

MINUTES

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Regular Meeting of 06/12/2002

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. There were about 56 people in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Ken McAlpine appointed Mike Hall as Parliamentarian for the evening, as our Parliamentarian, Shirley Kellstrom, was unable to attend this meeting.

Welcome Newcomers

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

Recognition of Guests and Dignitaries

Ken introduced the guests and dignitaries present at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Ken McAlpine reported on behalf of Nedd Brown, Treasurer, that we had income of \$8 this month and Nedd would provide exact figures next month.

Correspondence Report

Brenda McAlpine read the letter that she sent to the North Valley Area Planning Commission regarding ARCO.

Action Team Reports

Reports were provided on Music in the Park and the Independence Day Committee.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 8, 2002 meeting were approved as written.

Old Business

John Waters presented the proposed changes to the Bylaws.

Discussion included the following:

Marc (last name unknown) moved that the Business Committee be left as a Standing Committee. The motion was not seconded.

Elaine Brown asked why we are working on bylaws if our format will not be certified. Ken McAlpine acknowledged that there is a disagreement on this point.

New Business

Ken McAlpine stated that because he was asked to do so by several people present at the Agenda Meeting on June 8, 2002, he announced his candidacy for San Fernando Valley City Council on the November ballot. He announced that he would continue to hold the Chair and perform his duties.

Joe Eiben moved that the Neighborhood Council refer the issue of "Ken taking a hiatus until after the election so he doesn't have a bully pulpit" to DONE for their recommendation as soon as possible. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ken McAlpine announced that he is seeking a new certification Chair and has spoken to Shirley Kellstrom regarding possibly taking the position. He asked people to see him after the meeting to volunteer.

Programs

Albertsons:

Roger Watson with WCDS, Inc. (representing Albertsons) showed maps and drawings of the new proposed store. He mentioned that the only change from what he was presenting is that the Garden Center and Special Sales Area will be removed and a Drive-up pharmacy will be installed. The Padre Park neighbors are in agreement with this change. The new location will have a Starbucks, Sav On and Albertsons. Roger Watson announced that Albertsons would be seeking administrative plan approval to expedite the new store's completion.

Brenda McAlpine moved that the Neighborhood Council support Albertsons to get administrative plan approval for the drive-up pharmacy window. The motion was seconded and passed.

Scenic Plan:

Steve Crouch presented maps on the Scenic Plan. A public hearing was held on May 30th. Steve passed out 20 copies of the community's version of the Specific Plan at that hearing. Steve clarified that preserving a ridge means that it protects the upper-most 50 feet of the ridge. No building can go into that area. June 13th was the deadline for written testimony on the plan. Steve provided his email address (Capviews@attbi.com) and offered to forward any testimony. Steve also provided the mailing address for testimony.

Tim Sauer stated that he owns a prominent ridge. He is building a home and is afraid that his permit will be retroactively revoked if the plan is passed.

ARCO:

ARCO's presentation included the fact that the site is zoned for a gas station, but they need special permits to have 24-hour gas and convenience sales, extended alcohol sales hours (7am – 11pm) and car wash operation hours from sun-up to sundown. ARCO is closing two other smaller stations to put in a new larger one. The alcohol hours will be less than the hours currently allowed for the station at McVine. If issued, the permit would be reviewed in one year. ARCO also announced that they have offered to build a police substation at the site. Stakeholders stated various community concerns, such as alcohol sales increasing crime in the area, increased traffic on St. Esteban, harmful effects on the retail development of Commerce Avenue, and no known plans to staff a police substation at the ARCO site, if one were built.

Open Forum/Announcements:

- Penny Blackwell stated that Katerina Canyon won the state level BPW Young Careerist and is going to the nationals. A reception will be held for Katerina. She requested that donations for Katerina's expenses to go to nationals be sent to the Sunland BPW and that anyone who needs that address can get it from her. Penny also stated that the Caesar's Palace Banquet Hall would not have access from Foothill. A request has been made to combine the cell towers at Albertsons into one large tower. The cell towers are not owned by Albertsons. Bonners Equipment Rental moved and cleaned up their new site. A used car lot is moving into the area. Burger King and Starbucks have inquired into our area.
- Gary Washburn, Senior District Director for California State Assemblyman Keith Richman, announced that if anyone has any trouble with state agencies, such as the DMV or EDD, they could call Chris Ward in Dr. Richman's office. The phone number is (818) 368-3838. Dr. Richman wants to be of service.
- Ava Wrightsman thanked the Debate Committee members and announced that she had a puppy that needed a new home.
- Mike Hall thanked Mary Lee Tiernan for publishing the Foothill Sentinel.
- Tony Oros asked how he could get a speed bump on his street. Pat Davenport of Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office told him to call her.
- An individual announced that the next ARCO hearing would be on June 20th at 4:30 p.m. at the Airtel Plaza in Van Nuys.
- An individual announced that he doesn't like filming in the area and he would like noise abatement, starting with no motorcycles in the Independence Day Parade.
- Elaine Brown announced that at Hansen Dam wildlife preservation lake is being filled with concrete and rebar.
- Nina Royal announced that the Army Corp of Engineers paid to have the lake dug out and now they are filling it up again.
- John Blue announced that there will be no meeting on the Solar Project at Hansen Dam and that he planned to do a presentation at the next meeting.

- An individual announced that several roads have been paved in the area recently thanks for Pat Davenport of Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office.
- Mary Shotwell announced that she would like to keep filming projects in Sunland-Tujunga.
- Mark Fogwell announced that the Nicholas Brown report approves the ARCO project and a copy of that report can be obtained at Council member Wendy Greuel's office.
- Michelle Sahfran announced that a Valley Fair was held at Hansen Dam.
- Brenda McAlpine announced that any temporary membership cards should be dropped off at the back of the room and that people could apply for membership at the back of the room.
- Roberta Cole thanked Mary Lee Tiernan for publishing the Foothill Sentinel and urged everyone to subscribe.
- Brendan Gibson with Bridge Focus announced that a Youth Forum against violence would be held on June 29th at Verdugo Hills High School. The tentative keynote speaker was a mentor to Martin Luther King, Jr. Registration starts at 8am and the workshops are only for youth. There will be three workshops. Anyone can visit the booths. The keynote speaker will start at about 1pm.
- Cindy Cleghorn announced that she would like to see something done about the furniture on the streets.
- Pat Davenport of Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office announced that the Pet Faire was a success. She urged those present to attend the Tierra del Sol Art Walk. She also announced that McGroarty Arts Center needs help on brush clearance.
- Ken McAlpine announced that the Agenda Meeting for our July meeting would be moved earlier if there were no objections. There were no objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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REPORTS

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Music in the Park:

Brenda McAlpine explained that Jeannine Carroll, who was heading this committee, would be unable to put on the event due to a personal emergency. Brenda described Music in the Park and asked for volunteers.

Independence Day Committee:

Brenda McAlpine announced what this committee does and requested volunteers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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<u>Date & Time:</u>	<u>Organization & Location:</u>	<u>Event & Contact Info:</u>
Thurs, July 11 6-8pm	Crescenta Valley Sierra Club Dunsmore Park, 1 block north of Foothill on Dunsmore	Annual Picnic, Bring potluck dish (818) 249-2345
Thurs, July 11 6pm	Community Policy Advisory Board (CPAB) Villa Scalabrini Retirement Home 10631 Vinedale St., Sun Valley	
Thurs, July 11 7pm	Sunland Tujunga Lions Club Mario's Sterling Restaurant Sunland	Regular Meeting, Program: Children's Museum (818) 353-9556 6pm Hospitality; 7pm Dinner \$13.50
Sat, July 13 7:30-11:30am	Kiwanis Club Sunland Park	Pancake Breakfast Benefits baseball league for kids
Sat, July 13 10am-2pm	Sponsored by Congressman Adam Schiff Glendale Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado	First Time Homebuyers Fair
Sat, July 13 8pm	L.A. Dreamshapers Tujunga Library	Adult Story Swap, (818) 541-9449
Sun, July 14 2pm	Descanso Gardens	Under the Oaks Concert Free with garden admission
Mon, July 15 7:30pm	Business & Professional Women Elks Lodge, 10137 Commerce Ave. Tujunga	Dinner program & meeting
Tues, July 16 11:30am	Foothill Tuesday Club Municipal Building, Tujunga	
Tues, July 16 7:30pm	Foothill Poetry Slam Leo's Pizza 7556 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga	Sign-ups at 7pm www.poetryslam.com
Tues, July 16 6:45 pm	Sunland-Tujunga Kiwanis Mario's Sterling Restaurant Sunland	Regular Meeting (818) 353-4260
Wed, July 17 6pm	Descanso Gardens	Wednesday Family Nights. Bring a picnic at 5pm. Joe Python & the Reptile Family \$9 per person. Children under 3 free. Call (818) 949-7980 for reservations.
Wed, July 17 6:30pm	Northeast Valley Regional Arts Council LVT Rec Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd., LVT	
Wed, July 17 7pm	Friends of the Sunland-Tujunga Library Sunland-Tujunga Library	Poetry Reading Series, Larry Jaffe & Ulli Ryder Tollivar; (818) 352-4481
Thurs, July 18 8-11:45am	AARP Mature Drivers Program Glendale Adventist Medical Center	Driving refresher course. Provides a discount on car insurance. \$10 Reservations required. (818) 409-8100

<u>Date & Time:</u>	<u>Organization & Location:</u>	<u>Event & Contact Info:</u>
Thurs, July 18 9:45am	Shadow Hills Republican Women	Call (818) 767-2608
Thurs, July 18 1pm	League of Women Voters Sunland-Tujunga Library	Regular Meeting
Thurs, July 18 7:30pm	Foothill Gem & Mineral Society Sunland-Tujunga Library	Regular Meeting (818) 890-7377
Fri, July 19 7:30am	Spaymobile Sunland Rec Center, 8651 Foothill	Free spay and neuter surgeries for dogs and cats. Bring proof of participation in AFCD, Food Stamps, EIC, AIM, CHDP, CCS, Medi-Cal, VA Disability, Healthy Families, CalWorks, or Section 8 Housing, as well as proof of residence (a current water, electric or gas bill). 1-800-SPAY-4-LA.
Fri, July 19 7:30-10:30pm	Sets & Steps Square Dance Club 4004 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta	Call for info: (818) 248-6546
Sat, July 20 11am-3pm	Chapel of the Hills 11120 Oro Vista, Sunland	Summer Festival – garage sale giveaway, free BBQ, games & crafts for kids, moon bounce, live music.
Sat, July 20	Valley Horse Owners Association Gabriello Park, Lake View Terrace	Poker Ride Contact Tama Lockwood (818) 899-5825
Sun, July 21 2pm	Descanso Gardens	Under the Oaks Concert Free with garden admission
<u>Monday, July 22nd – Friday, July 26th</u>		
9am-12:15pm	Mountain View Baptist Church 9666 Foothill Blvd, LVT	Amazon Outfitters Bible-based Fun Activities, snacks, crafts and adventures for kids kindergarten through 6 th grade. Free. (818) 896-9667.
Mon, July 22 7pm	McGroary Writers Circle Sunland-Tujunga Library	Readings & Critique (818) 951-9920
Tues, July 23 6:45 pm	Sunland-Tujunga Kiwanis Mario's Sterling Restaurant Sunland	Regular Meeting (818) 353-4260
Tues, July 23 7:30pm	Stonehurst Garden Club Stone Building, Stonehurst Park 9901 Dronefield Street, Shadow Hills	
Wed, July 24 6pm	Descanso Gardens	Wednesday Family Nights. Bring a picnic at 5pm. Songs and Comedy for kids and kin. \$9 per person. Children under 3 free. Call (818) 949-7980 for reservations.
Wed, July 24 7pm	Kiwanis Club baseball league Sunland Park	Baseball All-Star Games & Family BBQ
Thurs, July 25 8-11:45am	AARP Mature Drivers Program Glendale Adventist Medical Center	Driving refresher course. Provides a discount on car insurance. \$10. Reservations required. (818) 409-8100, 2 nd SESSION.

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Thurs, July 25 7pm	Sunland Tujunga Lions Club	Board of Directors Meeting (818) 353-9556
Fri, July 26 6:15pm	Descanso Gardens	"Old West" Melodrama. Bring a picnic from 5-6pm. Tickets adults \$12, children \$8, under two free Reservations required (818) 949-7980
Sat, July 27	American Heroes Air Show Hansen Dam Recreation Center	The Summer Meet 2002 Contact Jim Paules (818) 631-8132, www.heroes-airshow.com
Sat, July 27 10am-noon	Descanso Gardens/San Antonio Winery	Wine Uncorked-\$13 class fee. Call (818) 949-7980 by July 15 to register.
Sun, July 28 2pm	Descanso Gardens	Under the Oaks Concert, Easter Indian Music Free with garden admission
Sun, July 18 7:30pm	Bloomin' Squares Municipal Building	Square dance, Advanced Level
Tues, July 30 6:45 pm	Sunland-Tujunga Kiwanis Mario's Sterling Restaurant Sunland	Regular Meeting (818) 353-4260
Wed, July 31 7:30am	Spaymobile Sunland Rec Center, 8651 Foothill	Free spay and neuter surgeries for dogs and cats. Bring proof of participation in AFCD, Food Stamps, EIC, AIM, CHDP, CCS, Medi-Cal, VA Disability, Healthy Families, CalWorks, or Section 8 Housing, as well as proof of residence (a current water, electric or gas bill). 1-800-SPAY-4-LA
Sat, Aug 3 10am	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
<u>Friday, August 9th – Sunday, August 11th</u>		
	WATERMELON FESTIVAL Sunland Park	To sponsor a booth, call Judy Parkinson at 352-7022
Wed, Aug 14 7pm	Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council Elks Lodge, 10137 Commerce Ave, Tuj.	Regular Meeting: Tentative Program – Open Forum (818) 951-1501
Thurs, Aug. 15 7pm	Foothill Trails Neighborhood Council LVT Rec Center	Meeting