

MINUTES:

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Regular Meeting of 09/10/2003

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:05pm at the Mt. Gleason Middle School Multipurpose Room with 168 people in attendance. A volunteer led us in the pledge of allegiance. All newcomers (approximate count of 30) were welcomed and introduced.

Interim Board Reports:

Chairman's Report: Ken McAlpine reminded everyone that the speakers are invited and we ask that everyone show courtesy and respect of all expressed viewpoints.

Treasurer's Report: Nedd Brown reported that our funds remained the same from August - \$1,039.64. We are spending some of our budget on mailings because we aren't able to utilize DONE as much as was originally hoped.

Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Cleghorn gave some summary data on the City Surveys but encouraged everyone to continue to fill them out and return them to her.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 13, 2003 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

Elections Committee Report: John Waters mentioned that our Bylaws are now officially approved by DONE. He discussed status on the election procedures was still pending. Mark Seigel gave his take on the DONE issue. Both encouraged anyone who was interested in running for office to fill out an interest form. As soon as the official application was available, more information would be sent to them directly.

Outreach Committee Report: Marti Marshall updated everyone on the activities of this committee. There will be a written report available on the website soon.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Adopt-a-Highway – Elsa Waters discussed that a portion of the 210 Freeway is being held for the STNC – from La Tuna Canyon offramp to the Sunland Blvd. offramp. However, this will only work if enough people offer to work at least one weekend, preferably two weekends per year. It will take approximately 3 hours of cleanup effort by 10 people twice per month to meet this commitment. A signup sheet was sent around.

Adjournment of Interim Board Business at 7:35 pm.

Programs:

Crime Prevention - Larry Egger gave a police report. He said, in his opinion, we are the strongest of all the Neighborhood Councils in the Foothill Division. The main problems currently are traffic violations. Foothill Division Crime is down by 4%, although he didn't have specific information about our area. The Foothill Police Relations number is (818) 756-8866.

Angeles National Golf Club - John Reidinger gave a brief report about the progress of the Golf Course. The temporary facility should open between December and April with the permanent facility opening shortly thereafter. Work is progressing nicely, with work starting away from Foothill and progressing toward the street. Mr. Reidinger took a number of questions from the community.

Canyon Hills Project – Richard Percell of Whitebird, Inc. gave a brief report and took a few questions. He agreed to provide the Board with the approved EIR as soon as it is available to put on the STNC website and sent out to the community. Whitebird will be having an open house after the plan is available, and everyone who prepared the reports on the impact to the community will be there to answer questions. The STNC will be provided with all this information.

SAFETY: Nina Royal gave a brief report.

- There was a moment of silence in honor of those who lost their lives in 9/11.
- CERT training started last week but it isn't too late to get signed up. See Nina for more information.

- The bicycle patrol has returned to our community.

City Planning / Updates - Dale Thrush gave a brief report on the development items. He started with an update on the commercial projects on Foothill:

- Albertson's is currently under construction
- SaveOn is now open
- The International House of Pancakes will open in approximately 4 to 6 weeks.
- YMCA construction will start soon.
- There is a new Retail/Storage facility coming along in Sunland.
- Starbucks is open and doing great business. Grand opening this Saturday and Wendy Greuel will attend. Some proceeds will be donated to schools in the community.
- He discussed the problem that many new large homes are being built on small lots. The city is looking for ways to cope with that problem and welcomes anyone with ideas to send them to him.
- Wendy's number one issue right now is to include a 145 square foot open space parcel in Verdugo Park. This would designate this space in the Verdugo Mountains as permanent open space.
- Scenic Plan – trying to get this through the Council so there will be a meeting on September 18 with planning department at Municipal building.
- Dale took a number of questions.

FALCON: No report this month.

DAC Report: There is a report attached to the minutes.

Open Forum/Announcements:

Concerns and announcements included:

- Ken Gilliland – Theodore Payne Foundation Fall Festival, October 10, 11, & 12 Plant Sale.
- Sue Freeman – Glendale Humane Society. Sue couldn't attend but Mark Seigel gave a report. She had vouchers for feral animals but this pilot program is now over. She is looking for funding to be able to repeat this program again and will let us know when she finds this funding.
- Robin Siegel Meares – The classes at McGroarty Park start on September 20. There is a flyer available for anyone interested in signing up.
- Electra Kruger – from the Shadow Hills Property. She gave details about current activities in the Shadow Hills area, including a yard sale, the Corral 20 Annual Harvest Moon, and a Presentation on the Ridge Line at Bolton Hall on Sept 13.
- Roberta Cole – Asked everyone to support the Foothill Leader. There isn't enough business to keep the paper free and everyone is encouraged to subscribe.
- Diane Sims – Brought up the problem of Drug Dealers in the area. Neighborhood Watch was discussed as a good way of dealing with those types of problems in individual areas.
- Pat Davenport – Made various announcements about upcoming activities in the area.

The meeting and open forum adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes taken by: Elsa Waters, Recording Secretary 2003