

MINUTES
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Regular Board Meeting, December 8, 2004 - 7 PM
Mt. Gleason Middle School

Call to Order

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at Mt. Gleason Middle School with 71 people in attendance, including 18 board members. Absent were: Mathew Kearl, Mona Curry, Steve Bednarczyk, and Mary Lou Pozzo. A quorum was established.

Ken McAlpine spoke about the upcoming Elections and briefed the public about the functions of the STNC and how this Council affects improvements in the Community.

Ken McAlpine welcomed newcomers (approx 9) and guests.

Sarah Dupras led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation

Ken Mc Alpine introduced Jim Alger, representative of Northridge West Neighborhood Council, who gave a surprise and very strong acknowledgement recognizing Louise Clarke-Stone for all her help, efforts and time on the investigation of the DWP rate increase.

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Nina Royal gave an update on the STNC Budget. No additional news regarding the disagreement with DONE regarding our FY2004 funding.

Correspondence Report: Cindy Cleghorn announced relevant correspondence.

Minutes: The minutes for November 10, 2004 were approved as presented.

Board Reports

Louise Clarke-Stone gave an update on the DWP. She announced that work is still in progress regarding negotiations with the DWP and the memorandum of understanding (M.O.U.). After a meeting with the new President of the DWP, a demand for an agreement had been made including that anything the DWP does which cost money to the public, needs to be reported to the Committee.

Julianne Maurseth briefed the public concerning the Canyon Hills Hearing coming up December 9, 2004. Any interested person as well as the applicant, may speak or submit written information relating to this project.

Open Forum/Announcements

Larry Hall from the YMCA spoke of the successful opening and announced Family Night.

Robin Siegel-Mearns announced the Mc Groarty Art Center sale.

Alex Bay, resident from the neighborhood spoke about the need of speed bumps in Sunland especially in the Apperson Street area.

Mary May announced that Foothill Child Care has donated time for those who need to bring their children to the SNTC monthly meetings.

Kristin Asadourian acknowledged the STNC for meeting the needs of the Community and commended the STNC Board Members on behalf of Councilmember Wendy Greuel.

Cindy Cleghorn announced upcoming Hearings regarding the Canyon Market

Steve Crouch encouraged the public to help out in the community by being part of a community group or by attending the STNC meetings.

Additional Stakeholders gave announcements and comments.

Committee Reports

Safety - Officer Julie Carpenter reported on the Crime Statistics of November.

25 Crimes Total.

No Homicide, 1 Aggravated Assault, 6 Grand Theft Auto, 0 Robberies, 6 Burglaries and 7 Auto Theft.

Safety Committee: Nina Royal requested participation in the Awareness and Preparedness project.

Outreach Louise Clarke-Stone gave a report on the Outreach Committee.

Design Advisory Committee (DAC)-John LaRocca reported on the Dec 3rd DAC meeting, where a developer proposed a 5,000 sq.ft. 30 homes project in the Oro Vista area. DAC requested that the developer research what is needed and wanted from the Community.

Debby Beck presented pictures and paintings that showed how the Ford Property, would look. Completion of project is predicted for 2007.

Sunland-Tujunga Vision 2020 - Julianne Maurseth gave an update on the progress of Vision 2020 project.

Program Speakers :

Marti Marshall Chairman of the Elections Committee presented the Candidates for the STNC annual Board Member elections to be held on December 11th : Reminder to come and vote. Requested volunteers to help on the day of elections.

Each candidate present gave a short statement with their qualifications and community interests..

Executive Board:

Chairman: Ken McAlpine

Vice Chairman: Nina Royal

Recording Secretary: Ava Wrightsman (Absent).

Corresponding Secretary: Louise Clarke-Stone

Treasurer: Robin Siegel-Meares

Stakeholder Group Representatives:

Arts & Culture: Debby Beck

Library: Linda Casteel

Flora and Fauna: Rhonda Herbel (Absent)

Residential Land Use: Barbara Howell

Equestrian: Lisa Lynn Keene

FALCON: Julianne Maurseth

Scouting: Mark Seigel

District Representatives:

District 1: Sona Kokonyan

District 2: Mona Curry

and Michelle Sahfran (Absent)

District 3: Peter Babaian (Absent)

District 4: Paul Armbruster

and Edward Condit (Absent)

New Business.

Motion by Cindy Cleghorn, seconded by Paul Armbruster.

That the STNC establish the Canyon Hills Committee and appoint Rhonda Herbel chairman.

The purpose of this committee will include the following:

1. To continue the work of the STNC's Residential Land Use Committee (RLUC).
2. To work with the Developer, developer's representatives and Councilmember Wendy Greuel in order to:
 - a. Gather more detailed information regarding the proposed development.
 - b. To be the voice for the community regarding this proposed development.
 - c. To formulate and present recommendations for possible project adjustments, conditions for approval, and related matters.
 - d. Generate correspondence for STNC board approval and submission to City departments and stakeholders.
 - e. To represent the STNC and the community at City hearings regarding Canyon Hills.
 - f. Other such tasks that the STNC board requests.
 - g. Follow through and monitor stipulations, mitigations, etc. should this project continue or be approved in order the ensure commitments are kept on behalf of the community.

The structure of this committee will be the following:

1. To provide a detailed purpose and plan of the Canyon Hills Committee activities by the January 12, 2005 STNC meeting.
2. The committee will consist of 9 voting members, including at least one STNC board member and 4 alternates. The members of which to be presented at the January 12, 2005 STNC meeting for board approval. Committee members may include all stakeholders affected by Canyon Hills.
3. The committee will report to the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council board at their monthly board meeting.
4. The committee will prepare their monthly agenda for posting in accordance with the Brown Act and submit it to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution.
5. All committee meetings will be held in accordance with the Brown Act.
6. The committee will record minutes for the public record and submit to the STNC Corresponding Secretary monthly for distribution.

Motion passed unanimously.

Second Public Comment

Marti Marshall introduced Election Administrator the Adrian Mesarian

Paul Armbruster gave acknowledgement to the STNC.

Robin Siegel-Meares announced the Mc Groarty Art Calendar.

Cindy Cleghorn announced that although she will no longer be the Corresponding Secretary, she will continue on committees, help where needed and will participate in the STNC.

Julianne Maurseth gave acknowledgement to Cindy Cleghorn which prompted applause by the board and audience.

Adjournment of Board Business

Open Forum/Announcements:

Board members and stakeholders made announcements.

Regular Meeting Adjourned at approx 8:40pm

Minutes taken by Patricia Brugger, Recording Secretary 2004.