

MINUTES:

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Regular Meeting of 10/09/2002

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. There were about 70 people in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and newcomers were welcomed.

Treasurer's Report: Nedd Brown announced that \$222.69 was spent last month. The balance remaining is \$1,516.17. He also announced that he had received bills that he needed approval to pay.

Brenda McAlpine moved that the Neighborhood Council pay the bills. Seconded. Passed.

Correspondence Report: Brenda McAlpine passed out a sign-up sheet for the Olde Towne Commerce Street Faire booth.

Action Team Reports:

Planning: John LaRocca, Chairman of the Design Advisory Committee (DAC), announced that the DAC had met with the owner and architect of the City Market at Foothill and Plainview, who showed plans to upgrade the building. Ken McAlpine asked if the City Market planned to present to the Neighborhood Council and John said that he would invite them to make a presentation.

Dale Thrush, Planning Deputy:

Scenic Preservation Plan: The plan was passed by the City Council on September 18th. Dale Thrush acknowledged those who contributed to the plan and he summarized the plan for those in attendance.

PLUM Meeting: There would be a PLUM meeting on October 15th at 7pm on the protection of Equestrian Rights.

Street Racing Problems: Councilmember Wendy Greuel has introduced an ordinance to make it a misdemeanor to be a spectator at street racing. She also directed the City to enact the ordinance that would cause a person involved in street racing to lose his vehicle forever if involved in street racing.

New Potential Chief of Police: Councilmember Wendy Greuel toured the new potential Chief of Policy through Sunland-Tujunga.

White Bird: A meeting would be held on September 23rd to explain the project. The proposal is 280 lots/homes and the rest of the land to parks and recreation.

Oro Vista Park: Saturday, October 12th there would be a tour of passive parks.

Oak Tree at Tujunga Canyon & Honolulu: Four oak trees were removed to make the corner safer by widening the intersection. The trees will be replaced in the area at a 10 to 1 ratio.

Golf Course: Canyon Trails has begun construction.

Certification: No presentation was made.

Steve Crouch moved that the minutes of the August 14, 2002 meeting be approved with the addition under his report that he got the audience to chant "no more compromises". Seconded. Passed.

Outreach: Jim Margolin asked for volunteers for block captains.

Programs:

Keith Richman, California Assemblyman: With the new redistricting, Dr. Keith Richman now has Sunland-Tujunga and Sun Valley as part of his district. Dr. Richman practiced medicine in Sunland for years before going into politics. Dr. Richman briefed on the state budget issues and the negotiations involved in coming to an agreement between the Republicans and the Democrats. The state deficit is \$24 billion and the total budget is \$76 billion. California state government has increased under the leadership of Governor Gray Davis; however, tax revenues have fallen. Dr. Richman stated that he believes that equestrian rights are important and should be protected. Dr. Richman announced that he has a proposal

up to ensure that a portion of the general fund will go to infrastructure investment. Dr. Richman stated that he finds it helpful when his constituents inform him of their concerns and he gave out his contact information: District Office, (818) 368-3838; Sacramento Office, (916) 319-2038; Email, Keith.Richman@asm.ca.gov.

Dr. Richman was asked several questions and the information that he gave in response to those questions is as follows: The energy crisis contributed to the budget deficit with a cash flow crisis. Possible recourse on energy money spent is in progress. If the Valley secedes, and he became Mayor, he would resign as Assemblyman and be the Mayor of the new Valley City. Valley secession doesn't impact district lines on the state Assembly. He stated that he personally supports secession, but was not invited to speak on the topic, but on state issues. He gave information on how the money from the state lottery is distributed. A stakeholder had a question on a program for endangered species and Dr. Richman asked for his card so he could look into it and get back to him with some information.

Safety: Nina Royal announced that a refresher for certified individuals would be held on October 19th. 350 people are certified but only 2-3 people go to the refresher. She urged people to write to the Fire Department to get local training. Nina also announced that the YMCA receives a great deal of money, but they do not have programs to keep children off the streets. Nina announced that anyone interested in disaster preparedness classes could see her after the meeting.

Senior Lead Officer Julie Carpenter: Officer Carpenter asked that people report crimes when they happen as it helps the police follow up. She announced that the numbers are low. She also announced the Basic CAR meeting on October 28th. An individual brought up the concern that there has been a great deal of tagging lately. Officer Carpenter stated that the police get information on it from the citizens who report it. There are now three cars in Sunland-Tujunga. Dumping on La Tuna Canyon Boulevard is a concern of the LAPD.

Scenic Plan: Now that the plan has passed, there will be no more report except on violations. He reported on various details of the plan that give more stringent protection. Steve acknowledged those who had helped on the Scenic Plan. The City Council acknowledged that community input was important to community representatives. Steve Crouch moved that the Neighborhood Council ask the Planning Department or Dale Thrush to give a presentation on the Scenic Plan. Ken stated that a motion for an agenda topic is not necessary. The proper handling is to submit a request to the Recording Secretary or make a request at the agenda meeting.

Form Nominating Committee: Ken McAlpine announced the offices that need to have nominations (Chairman, Vice-Chair, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary and Treasurer). The Parliamentarian is appointed. Ken described the duties of the nominating committee. Shirley Kellstrom read the bylaws on the nominating committee and elections. Ken asked for volunteers. Joe Eiben recommended that this issue be tabled until after the November election. Shirley (Parliamentarian) stated that the bylaws couldn't be tabled. Joe withdrew his motion. There were four volunteers: Jim Margolin, Elaine Brown, Cindy Cleghorn and Tomi Lyn Bowling. An election was held. The three member nominating committee is Jim Margolin, Cindy Cleghorn and Tomi Lyn Bowling.

Christmas Caroling Committee: Ken McAlpine asked for volunteers for the Christmas Caroling Committee. He announced that it takes about 30 minutes to an hour and is very appreciated. If no one volunteered, it would probably not be done.

Bylaws Amendment: Mike Hall announced a proposal for two bylaws changes, which includes the creation of a position of Sergeant at Arms who would make room arrangements, greet people, help find seats, help set up chairs for the meeting and keep order. This position would be appointed.

The second change would create a class of motion requiring prior notice. This would include spending \$150 or more and the Neighborhood Council taking a position as a whole. Ken McAlpine stated that the impetus for these proposed changes has to do with the Brown Act and Certification.

Discussion that occurred included: One individual was concerned that meetings could be filled if certain motions were required to be put forward a month in advance. Another individual expressed concern that two months notice would make some issues impossible to take a position on. One person stated that the Neighborhood Council has taken a position in the past at the last minute.

Shirley Kellstrom, Parliamentarian, stated that it takes a 2/3 vote to override the bylaws after prior notice and that it takes a 2/3 vote to override the standing rules without prior notice. Also the Neighborhood Council must be in a business session to vote. A quorum is 15 members.

Business was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Open Forum/Announcements:

Elaine Brown, Anti-Secession: Elaine Brown stated that she has changed from a secessionist to an anti-secessionist. She encouraged everyone in attendance to visit www.civicforum.org, which is sponsored by the Gas Company. She stated many drawbacks to the New Valley City. She announced that she would be happy to talk to anyone about secession.

Other Announcements:

Ken McAlpine announced that each speaker would be given one minute. People can ask ahead of time to get on the agenda for more time.

Concerns and announcements included:

Lack of water in the event secession passes or high water bills; lack of enforcement against pack rats by the City; Donations of used books are needed for the Friends of the Sunland-Tujunga Library, brochures on the program were in the back of the room; Glendale is starting a program to look at hillsides. A copy of the Specific Plan will be given to Glendale; Olde Towne Commerce Street Faire would be held on October 19th; Individuals can approach the nominating committee if they would like to run for an office; A possible White Bird meeting prior to the next Neighborhood Council Meeting; Valley Independence is probably the only chance to make changes in the Valley. Two websites were given ValleyIndependence.org and CityHallLies.com; Referral worksheets were at the back of the room for Specific Plan violation reports; People were urged to get educated on the candidates for valley secession and to vote; 4,000 signatures for Trader Joes have been collected; A man spoke from Sylmar Neighborhood Council about appealing to the Alliance of Neighborhood Councils to ask the mayor to come clean.

Barry Stone with the Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families announced that he had put together a calendar of activities for Sunland-Tujunga. The calendar is available at the Neighborhood Council meetings and at the Municipal Building.

Pat Davenport, Field Deputy Council District 2, announced that Saturday, October 12th there would be a tour of passive parks. She also announced the PLUM Equestrian Issues meeting and a Business Incentives Workshop.

Brenda McAlpine announced that the following day was Ken McAlpine's birthday and invited everyone present to have a piece of cake.

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John Blue announced that he got plans back from his architect on his Hansen Dam Solar Horse Hospital project and that he is getting a new architect. He has a non-profit company called Harmony Acres. A BMX motorcycle project is possibly being introduced for Hansen Dam.

Tom Fisher, Housing Inspector for City of Los Angeles, announced that a full service office had been moved to 6640 Van Nuys Blvd. to handle multi-family residential.

Ken McAlpine announced the next Neighborhood Council meeting and the next agenda meeting, including the change of venue for the agenda meeting. He asked that people put in agenda requests early, as the agenda is full through December at this time.

The meeting and open forum adjourned at 9:06pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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<u>Date & Time:</u>	<u>Organization & Location:</u>	<u>Event & Contact Info:</u>
Thurs, Nov 14 6pm	LAPD Villa Scalabrini, Retirement Home 10631 Vinedale St., Sun Valley	Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB)
Thurs, Nov 14 7pm	Lions Club Mario's Sterling Restaurant	Regular Meeting: 6:30pm Hospitality, 7pm Dinner \$13.50 Marynance Shellenbach 353-4554
Sat, Nov 16 9:30am-2pm	Councilmember Wendy Greuel Sunland-Tujunga Municipal Building 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga	Operation Paint Out – Graffiti Removal (818) 755-7676
Sat, Nov. 16 4-5:30pm	Shouting Coyote Poetry Festival McGroarty Arts Center 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga	Planning Meeting
Sun, Nov 17 9:30am- 12:30pm	Elks Lodge 10137 Commerce Ave, Tuj.	Omelet Bar Breakfast
Mon, Nov 18 7pm	McGroarty Writers Circle Sunland-Tujunga Library	Readings & Critique (818) 951-9920
Tues, Nov 19 7:30am	City of LA Animal Services Sunland Kmart Parking Lot 8040 Foothill Blvd., Sunland	Spaymobile, Free spay/neuter if you qualify (800) SPAY-4-LA, (310) 364-4282
Tues, Nov 19 6:45pm	Kiwanis Mario's Sterling Restaurant 8737 Fenwick, Sunland	Regular Meeting (818) 353-4260
Tues, Nov. 19 5-8pm	Glendale Adventist Medical Center 1509 Wilson Terrace, Glendale	New Volunteer Orientation, Reservations required (818) 409-8057
Tues, Nov 19 7:30pm	Leo's Pizza, 7556 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga	Valley Poetry Slam (818) 352-2222 Sign up at 7pm, Show at 7:30pm
Wed, Nov 20 6:30-8:30pm	Sun Valley Watershed Stakeholders Group Sun Valley Middle School Auditorium 7330 Bakman Ave.	Town Hall Meeting: Program: Sun Valley Flooding 5:30-6:30pm Refreshments, Meeting 6:30-8:30pm www.sunvalleywatershed.org
Thurs, Nov 21 1pm	League of Women Voters Sunland-Tujunga Library	Regular Meeting
Thurs, Nov 21 7pm	Foothill Gem & Mineral Society Sunland-Tujunga Library	Regular Meeting 890-7377
Thurs, Nov 21 7pm	Foothill Trails Neighborhood Council LVT Rec Center, 11075 Foothill, LVT	Meeting For info call Cile at (818) 896-6058
Fri, Nov 22 7:30am	City of LA Animal Services Sunland Kmart Parking Lot 8040 Foothill Blvd., Sunland	Spaymobile, Free spay/neuter if you qualify (800) SPAY-4-LA, (310) 364-4282

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Mon, Nov 25	Sunland Senior Center 8640 Fenwick, Sunland	Free Movie Monday
Tues, Nov 26 6:45pm	Kiwanis Mario's Sterling Restaurant 8737 Fenwick, Sunland	Regular Meeting (818) 353-4260
Sat, Nov 30 10am	Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council Municipal Building 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga	Agenda Meeting: Submit items and topics for agenda of the next meeting. This meeting is open to the public (818) 951-1501
Sat, Dec 7 8am-2pm	Lakeview Terrace Swap Meet Lakeview Terrace Rec Center 11075 Foothill Blvd, LVT	Phyllis Hines (818) 897-7644
Wed, Dec 11 7pm	Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council Elks Lodge, 10137 Commerce Ave, Tuj.	Regular Meeting: Program – Congressman Adam Schiff & Nominating of Officers
Sat, Dec 14 10am-5pm	McGroarty Arts Center 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga	Open House and Boutique Free admission, (818) 352-5285

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