

MINUTES

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Regular Meeting of January 14, 2004

Call to Order:

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Mt. Gleason Middle School with approximately 120 people in attendance. Approximately 8 newcomers were welcomed and introduced.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mark Seigel recognized with certificates the Election Committee and Interim Board Members.

Ken McAlpine appointed Shirley Kellstrom as Parliamentarian.

The By-Laws were adopted UNANIMOUSLY by all board members in attendance.

Board Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Nina Royal reported that the STNC funds are at \$-0-. The proposed members of the Budget Committee were presented (Nina Royal, Denis Adair, Paul Armbruster, Bert Brescher, Julianne Maurseth).

Program:

County Issues by Michael Antonovich: Mr. Antonovich, County Supervisor, discussed the budget. They are in the process of analyzing the budget. Workers Compensation costs have been a large part of the budget problem. The State uses property taxes to help balance their budget, which takes money away from the local budget. He suggested having a part time legislature. He also discussed the productivity commission. While they are analyzing the county budget, they are looking at programs created in the last 5 years and determining whether the program is still needed. He made a pitch for people to volunteer as foster parents. There are over 30,000 in the system that need to be adopted or fostered. Call 888-811-1121 DCFS for information. He would like to see a presentation to our council on this. His number is 213-974-5555.

Open discussion with Wendy Greuel: Councilperson for District 2, Wendy Greuel performed the installation of the new board members. All board members took the neighborhood council pledge. She announced a planning meeting (Planning 101) for all the Neighborhood Council Executive Board members.

City Planning: Dale Thrush commented on 3 projects: SGVVM Scenic Preservation Plan; Golf Course; "Ford" Property. Chris Miles discussed the issue of the homeless in Sunland-Tujunga. There is a meeting on February 17, 2004 at the S-T Municipal Building. VNOC meeting to be held at Bolton Hall, Date and Time TBA. There will be a press conference for Truancy at Verdugo Hills HS on January 15, 2004 ("Keep Kids in Class"). Chris' number is 818.352.3287.

SAFETY: Nina Royal indicated that the community should call 311 if there are any problems that need to be addressed that don't merit a 911 call. She announced a 6:30 meeting on Tuesday at the S-T Municipal Building for the Emergency Response Team.

Officer Larry Martinez gave an update on his area. Asked the community to call 311 if they noticed problems, or saw Graffiti that needs to be cleaned up. The golf course transients are to be relocated. Julie Carpenter was not present.

FALCON: Julianne Maurseth – Reported on the Scenic Plan.

DAC: John LaRocca reported that they are still focusing on commercial business, as opposed to residential. He gave an update on the AT&T and Ford Property projects. He called for volunteers.

Equestrian Report: Denis Adair reported on the equestrian design for the golf course area.

Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business.

New Business:

MOTION: Ken McAlpine moved to form the Date Research Committee. **SECONDED.** The motion was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by all board members in attendance. Julianne Maurseth and Linda Casteel were appointed as members.

MOTION: Nina Royal moved to form the Budget Committee. **SECONDED.** The motion was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by all board members in attendance. Nina Royal, Paul Armbruster, Denis Adair, Bert Brescher, and Julian Maurseth were appointed as members. A discussion of goals and objectives regarding the budget was held. The formation of a Grant Writing Committee was requested.

MOTION: Ken McAlpine moved to make Paul Armbruster the representative for the Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, with Nina Royal, Cindy Cleghorn, and Steve Bednarzyck as 2nd, 3rd, and 4th alternates, respectively. **SECONDED.** Discussion ensued. The board agreed to reconsider the motion, and upon reconsideration, the subsequent vote was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by all board members present.

Adjournment of Board Business at 8:56 pm.

Open Forum/Announcements:

Nina Royal discussed the issue of day laborers and finding a convenient place for them to solicit business.

Michelle Sahfran discussed the Airlie Drive development.

Steve Johnson discussed the Sunland Neighborhood Church Reunion.

Deborah Bauman discussed the Tujunga Watershed and Lopez-Canyon. She was concerned with money that has been routed to other projects/personal discretion accounts that were earmarked for easing problems for people adjacent to Lopez Canyon. She suggested writing letters to Michael Antonovich, County Supervisor,

Robin Siegel-Meares discussed arts & cultural events. Email her at robinjm@aol.com for more information.

Amelia Herrera-Robles with DONE passed out reference guides for board members.

Gina Tanner discussed the formation of a Program Design Committee.

Ken McAlpine discussed upcoming events, and Bill Robinson as a possible speaker.

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Gina Tanner, Recording Secretary 2004