

MINUTES:

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Regular Meeting of 10/8/2003

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:10pm at the Mt. Gleason Middle School Multipurpose Room with 103 people in attendance. Two cub scouts led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced Jerry Kvasnicke and Scott Wilk. All newcomers (approximate count of 11) 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 are dwindling quickly, since we are not allowed to do any fund raising any longer - \$207.92.

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 September 10, 2003 Regular Meeting were approved as corrected. There was also a discussion about getting our mailing list updated for the upcoming election.

Elections Committee Report: Mark Seigel mentioned our new tentative scheduled date. He pitched that everyone should get involved. Elsa discussed the Sun Valley election and what positions are available for our election.

Boundary Committee Report: Lloyd Hitt updated everyone on the activities of this committee.

Outreach Committee Report: Marti Marshall updated everyone on the activities of this committee. She talked about the planning of the mixer on December 6 and the planning of the election. There will probably be a barbeque. The next outreach meeting is on Thursday, October 16 at 6:30, location not set yet.

Programs:

Tujunga Watershed Project - Debra Baumann gave a brief report about the Tujunga Watershed Council and Stakeholders. They are a local volunteer organization.

City Planning / Updates – Rosalind talked about \$800K to spend on Bolton Hall and Founder's hall and she needs a few volunteers to help plan this spending. She also mentioned a variety of community events coming up in the remainder of October.

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

- Canyon Hills project – The EIR has been made available (October 2) and the community has 90 days to review and give input to the City. The STNC will have a special meeting with a Planning Representative, Canyon Hills and FALCON to discuss this issue in depth soon.
- Scenic Preservation Plan – This plan has been in construction for the last 20 years and is nearing conclusion. We will probably get a look at the final product in the next week or so. The community has made many comments and Whitebird (the major property owner) has also made inputs on the plan.
- The Southern California Associations of Governments (SCAG) area includes 16 million people. This organization deals with the regional transportation plan (which includes land use, air quality and transportation). The region is going to grow by several more million people. This has tremendous implication to all of us. Dale encouraged us to become informed on this issue. There is an article in the LA times that has more information.
- Dale also answered a number of questions from the audience.

Crime Prevention – No report this month

SAFETY: No report this month

FALCON: Steve Crouch spoke briefly about what his organization is all about and what they are working on. His organization can do significant training on how the DEIR process works.

DAC Report: There is a report attached to the minutes. John LaRocca discussed the items on the report and took a few questions.

Unfinished Business:

Adopt-a-Highway – Elsa Waters discussed the decision on the plan to adopt the highway – it was decided that there just weren't enough volunteers to move ahead at this time so the committee decided to wait until after elections before moving forward.

New Business:

Adjournment of Interim Board Business at 8:35 pm.

Open Forum/Announcements:

Concerns and announcements included:

Mary Shotwell – Temporary Aid Center. She wanted to thank

Debra Baumann – Day of the Horse – On October 25th in Orcas Ave Park. The official outreach event for Foothill Trails

Kathy Arellano (kneed2know@earthlink.net) – She is the correspondent for the Crescenta Valley Sun and will be covering all the STNC activities for this weekly paper. She encourages everyone to contact her if they have information for the paper.

Lisa Buch, from the consensus planning group, working for the Canyon Hills Project. She brought up the Open House they will be having on October 22, from 6:30 – 8:30 at Mount Gleason Middle School. There will be experts on all the elements of the EIR available to answer questions. The review ends on December 31st. Further hearings will also be posted on their web site.

The Way to Happiness – Ron Seagal The purpose of this organization is to establish a code of morale values. He also handed out an organization booklet

Glendale Humane Society Spay and Neuter Voucher Program – Sue Freeman. During a four month program, 400 animals were spayed and neutered. 127,000 dogs and cats were killed last year unnecessarily. She encouraged everyone to be responsible with their pets.

The meeting and open forum adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes taken by: Elsa Waters, Recording Secretary 2003