

MINUTES:

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Regular Meeting of 12/11/2002

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. There were about 50 people in attendance. Virginia "Ginny" Curry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken welcomed newcomers. Ken announced that Jim Margolin, who was the Chairman of the Outreach Committee, the Co-Chairman of the Design Advisory Committee (DAC), Chairman of the Nominating Committee and who was helping on the Certification Committee, passed away suddenly on Sunday, December 8, 2002.

Treasurer's Report: Nedd Brown announced that the NC was caught up on its bills for printing and mailing and the current balance was \$1,030.69.

Correspondence Report: Brenda McAlpine announced that some people have requested that all Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) emails be forwarded and she wanted to find out if the entire group wished to receive everything. She also announced that a card was available to sign for Jim Margolin's family. Michele Stone asked if something could be done to help the Corresponding Secretary keep the website updated and offered to possibly help on that.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 13, 2002 meeting were approved as written.

Elaine Brown moved that links to all of the websites of DONE, Alliances and Greg Nelson be put on each email announcing the upcoming Neighborhood Council meeting, so that people can sign up to be on their email lists, if they wish to. Seconded. Passed.

Elaine offered to provide the links or email addresses to the Corresponding Secretary.

Action Team Reports:

Safety: Nina Royal announced that there was a four-car accident on Foothill Boulevard around Thanksgiving and there were five CERT trained people on hand to assist with traffic flow, handle triage, etc. www.CERT-LA.com. Nina also asked for help to file a grant for Federal Homeland Security money to purchase emergency supplies for our area. She then stated that the crime rates for our area are staying stable. www.lapdonline.org

Nominating Committee: Cindy Cleghorn announced the people nominated for each position of the Neighborhood Council by the Nominating Committee.

Chair: Ken McAlpine

Vice-Chair: Kathy Anthony

Recording Secretary: Elsa Waters

Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Cleghorn

Treasurer: Nedd Brown

Ken McAlpine requested nominations from the floor.

Terry Hake nominated Kathy Anthony for Chair and stated that Kathy did not wish to run for Vice-Chair. Kathy was not present to validate Terry's claim that Kathy was withdrawing as a nominee for Vice-Chair.

Michele Stone nominated Mike Hall as Vice-Chair and Mike declined the nomination.

Ava Wrightsman nominated Penny Blackwell as Vice-Chair and Penny declined the nomination.

Michele Stone nominated Terry Hake as Vice-Chair and Terry accepted the nomination.

Laurel Fest nominated John Waters as Vice-Chair. John was not present to accept or decline the nomination.

Marti Marshall nominated herself for Vice-Chair.

The Nominating Committee would confirm that John Waters' acceptance of the Vice-Chair nomination and Kathy Anthony's acceptance of the Chair nomination.

Nominations were closed.

Certification: Mark Seigel read a prepared statement from the certification committee stating that the STNC certification committee was mediating with a group that had submitted a competing application for

certification in the Sunland-Tujunga area. The next meeting of the Certification Committee was announced to be December 20th; however, Terry Hake requested that the meeting be postponed to January due to the upcoming holidays. This was agreed to and it was decided that the changed meeting date would be announced by email and all were encouraged to attend. It was suggested that information regarding both applications be issued to the general membership. Amelia with DONE agreed to help draft this.

Amelia with DONE: The Town Hall format is currently not being accepted by DONE, but Councilmember Wendy Greuel has requested a change be made to accept the Town Hall format. Ethics issues need to be sorted out, such as preventing conflicts of interest and vested interests.

Programs:

Virginia “Ginny” Curry, Chamber of Commerce President: Virginia “Ginny” Curry announced that her goals for the Chamber are to bring in new businesses, clean up the area and make it a safe and fun place to be. She briefed on the upcoming events of the Chamber, such as Honorary Mayor, Casino Night, Easter Carnival and the 4th of July festivities. She also announced that the next two mixers of the Chamber would be held on December 18th at the Elks Lodge and on March 19th at the Goodwill store. The Chamber pamphlet is also being revised, as Ms. Curry would like to inform businesses better about the benefits of being a Chamber member. She stated that she would like to know what people need so that the Chamber can provide it.

Jean Hoelscher, Verdugo Hills High School Community Representative: Jean Hoelscher announced that she had videos about the school for people to take home. She also announced that in April they are holding an all day open house and invited everyone to attend. Jan Hackett, Coordinator of Special Programs of VHHS, stated that the school is a top school academically. She also stated that the school would be a magnet next year. Phil Clements, Chair of the Math Department of VHHS, announced that they had an 80% pass rate on Advanced Placement Calculus.

Old Business:

Bylaws Changes: Ken McAlpine announced that it might be better to review the bylaws changed after the certification committee meets.

An individual recommended that action on the bylaws be postponed. Seconded. Passed.

Business was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Open Forum/Announcements:

Concerns and announcements included:

A Steering Committee and an Advisory Committee have been formed regarding the LA River; FALCON (Foothill Area League of Conservation Area and Neighbors) has been formed to carry on with the Scenic Plan; Glendale will purchase the Oakmont 5; Interest was expressed in receiving information about the Town Hall Format versus the other format for the NC; Interest was expressed in presenting one unified plan to the NC, rather than two conflicting plans; People were urged to join the certification committee and help on the bylaws rather than try to destroy the group that exists; Tax money should come to the NC; the Competing NC application group never announced themselves at the STNC meetings; the second group claimed to be the original NC; The need to focus on the issue of how the NC will actually be formed and accepted by DONE was stressed; The idea of moving forward as a republican body, rather than Town Hall was brought up; All were invited to attend the upcoming certification meeting; The idea of being more regulated by being certified was brought up.

Ken McAlpine announced the date and time of the next Agenda Meeting and Regular Meeting of the Neighborhood Council.

The meeting and open forum adjourned at 9:19pm.