plan and complaints can be made.

Recognition of Guests and Dignitaries

Ken introduced the guests and dignitaries present at the meeting.

Dale Thrush, Planning Deputy for Council member Wendy Greuel

Dale Thrush spoke on various planning issues. Work is being done to bring Trader Joes and Starbucks to our community. Grading has begun on the Gas Company Project. The Mekhitarist Fathers' School will acquire the old ARCO lot. June 20th is the hearing date for ARCO. The public hearing on the Scenic Plan is on May 30th. Mr. Thrush has been told that the requests of 6723 Foothill Blvd., formerly the Canyon Theater, have been approved, but he hasn't received the documents yet.

Welcome Council member Wendy Greuel

Ms. Greuel made several announcements. It appears that escrow will soon commence on the 9 acres at Oro Vista that will be made into a park. \$30,000 was approved by the Housing Committee for Commerce Avenue. A Pet Fair will be held on June 8th at Sunland Park. It will start at 10am and go all day. Public Works day will be on May 21st in the Kmart parking lot. There is money that needs to be put into the community and Ms. Greuel will be reviewing various requests to get that money distributed by the deadline.

Programs – City hood and Sunland-Tujunga Temporary Aid Center

Oscar Mendoza, President of Residents for Independence, spoke on behalf of Valley Vote. Mr. Mendoza gave a presentation stating reasons to support Valley Secession. Five questions were taken and answered.

Mary Shotwell announced that the Sunland-Tujunga Temporary Aid Center at the Sunland-Tujunga Municipal Building provides free food to residents of Sunland and Tujunga in need.

Samantha Stevens spoke on behalf of One L.A. (opponents of secession). She presented reasons to oppose secession. Five questions were taken and answered.

Treasurer's Report

Nedd Brown reported that we had no change in the income since last month's report.

Correspondence Report

Brenda McAlpine reported that we now have 151 voting members. She also reported that she had received information on the Street Faire, which will be held in October. Brenda also acknowledged Shirley Kellstrom, Parliamentarian, who was elected President of Valley Sunset District BPW.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 10, 2002 meeting were approved as written.

Action Team Reports

Reports were provided on Music in the Park, Planning, Outreach, Safety, Redistricting and Scenic Plan.

Elaine Brown moved that the Neighborhood Council write a letter to Wendy Greuel to put a moratorium on all plan approvals as to construction on the ridgelines as disputed in the San Gabriel/Verdugo Mountains Scenic Preservation Specific Plan until said plan is in place. The motion was seconded and passed.

Unfinished Business

Ken McAlpine announced that a committee will be formed to review additional Hallmark Project options. The committee will be appointed based on those who volunteer.

New Business

Debate Committee: Ava Wrightsman announced that volunteers are needed to form a committee to help on the Valley Vote v. One L.A. debate that is being sponsored by the STNC on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Independence Day Committee: Ken McAlpine announced that three volunteers are needed for the committee.

Street Faire: Brenda McAlpine announced a sign up sheet was available for those who would like to help on the Street Faire.

Advertising:

Brenda McAlpine moved that the NC spend enough money to get 3 months of flyers into the new community newspaper. The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued and Mike Hall moved to table it to the next meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

Committee Populating (filling vacancies on committees): John Waters announced that the NC needs to decide to appoint the vacant committees or leave them unpopulated.

Mike Hall moved that the Bylaws Committee not have any mandatory standing committees except Grievance, Audit, Nominating, and Bylaws and that the Council be permitted to add any committees needed to further our mission. The motion was seconded and passed.

Community Organization Liaison: John LaRocca announced that he is willing to represent the NC in discussion with businesses and the Chamber of Commerce for the Neighborhood Council.

DAC Structure Committee: Ken McAlpine announced that volunteers are needed to formulate a structure for the Design Advisory Committee.

Mr. Aunders moved that the Neighborhood Council draft a letter to the North Valley Planning Commission stating opposition to ARCO's proposed development of the Commerce and Foothill old Sunrise Ford dealership location for a 20 pump fueling station, 24-hour AM/PM, and 24-hour car wash. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jim Margolin moved that the Outreach Committee Block Captains be permitted to circulate petitions against ARCO. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

REPORTS

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Music in the Park:

Jeanine Carroll announced that July 20th is the tentative date for Music/Jazz in the Park. Volunteers are needed to help out on the event and clean up beforehand.

Planning:

Penny Blackwell passed out copies of a planning report and offered to answer questions.

Outreach:

Jim Margolin gave an overview of the Outreach program, including Block Captains. He also gave out his phone number, (818) 353-4060 and his email address, STNCoutreach@aol.com. He announced that Apartment Captains, Church Captains, School Captains and Service Clubs Captains are needed.

Safety:

Nina Royal announced that Saturday will be the first Fire Department Open House. The next CERT classes start on September 3rd. Martin Pomeroy is the new Chief of Police. Sergeant Kirk's phone number is (818) 756-8861.

Redistricting:

Lloyd Hitt announced that he attended the Redistricting meeting on April 24th at the Airtel regarding school and City Council districts. He encouraged the committee to support Wendy Greuel's request on LVT.

Scenic Plan:

Steve Crouch announced that he has attended meetings where work has been done on establishing the elevation guidelines. There is a Scenic Plan meeting on Thursday, May 30th at the Sunland-Tujunga Municipal Building. There was a question and answer period.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

www.SunlandTujunga.org/council

<u>Date & Time:</u>	<u>Organization & Location:</u>	<u>Event & Contact Info:</u>
Thurs, June 13 6:00 p.m.	Community Policy Advisory Board (CPAB) Villa Scalabrini Retirement Home 10631 Vinedale St., Sun Valley	
Thurs, June 13 6:30 p.m.	Sunland Tujunga Lions Club Mario's Sterling Restaurant Sunland	Regular Meeting, Program: Pat Kramer, Finding more energy for your life, (818) 951-1015 6:30 p.m. Hospitality; 7:00 p.m. Dinner \$13.50
Thurs, June 13 7:30 p.m.	Crescenta Valley Sierra Club Sunland-Tujunga Library	Lecture: Gordon Labeledz, Living w/ a sustainable diet (818) 249-2345
Fri, June 14 4-6 p.m.	Tierra del Sol Art Walk 9919 Sunland Blvd., Sunland	Sponsored by Council member Wendy Greuel
Sun, June 16 2:00 p.m.	Flag Day Ceremony Elks Lodge, 10137 Commerce Ave. Tujunga	Featured speaker: Council member Wendy Greuel
Tues, June 18 11:30 a.m.	Foothill Tuesday Club Municipal Building, Tujunga	
Tues, June 18 6:45 p.m.	Sunland-Tujunga Kiwanis Mario's Sterling Restaurant Sunland	Regular Meeting (818) 353-4260
Tues, June 18 7:30 p.m.	Valley Poetry Slam Leo's Pizza 7556 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga	Sign-ups at 7:00 p.m. www.poetryslam.com
Wed, June 19 6:30 p.m.	Northeast Valley Regional Arts Council LVT Recreation Center 11075 Foothill, LVT	
Wed, June 19 7:00 p.m.	Friends of the Sunland-Tujunga Library Sunland-Tujunga Library	Poetry Reading Series, Alicia Vagl Saenz & Imani Tollivar; (818) 352-4481
Thurs, June 20 8-11:45 a.m.	AARP Mature Drivers Program Glendale Adventist Medical Center	Driving refresher course. Provides a discount on car insurance. Reservations required. (818) 409-8100
Thurs, June 20 1:00 p.m.	League of Women Voters Sunland-Tujunga Library	Regular Meeting
Thurs, June 20 7:30 p.m.	Foothill Gem and Mineral Society Sunland-Tujunga Library	Regular Meeting (818) 890-7377
Fri, June 21 8am-3pm	Tujunga United Methodist Church 9901 Tujunga Cyn, Tujunga	Rummage Sale
Fri, June 21 7:30-10:30 pm	Sets & Steps Square Dance Club 4004 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta	Call for info: (818) 248-6546

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Sat, June 22 8am-3pm	Tujunga United Methodist Church 9901 Tujunga Cyn, Tujunga	Rummage Sale
Sat, June 22 TBD 10:00 a.m.	Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council McGroarty Arts Center 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga	Agenda Meeting: Submit items and topics for agenda of July meeting. This meeting is open to the public, (818) 951-1501
Sat, June 22 10am-1pm	McGroarty Arts Center 7570 McGroarty, Tujunga	Summer Registration
Sun, June 23 2pm	Los Pinguos Descanso Gardens	Under the Oaks Concert Free with garden admission
Sun, June 23 5:00 p.m	Sunland Tujunga Lions Club Mario's Sterling Restaurant Sunland	Installation of officers, \$25 (818) 951-1015
Sun, June 23 7:30 p.m.	Bloomin' Squares Municipal Building	Square Dance, advanced level
Mon, June 24 7:00 p.m.	McGroarty Writers Circle Sunland-Tujunga Library	Readings and Critique (818) 951-9920
Tues, June 25 6:45 p.m.	Sunland-Tujunga Kiwanis Mario's Sterling Restaurant Sunland	Regular Meeting (818) 353-4260
Tues, June 25 7:30 p.m.	Stonehurst Garden Club Stone Building, Stonehurst Park 9901 Dronefield Street, Shadow Hills	
Thurs, June 27 8-11:45 a.m.	AARP Mature Drivers Program Glendale Adventist Medical Center	Driving refresher course. Provides a discount on car insurance. Reservations required. (818) 409-8100 2 nd SESSION.
Thurs, June 27 6:30 p.m.	Los Angeles Police Commission Occidental College 1600 Campus Road, Eagle Rock	Community Meeting for Criteria Development for the New Chief of Police (213) 485-3531
Thurs, June 27 7:00 p.m.	Sunland Tujunga Lions Club Mario's Sterling Restaurant Sunland	Regular Meeting, Program: Kathy Anthony, Children's Museum 6:30 p.m. Hospitality; 7:00 p.m. Dinner \$13.50
Sat, June 29 7:30 p.m.	Bloomin' Squares Municipal Building	Square dance, all levels
Sun, June 30 2:00 p.m.	Highland Sun	Under the Oaks Concert: Traditional Irish and Scottish influences to dance and contemplative tunes Free with garden admission
July 10 7:00 p.m.	Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council Elks Lodge, 10137 Commerce Ave, Tuj.	Regular Meeting: Programs – YMCA Plan; (818) 951-1501