

MINUTES:

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Regular Meeting of 07/10/2002

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. There were about 55 people in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, newcomers were welcomed, and special guests Dale Thrush, Planning Deputy for Councilmember Wendy Greuel; Pat Davenport, Field Deputy for Councilmember Wendy Greuel; Tom Rath, City Planning Associate; and Nancy Becker, Executive Director of Verdugo Hills Family YMCA were introduced.

Treasurer's Report: No activity in June.

Ken McAlpine appointed Jim Stewart as parliamentarian for the night.

Correspondence Report: Brenda McAlpine read the email to DONE that resulted from last month's meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 12, 2002 meeting were approved as written.

Action Team Reports:

Planning: Penny Blackwell presented a written report. Dale Thrush announced the following:

Commerce Avenue Revitalization: Councilmember Wendy Greuel got a motion approved for money for this project. The study will commence soon and the results should be available in about thirty days.

Oro Vista: The City will close escrow in one week and it will take about one year to get the plan put together. Community input will be sought.

ARCO: At Councilmember Wendy Greuel's request ARCO had begun looking for a new site. Currently they are considering five sites.

Scenic Plan: A formal presentation was made to the Planning Committee.

Gas Company Building: IHOP will be going in. There is a renewed strong interest from retailers for that site.

Former Sunrise Ford Dealership Site: There is a lot of interest in this site and at least two groups actively interested.

Theater Building: Construction was to be completed within thirty days. The aim of the Theater is to open by the 27th of July without a liquor license. Liquor licenses are issued by the State.

Albertsons: All differences have been resolved with the Council Office and the Community. Construction will begin.

Bonnors: Dale requested that anyone who stops in to Bonners please congratulate and thank them for all the work they have done to the old Central Tow Building.

Golf Course: No current update. There is a dispute regarding the footprint of the property. Dale Thrush is going back and forth with the attorney.

Marisol's Nursery: Permits will be ready in thirty days.

Hansen Dam: The lakes will be saved. It is hoped that the concrete will be removed from the lakes.

Pat Davenport announced flyers at the back of the room and an article titled "Spotlight on Tujunga" in the L.A. Business Journal from July 1, 2002. She showed a redistricting map of District 2. She announced a sign up sheet for an email newsletter that Councilmember Greuel will be putting out. Naiery Misserlian was introduced as a new Field Deputy for Councilmember Wendy Greuel.

Independence Day Committee: Debbie Padilla thanked those who helped on the parade.

Safety: Nina Royal announced that our new senior lead officer for Tujunga is Julie Carpenter. August 6th is National Night Out. Nina gave her phone number and email address for people who are interested in

starting Neighborhood Watch in their area. The Merchant's Association will hold a block party on Commerce Avenue on National Night Out. The next CERT training class is September 6th.

Scenic Plan: Steve Crouch reported no response from the Planning Dept. staff. He hasn't worded the moratorium letter as he is researching proper language. Public comments included the idea that the plan should be passed before the Secession vote and that the Scenic Plan has been in the works for 20 years.

Solar Horse Hospital: John Blue has been meeting with Recreation and Parks and the project is still with the architect. The Baseball Academy is no longer being considered for this site.

Certification: Brenda McAlpine passed out a detailed written report. Discussion included: 1) no NC has been turned down for certification so far, 2) DONE'S resistance to Town Hall format, 3) Northridge NC appears to be getting support from the Mayor, 4) the current flaws in the City's "Early Notification System".

The Executive Board recommended that the Neighborhood Council give Jim Stewart an honorarium of \$25 for his gas and time for serving as parliamentarian. Passed.

Programs: Nancy Becker of the YMCA presented their proposed changes to their building and the land area that the building will occupy. They want to expand their facilities and youth programs. The locker rooms will remain as they are, but lockers may be added later. They are hoping to break ground in December and anticipate six months of construction.

Old Business: In the June 12, 2002 meeting, 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. Seconded and passed at the June 12, 2002. Elsa Waters presented the proposed changes to the Bylaws. During discussion individuals spoke in favor of keeping the committees so that they could eventually become populated. People were urged to volunteer for unpopulated committees if they voted to keep the committees. *The changes were formally voted on and the changes as mentioned in the motion of June 12, 2002 failed.*

New Business: Jane Fanganiello announced that she is interested in setting up educational seminars for people who are interested in opening a business in Sunland-Tujunga and asked people to see her after the meeting to help.

Penny Blackwell moved that Jane start a committee to explore the idea of having a series of seminars. Seconded. Passed.

Ken announced that Shirley Kellstrom, our Parliamentarian, recommended that we stop the business portion of the meeting at Open Forum. *Mike Hall moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes for new business. Seconded. Failed.* The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

Elsa Waters moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes for Open Forum. Seconded. Passed.

Open Forum/Announcements: James Burkhardt, North Valley Area Director for Mayor Hahn, stated that the NC cannot receive money from the City until it is certified. Coffee and Cruise was acknowledged for their contributions to the community. Petitions are being circulated to bring Starbucks to the area. The Watermelon Festival was announced. The Rotary Club was thanked for putting on the parade. People were urged to subscribe to the Foothill Sentinel. It was suggested that the land that the Cross is on be purchased and made public. The possibility of First Amendment trouble for having a religious artifact on public land was brought up. The Department of Planning came to Sunland Park and has installed some of the Skateboard Park. Open Forum adjourned at 9:12pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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<u>Date & Time:</u>	<u>Organization & Location:</u>	<u>Event & Contact Info:</u>
Thurs, Aug 15 1pm	League of Women Voters Sunland-Tujunga Library	Regular Meeting
Thurs, Aug. 15 7pm	Foothill Trails Neighborhood Council LVT Rec Center	Meeting
Thurs, Aug 15 7:30pm	Foothill Gem & Mineral Society Sunland-Tujunga Library	Regular Meeting (818) 890-7377
Sat, Aug 17 1-4pm	Little Landers Historical Society Bolton Hall Museum 10110 Commerce Ave, Tujunga	Annual Ice Cream Social Pauline Frawley (818) 352-1823 or Marge Brunson (818) 951-4416
Tues, Aug 20 6:45pm	Sunland-Tujunga Kiwanis Club Mario's Sterling Restaurant 8737 Fenwick, Sunland	Regular Meeting (818) 353-4260
Tues, Aug 20 7:30pm	Valley Poetry Slam Leo's Pizza, 7556 Foothill Blvd, Tujunga	Katerina Canyon APoeticKat@aol.com
Wed, Aug. 21 7pm	Friends of the Sunland-Tujunga Library Chuparosa Poets, Sunland-Tujunga Library	Word of Mouth Poetry Reading Series (818) 352-4481
Thurs, Aug 22 7pm	Sunland-Tujunga Lions Club Mario's Sterling Restaurant 8737 Fenwick, Sunland	Regular Meeting 6:30pm Hospitality, 7pm Dinner \$13.50 Program: Children's Museum
Sat, Aug 23 11am - ?	Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church Sunland Blvd & Johanna in Shadow Hills	Autumn Fest -- Bluegrass Festival (818) 353-2500
Sun, Aug 24 11am-noon	Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church Sunland Blvd & Johanna in Shadow Hills	Autumn Fest -- Bluegrass Festival (818) 353-2500
Mon, Aug, 26 7pm	McGroarty Writer's Circle Sunland-Tujunga Library	Readings & Critique (818) 951-9920
Tues, Aug 27 6:45pm	Sunland-Tujunga Kiwanis Mario's Sterling Restaurant 8737 Fenwick, Sunland	Regular Meeting (818) 353-4260
Sat, Aug 31 10am	Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council McGroarty Arts Center 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga	Agenda Meeting: Submit items and topics for agenda of Sept meeting. This meeting is open to the public, (818) 951-1501
Sat, Sept 7 8am-2pm	Lakeview Terrace Swap Meet Lakeview Terrace Rec Center 11075 Foothill Blvd, LVT	Phyllis Hines (818) 897-7644
Wed, Sept 11 5pm	American Legion Sunland Park	September 11 Memorial Bill (818) 353-9856

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Wed, Sept 11 7pm	Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council Elks Lodge, 10137 Commerce Ave, Tuj.	Regular Meeting: Tentative Program – Assemblyman Keith Richman & Proposed Apartment/Condo on Honolulu (818) 951-1501
Sat, Sept 21 6pm	American Legion your birthday is in September. 139 Pinewood	September Birthday Dinner. Come get a free dinner if Bill (818) 353-9856
Fri, Sept 27	Little Landers Historical Society	Little Landers Variety Show Call Marge Brunson (818) 951-4416 to volunteer

The Rotary Club is sponsoring a Literacy Campaign throughout September. Contact Michael Lucas at (818) 353-5299 for more details.