

**MINUTES:**

**Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Regular Meeting of 09/11/2002**

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. There were about 70 people in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and newcomers were welcomed. Ken McAlpine appointed Penny Blackwell as Parliamentarian for the evening.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report was given.

**Correspondence Report:** Brenda McAlpine reported that she received the highest volume of response of any emails sent on her emails regarding bringing Trader Joes into the neighborhood. Also, the database of the Neighborhood Council has just been put into a new and better-organized format.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August 14, 2002 meeting were approved as written.

**Programs:**

**Honolulu Proposed Condos:** David Hilliard and Ted Schneider of Symphony Development showed a map of the location of the proposed development of approximately 35 units. They have applied for a zone change from agricultural to limited commercial (C1) which would include. Community concerns included parking, traffic impact, compliance with the Scenic Corridor Plan as far as height of the building, oak trees that were removed, drainage, apartments versus condos on the site (the zoning would allow apartments), and low-income housing.

The developers stated the following: no intention to build low-income housing, parking to be per code, no traffic study done yet, tentative plan for a 2-3 story building (3 stories where grade is lower on the site), drainage channel on one side of the property, may build apartments or condos - not decided on this point yet, and their concern about ability to sell condos next to freeway. The developers were currently in escrow.

**Action Team Reports:**

**Planning:** Penny Blackwell stated that she has asked the Design Advisory Committee (DAC) to give the planning report each month. The DAC is just forming. The plans are to be reactive, proactive, to support the Specific Plan, provide referral worksheets to file complaints on violations, and make a checklist for businesses to present their ideas. Penny said that she had been told that if enough petition signatures were gotten, Trader Joes would consider opening in Sunland-Tujunga.

**Dale Thrush, Planning Deputy:**

No new projects in the next few weeks.

**SavOn/MacDonalds/Select Retail:** There is phenomenal interest from potential tenants.

**Commerce Avenue Revitalization:** Jonathan Goldhill will be the First Phase Consultant. There may be a presentation at the LVT LA City Council meeting. A request will be submitted for second phase funding soon. The third phase will happen next year.

**Scenic Preservation Plan:** All were encouraged to attend the PLUM meeting at City Hall on September 17<sup>th</sup> to support the community's version of the Scenic Plan. Dale Thrush thanked Steve Crouch, Bill Eick and all who contributed.

**Certification:** No presentation was made.

**Safety:** Nina Royal said that the CERT classes were canceled, as she did not have enough sign-ups. The Trauma Centers may be closed again. There would be a meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>. There would be a rally to save the clinic at the Municipal Building. A CERT refresher would be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Senior Lead Officer, Julie Carpenter:** Crime stats have been good (dropping). The CAR meeting would be a combined Sunland-Tujunga meeting.

**Outreach:** Jim Margolin asked for volunteers to be block captains and stated that petitions are being circulated for Trader Joes by Outreach. Also Outreach circulated petitions to inform the community.

**Clean-up:** Linda Martinez asked for volunteers to hold a clean-up day for Foothill Blvd. She offered to provide pizza for the volunteers. No specific date had been set.

**Recess:** The STNC recessed at 7:58pm for the Elks Lodge Memorial Vigil at the flagpole.

**Return to Session:** The STNC meeting was resumed at 8:22pm

**Scenic Plan:** Steve Crouch and Bill Eick stated that the PLUM meeting would be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> and encouraged all to attend. Mailing labels of all City Council members were passed out and all were encouraged to send letters urging them to support the community's version of the plan. They stated that the community would need to be present to sway the City Council in favor of the community's version of the plan.

**Councilmember Wendy Greuel:** Councilmember Greuel thanked all of those who contributed at meetings to forward the community's version of the plan. She stated that speaking time at PLUM meetings is limited to two minutes per speaker. Mention was made of the White Bird Development and it was stated that this presentation would be on the Scenic Plan and White Bird would be addressed at another time. One stakeholder mentioned that he was actively informing his neighbors about the Scenic Plan and urged everyone present to do the same.

**Former Sunrise Ford Dealership Site:** Anders Troedson stated that he is in the process of purchasing this site. He currently has a purchasing agreement, which is being reviewed by his attorney. He began preliminary discussions with potential tenants six to eight months ago. His plan is to have 20,000 square feet of retail space with 60,000 square feet of parking. He is working on or considering several potential tenants, including Trader Joes, Starbucks, Noah's Bagel, Pete's Coffee, Baja Fresh, and Rubio's. He stated that he needs support from the community for this type of development. He needs to show the potential tenants that the community wants this. He was considering closing part of Commerce Avenue for ingress and egress, but stated that the safety ramifications of that would be decided by the appropriate city agency. He showed a drawing of his proposal for the site. An individual was concerned about noise abatement for the neighbors of the site and Anders stated that he plans landscaping and hedging to the rear of the property to handle that.

**Open Forum/Announcements:**

Two changes were announced on the Upcoming Events Page of the agenda packet. A community group announced free services for local youth. The DAC members were asked to meet at the back of the room at the end of the meeting. It was mentioned that if the Valley stays with the City of LA, we would get water before it is sold to other areas. CPR and First Aid classes were announced and attendees were encouraged to visit [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org). The ground breaking for the Skate Park was announced. It was announced that the Olde Town Commerce Street Faire would be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. The NC will have a booth.

Councilmember Wendy Greuel read a poem commemorating September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Margolin asked people to see him at the back of the room to help on Outreach. Ken McAlpine announced that if someone would like to have time reserved on the agenda, they should please do one of three things: come to the agenda meeting, email the Recording Secretary or fill out a comment card to the Recording Secretary. Elaine Brown asked to be on the agenda for the October meeting to speak about Anti-Secession.

The meeting and open forum adjourned at 9:16pm.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

[www.SunlandTujunga.org/council](http://www.SunlandTujunga.org/council)

<u>Date &amp; Time:</u>	<u>Organization &amp; Location:</u>	<u>Event &amp; Contact Info:</u>
Thurs, Oct 10 6:30pm	Lions Club Mario's Sterling Restaurant	Regular Meeting: 6:30pm Hospitality, 7pm Dinner \$13.50 Marynance Shellenbach 353-4554
Fri, Oct 11 7:30am	Spaymobile Sunland Rec Center 8561 Foothill Blvd, Sunland	Free spay/neuter services for dogs & cats if you qualify (800) SPAY-4-LA
Fri, Oct 11 7pm	McGroarty Arts Center 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga	Busin' Out Tour, A Female Poetry Collective Free Admission, (818) 352-5285
Sat, Oct 12 1pm	Little Landers Historical Society Bolton Hall Museum 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga	El Pueblo Los Angeles, (818) 352-3420 Program & Refreshments are free
Mon, Oct 14 7pm	McGroarty Writers Circle Sunland-Tujunga Library	Readings & Critique (818) 951-9920
Tues, Oct 15 6:45pm	Kiwanis Mario's Sterling Restaurant 8737 Fenwick, Sunland	Regular Meeting (818) 353-4260
Tues, Oct 15 7pm	PLUM Meeting Municipal Building 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA	Equestrian Issues (818) 352-3287
Tues, Oct. 15 7:30pm	Leo's Pizza, 7556 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga	Valley Poetry Slam (818) 352-2222 Sign up at 7pm, Show at 7:30pm
Thurs, Oct 17 1pm	League of Women Voters Sunland-Tujunga Library	Regular Meeting
Thurs, Oct 17 7pm	Foothill Trails Neighborhood Council First Baptist Church	Meeting (818) 896-6058
Thurs, Oct 17 7pm	Foothill Gem & Mineral Society Sunland-Tujunga Library	Regular Meeting 890-7377
Sat, Oct 19 10am-4pm	Merchants Association Commerce Avenue, Tujunga	Olde Town Commerce Street Faire
Thurs, Oct 24 6:30pm	Lions Club Mario's Sterling Restaurant	Regular Meeting: 6:30pm Hospitality, 7pm Dinner \$13.50 Marynance Shellenbach 353-4554
Fri, Oct 25 7:30am	Spaymobile Sunland Rec Center 8561 Foothill Blvd, Sunland	Free spay/neuter services for dogs & cats if you qualify (800) SPAY-4-LA

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Mon, Oct 28 7pm	LAPD Apperson Elementary School 10233 Woodward Ave., Sunland	Semi-Annual Basic Car Meeting Topic: Child Safety
Tues, Oct 29 6:45pm	Kiwanis Mario's Sterling Restaurant 8737 Fenwick, Sunland	Regular Meeting (818) 353-4260
Sat, Nov 2 8am-2pm	Lakeview Terrace Swap Meet Lakeview Terrace Rec Center 11075 Foothill Blvd, LVT	Phyllis Hines (818) 897-7644
Sat, Nov 2 10am	<b>Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council</b> Municipal Building 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga	<b>Agenda Meeting:</b> Submit items and topics for agenda of Oct meeting. This meeting is open to the public (818) 951-1501
Wed, Nov 13 7pm	<b>Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council</b> Elks Lodge, 10137 Commerce Ave, Tuj.	<b>Regular Meeting:</b> Program – Congressman Adam Adam Schiff

September 23, 2002 – February 28, 2002  
 Shirt Tales Exhibit  
 Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga, CA 91042