

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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AGENDA

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, August 17, 2004 – 7 PM

Mt. Gleason Middle School, 10965 Mt. Gleason Avenue • Sunland

The public is requested to address the Board/Committee on any item of the agenda prior to the Board/Committee taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered and at the discretion of the presiding officer(s). Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda can be heard during Open Forum Period. Public Comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer(s) of the Board/Committee.

			Priorities
7:00 PM	Call to Order	Ken McAlpine	
	Roll Call (sign in sheet)		
	Welcome Newcomers and Guests (5)	Ken McAlpine	
	Flag Salute (2)	Ken McAlpine	
7:05	Executive Committee Reports		
	Minutes (2)	Ava Wrightsman	
	Treasurer's Report (Written) (0)	Robin Meares	
7:10	Board Reports		
	CPR Now (Written) (0)	Louise Clarke Stone	
	DWP (Written) (0)	Louise Clarke Stone	
7:10	First Public Comments (15)		
	Eagle Rock Public Art Project (2)	Lui Sanchez	#1,4,5
7:25	Committee Reports		
	Sunland-Tujunga Vision 2020 (5+5QA)	Julianne Maurseth	#1
	DAC (2)	Debby Beck	#1
	FAR (Written) (0)	Roberta Actor-Thomas	#1
	Home Depot (Written) (0)	Don Breeding	#1
	Question and Answer DAC (5QA)	Dale Thrush and Debby Beck	#1
	Outreach (2)	Mona Curry / Peter Babaian	#6
7:45	Unfinished Business		
	1) MOTION: Viacom Transit Shelters (5)	Robin Meares	#1
	2) MOTION: Position Letter re: Planning Cmte (5)	Julianne Maurseth	#1
	3) MOTION: Strategic Plan Strategy (5)	Julianne Maurseth	#1
8:00	New Business		
	1) MOTION: VANC "Best Of" Awards (5)	Mark Seigel	#6
	2) MOTION: Accept resignations (5)	Ava Wrightsman	
	3) MOTION: Appoint Rhonda Herbel to Budget (5)	Robin Meares	
	4) MOTION: Support Public Art Project (5)	Robin Meares	#1,4,5
	5) MOTION: Approve 05/06 Budget (5)	Robin Meares	
	6) MOTION: Safety Committee Budget (5)	Robin Meares	#2
	7) MOTION: Surveillance Camera Purchase (5)	Robin Meares	#2
	8) MOTION: Transfer \$1,557.26 from 04/05 (5)	Robin Meares	
	9) MOTION: \$1,000 for Clerical Help (5)	Robin Meares	
	10) MOTION: September Ford Ground Breaking (5)	Debby Beck	#1
	11) MOTION: Preservation of Historic Buildings (5)	Barbara Howell	#1
	12) MOTION: Add Noise Survey to STNC Website (5)	Barbara Howell	#1
9:00	Second Public Comment (2)		
	Chairman's Reminders		
9:02	Adjournment of Board Business		

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Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2005
Mt. Gleason Middle School – 7 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman, Ken McAlpine. Cindy Cleghorn was appointed as acting Recording Secretary as Ava Wrightsman was out of town. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robin Meares.

Executive Committee Reports:

Grievance Report: Cindy Cleghorn, Recording Secretary pro tem, read a grievance received from stakeholder Gina Tanner regarding Robin Meares. The chairman referred this to the Grievance Committee which consists of John Waters, Shirley Kellstrom, and Lloyd Hitt. Robin Meares was given time to speak to the grievance at request of board members present.

Recording Secretary: The minutes of the May 11th, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Robin Meares, Treasurer, reported that June already has a lot of expenses coming in so they can get in this fiscal year. To date, \$3,133 in expenses have been recorded.

Committee Reports:

Fire Safety: Captain Terry Waters and Firefighters from Station 74 reported that the new station 77 is about to open in two months. Captain Waters discussed the importance of brush cleanup for fire prevention. He pointed out that it was important during the summer months especially, but also all year round. Several board members commented on the following:

- Help was needed on an area along Airlie Drive.
- There are absentee owners and not all of their properties are cleared, despite a county program to do so. It appeared that there was not sufficient funds to handle all of these properties, despite billing the absentee owners.

Board Reports:

Neighborhood Council Planning Coalition: Nina Royal reported that neighboring neighborhood councils are getting together to work on changes within City Planning and how the process works through the City. Dates for the upcoming meetings would be published in the Foothills Paper. Recommend stakeholder comments be sent to the STNC.

Hottest Topics: Louise Clarke Stone reported that the hottest topics for this meeting were:

- Home Depot
- Verdugo Hills Golf Course Town Hall
- Canyon Hills (additional information would be available at Cap Views)
- The Planning Director Process

- Interim Control Ordinance regarding the Floor Area Ratio (FAR)

Board members and Stakeholders in attendance were informed that these topics would be addressed within the meeting.

Home Depot: Don Breeding and John LaRocca gave an update on behalf of the Home Depot Strategy Team. A meeting had been held recently that included STNC board members, DAC members, Dale Thrush from CD2, No2Home Depot reps. Home Depot reps included one real estate rep and four consultants. The main goals were 1) to establish open communication 2) to inform Home Depot that our community has a plan and vision for 2020 3) to inform Home Depot of the community's desires. Another meeting would be set up at a future time. There was a question and answer period in which the following were mentioned: 1) Sunland-Tujunga is working with a team of professionals (urban planners) to design the community. 2) Concern as to whether Home Depot had approached the trailer park to purchase it. 3) The community does not want a Home Depot. 4) Would Home Depot consider the community's information? Home Depot reps will contact Dale Thrush as point of contact when there is something next to report.

First Public Comment:

- An individual and his daughter commented that they would like to have Kmart back and that they would like fireworks to be held this year.
- An Emergency Management Pamphlet "10 Ways to Prepare for Disaster" was available in the back of the room.
- A Neighborhood Watch meeting would be held on June 22nd for the North Sunland area.
- John Waters, Co-Chair of the Elections Committee, announced there are 3 members of the committee and they are looking for 4 more volunteers who will not be running for office. Duties would include helping with candidate socials and handing out ballots on Election Day.
- Verdugo Hills High School's swimming pool is available for all. People were invited to come out and swim.
- Nina Royal was congratulated for receiving Rocky Delgadillo's L.A. Pearl award for her community work.
- An individual suggested that the STNC work on buying out the billboards on Foothill Blvd. one by one to clean up Foothill Blvd.
- Roberta Actor-Thomas and Robin Meares, dressed in funeral attire, gave a short prepared skit "Farewell to 7220 Hillrose", another historic home torn down.
- Robin Meares announced McGroarty Art Center's 2nd Annual Ceramics Show and that registration was open for summer classes. The recent fire at McGroarty was contained within two rooms and McGroarty was only closed for 1-day.
- Barbara Howell commented that in lieu of flowers for the funeral to please give a donation.
- Steve Crouch commented that he mourns the loss of the historic home and that there will be a Funeral Rally this Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church to raise awareness. He asked that people write letters.

- Nina Royal reported that the Foothills Paper needs volunteers as writers, proofers, and advertisers. The Paper was planning to go to a twice a month distribution starting in July.
- Mark Seigel announced that he would be starting a Ham Radio and CERT leader class for anyone interested. Mark also asked people to pray for Nina Royal, as she had had multiple surgeries this past year and would be going in for more tests soon.

Committee Reports:

Safety: Nina Royal reported that Frank Avila would start on June 26 as Tujunga's Senior Lead Officer. An increase in graffiti was reported in Tujunga, in addition to an increase in gang units and tagging crews. People were urged to call 311 to report it.

It was announced that the Above and Beyond Award would be honoring the Fire Department this year. A Valley Surveillance Team was being coordinated that would work alongside Senior Lead Officers. People were invited to contact Nina for more information.

DAC: John LaRocca reported on projects that have recently come before the DAC for review:

- A 30 home development on Oro Vista is now down to 25 homes.
- 9811 Hillhaven: The owners wished to preserve the old house and develop the remainder of property into 9 homes (ten total). A historic home application had been filed to keep it intact. Open House will be held Aug. 15.
- A cell phone tower at the Community Christian Church (near the Tujunga Post Office) was seen for the second time. The proposal was for either a monopine (fake tree) or tower up to 60 feet high, which does not fit within the guidelines. The DAC and recommended that the presenters come before the full STNC board.
- There were also presentations from a proposed tanning salon and a jewelry store in the IHOP/SavOn retail center.

It was noted that two City Planning representatives regularly attend the DAC meetings, as well as Dale Thrush or Kristin Asadourian from Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office.

Council District 2 Planning Deputy, Dale Thrush reported the following:

- Interim Control Ordinance/Floor Area Ratio was scheduled to be before the City Council on the following Tuesday.
- Planning Reform – Councilmember Wendy Greuel wanted representatives from all neighborhood councils (there were 8 in Council District 2) to go through the big picture concepts. A charter amendment was suggested.
- The property at Foothill and Apperson had been sold to an occupant who intended to develop the property. This was viewed as an opportunity to implement Vision 2020 with real concentrated uses and to eliminate the blight that had populated Foothill. It could be a first major step to realize the Vision 2020 concept.
- Councilmember Wendy Greuel met with FALCON representatives regarding Canyon Hills. Emily Gabel-Luddy would be in charge of the Slope Density issue.

Details on slope density were requested by Councilmember Greuel's office. A meeting with Ms. Luddy was agreed to and would be scheduled in the future.

- Home Depot: A meeting was held and the spirit of the meeting was encouraging. A response letter from Home Depot was expected any time and would be forwarded when it was received.

A question and answer period was held and the following concerns and comments were raised:

- 1) Canyon Hills and the Slope Density Ordinance (SDO): It was wondered if the discrepancies Mr. Eick aired on Slope Density had been responded to by Emily Gabel-Luddy. Ms. Luddy did not report with detail, so further clarifications had been needed from her. The City Attorney is looking into the interpretation of the Slope Density Ordinance. The City Attorney consistently supports Ms. Luddy. City Planning has been asked three times to disclose the analysis of the SDO, but they have yet to respond.
- 2) Home Depot: It was wondered if Home Depot was aware of the community's feeling regarding having one of their stores. Options were given in the meeting with Home Depot representatives. It was possible that Home Depot would purchase the trailer park.
- 3) Commercial Property at Foothill and Scoville (currently boarded up): This was the site of a future medical office.
- 4) Help was requested on Airlie Drive.

Outreach Committee Report: Deborah Ray reported that the Verdugo Hills Golf Course survey was out. She asked that everyone fill them out and turn them in. The survey is also be available on the STNC web site.

Peter Babaian reported that all but 3 businesses supported the Farmer's Market to be held on Commerce Ave. Volunteers were requested for the 4th of July Parade to help pass out promotional items (postcards and magnets). An STNC logo contest is being planned. A student award program is planned for the fall. The next outreach meeting date and time was announced.

Vision 2020: Julianne Maurseth introduced the program speaker.

Program: "A Healthy Future for Sunland Tujunga" by Dr. Neal Kaufman

Dr. Kaufman spoke on the subject of designing communities for better health. While he doesn't know a lot about Sunland-Tujunga, he stated that Sunland-Tujunga was a mountain community, which would be a public health person's dream area for living. He discussed the various health risks and epidemics currently facing the population of Los Angeles particularly. He also stated that the aesthetic qualities in the design of the buildings in a community help promote health for individuals in the community. The designs proposed by Dr. Kaufman had been used in Europe, but not in the U.S. One can visit nsbn.org for further information.

Old Business:

1) Motion: I move that the STNC support the installation of ten Transit Shelters by Viacom/JC Decaux tentatively scheduled for the following Bus Stop locations:

WB Foothill NS Oro Vista	NE Corner
EB Foothill FS Fenwick St	SE Corner
WB Sunland NS Fenwick St	NE Corner
WB Foothill NS Saluda Ave	NE Corner
EB Foothill FS Tujunga Cyn	SE Corner
EB Foothill FS Pinewood Ave	SE Corner
WB Foothill NS Pali (Island)	NE Corner
EB Foothill FS Pali	SE Corner
WB Foothill NS Pinewood	NE Corner
WB Foothill NS Mt Gleason	NE Corner

95% of those installed will be the Boulevard Shelter types. They will be installed at no cost to the City. Our Council District will share in the revenues of the advertising. The maintenance will be the responsibility of Viacom/JC Decaux.

I further move that our approval is contingent upon approval of final locations of transit shelters and the opportunity to suggest design changes.

Motion by Robin Meares. Motion seconded in the March 2005 meeting. Motion moved to Committee (see below).

This motion had been presented by Robin Meares at the March 2005 meeting and postponed.

Julianne Maurseth moved to refer the motion to the Design Advisory Committee to discuss type and color and that the DAC provide their recommendations to the STNC before Robin's motion is voted on.

Motion by Julianne Maurseth. Motion seconded. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.

New Business:

1) Robin Meares moved that the STNC approve the 2005/2006 Budget as follows:

OUTREACH	\$22,790
ADMINISTRATION	\$9,670
STV2020	\$4,570
Fixed Assets	\$1,800
DAC	\$8,170
NMF/Neighborhood Purposes Grant	<u>\$3,000</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$50,000

I further move to enact the following approval procedures for those expenses not approved in detail in the 2005/2006 Budget:

Expense of \$300 and under:

Must be approved by the Approval Authority specified for the appropriate category below AND either the Treasurer or the Chairman.

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>Approval Authority</u>
Outreach	Outreach Chair with the following exceptions: STV2020 Chair And DAC Chair to approve their Department's Outreach Expenses.
STV2020	STV2020 Chair
DAC	DAC Chair
Fixed Assets	Logistics Chair
Administration	Logistics Chair
Grants	Full Board Approval

Expense of \$300 and above:

Full Board Approval

I further move to transfer \$1,250 from 2004/2005 Outreach Budget to the Administration Budget to cover monthly Administrative costs.

Motion by Robin Meares. Motion postponed.

2) Rhonda Herbel moved that the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council send the attached letter to the Los Angeles City Council, Planning and Land Use Management Committee, Mayor, and Mayor-elect, urging support for efforts to strengthen protection for trees in Los Angeles.

(A copy of the letter was in the Program packet provided to all board members at the meeting.)

Motion by Rhonda Herbel. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

3) Louise Clarke Stone moved that the STNC designate Julianne Maurseth as STNC's representative to the City Planning Director Interview Board regarding the City Planning Director position soon to be vacant.

Motion by Louise Clarke Stone. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Julianne Maurseth moved that the STNC Board approve the “draft” Standing Rules for the STNC Board, dated June 8, 2005.

Motion by Julianne Maurseth. Motion withdrawn. Julianne recommended a special meeting for this item.

5) Rhonda Herbel moved that the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council ask Councilmember Wendy Greuel for her leadership in advocating for reform of inefficient practices within the Los Angeles Department of City Planning including but not limited to the currently flawed administration of the Slope Density Ordinance. We shall communicate this request by way of the attached letter.

(A copy of the letter was in the Program packet provided to all board members at the meeting.)

Motion by Rhonda Herbel. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6) Mark Seigel moved that the STNC support the community by helping pay for the July 4th Fireworks in the amount of \$2,200.00.

Two representatives from the Chamber of Commerce were present to describe the support benefits and the outreach opportunity.

Motion by Mark Seigel. Motion seconded. Motion amended by Julianne Maurseth to provide \$500 instead of \$2,200. Amendment seconded and passed with six dissenting votes. Ammended motion voted on and passed 8 in favor and 6 opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM

Minutes taken by Cindy Cleghorn, Recording Secretary pro tem.

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**STNC Special Meeting
at
YMCA
6840 Foothill Boulevard,
Tujunga 91042**

June 22, 2005; 7:00 PM

Minutes

Call to Order:

Special Meeting of June 22, 2005, was called to order by Chair Ken McAlpine at 7:30 p.m. with 12 Councilmembers present. In the absence of Ava Wrightsmann, Louise Stone will perform as Recording Secretary. Roz Stewart of Councilwoman Wendy Greuel's office (CD2) also attended.

At the commencement of the meeting the Chairman re-ordered the items on the agenda with the consensus of the Board for better facilitation of the meeting.

Motion 1: Appointment of Louise Stone to the Budget Committee

Robin Meares presented a motion to appoint Louise Stone to the Budget Committee. Julianne Maurseth seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Motion 2: Oak Tree Protection Letter

Rhonda Herbel made a motion that the STNC approve a draft letter submitted regarding Oak Tree Protection (Garcetti). The motion was seconded. The motion was passed by a majority with 1 abstention and 2 opposition votes.

Motion 3: Small meeting Policies and Procedures

Julianne Maurseth moved that the STNC approve the Policies & Procedures regarding small meetings, originally submitted to the Council on May 19 and revised by the Design Advisory Committee on June 8, 2005. Motion was seconded by Robin Meares. The motion was passed with 8 favorable and 3 opposing votes.

Planned Board Discussion 1: STNC Strategic Plan

Julianne Maurseth introduced a chart that depicts the goals of the STNC based on ongoing surveys performed by mail and town hall formats within the STNC (4) districts. Maurseth requested that each Councilmember evaluate the priorities and determine whether the STNC Strategic Plan/Community Priorities are consistent with the philosophy of the 2005 STNC. The STNC Strategic Plan/Community Priorities are regularly reviewed and revised (as recently as April 2005) according to the philosophy of the Council, which enables the STNC Budget Committee to focus funds and apply for matching grants for the betterment of the STNC community and stakeholders.

Motion 4: STNC Budget Committee Standing Rules

Julianne Maurseth made a motion to approve a June 22, 2005 draft of STNC Budget Committee Standing Rules. Robin Meares seconded the motion. The STNC Budget Committee Standing Rules were amended and approved as follows:

Budgeting

- The Committees shall work to establish their budget recommendations for the year, and that budget will be submitted to the Budget Committee.
- The Committees shall discuss the proposed budgets with their full committees and gain consensus prior to submitting their budget to the Budget Committee.
- The Budget Committee shall develop the total STNC budget recommendations for the year based upon the STNC's Strategic Plan/Community Priorities, and the proposed budgets from the Committee Chairs.

Expenses

- Expenses not specifically indicated as a line item allocated in the budget, which exceed \$300.00, shall be reviewed and approved by the Budget Committee, and their recommendations shall be presented to the Board for approval, prior to payment.

Report: Grievance Committee Report

Was postponed due to the facility required us to leave as they were closing.

Adjournment:

STNC Special Meeting of June 22, 2005 adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted on June 23, 2005 by Louise Clarke Stone, Recording Secretary pro tem.

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June 24, 2005

Hon. Mayor James K .Hahn
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Planning and Land Use Management Committee
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports efforts to enhance protections for trees in our communities, and urges the City Council to amend the City's Protected Tree Ordinance as called for in Garcetti-LaBonge Motions (03-1459 & 03-1459-S1) in 3 major ways:

1. Expand the types of tree protected from Oaks to include 3 other native trees: Sycamore, Bay, and Walnut;
2. To eliminate the requirement that the tree be on a lot of greater than 1 acre; and
3. Provide for the potential withholding of land use permits from those who might illegally remove trees protected by the ordinance.

The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports measures such as this which we believe will only serve to encourage thoughtful planning and collaboration with property owners within communities to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all in our communities. Presently, and unfortunately, there is clearly too little incentive for this collaboration, as evidenced by the alarming rate at which our biological and scenic resources

are being consumed without reasonable efforts to preserve them. To be perfectly clear about this, we know that no ordinance will prevent a property owner from reasonable development, including this one, and that is not the objective. Rather, at issue is the continuing and unnecessary degradation of our communities through insensitive development standards and practices.

The stakeholders in our community have evidenced through participation in surveys, town hall meetings, and public comment that the protection of scenic and biological resources is a significant quality of life concern and continuing point of frustration in the planning and building process.

The benefits of [retaining mature] trees in our communities are numerous and well documented, including the positive impact on air quality, water quality & conservation, temperature management, energy conservation, and alleviation of blight and increased patronage of local businesses where trees are present. One need not care about the specific trees, or the value to wildlife in order to see the numerous benefits to people.

While opinions may vary as to whether the protections should be limited to only the native tree species, and we will forego an exhaustive discussion of the merits here, we view the proposed amendment as a critical positive step towards tree protections and the native species are obviously well suited for their respective locations. It should be noted, however, that we do not specifically support continuing to exclude protection for any species classified as "rare" simply because of its common name. We refer to *Quercus dumosa*, also known as Nuttall's scrub oak, classified by the California Native Plant Society as rare, and currently excluded from protection under the ordinance.

We urge you to recognize this important tool for preserving quality of life in our communities and take this critical step in the right direction by approving the Garcetti-Labonge motions for enhancing native tree protections.

Respectfully,

Ken McAlpine
Chair
Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Special Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2005
Rear Room of the Sunland Century 21 Office – 8 PM

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m.

The agenda for this meeting was reviewed. The Budget Committee's Audit Recommendations were handled within the Committee. A special Budget Summit was set for July 16, 2005.

The Grievance Report and Recommendations were read by John Waters.

Board and Public Comments:

- There were various comments by board members. Some disagreed with what was found by the Grievance Committee. Some members of the board and public were in disagreement with having their names involved in the Grievance. One Grievance Committee member stressed that the process was at fault, not any individual.

Board Member Mark Seigel and a Stakeholder left the meeting.

Vice-Chair, Nina Royal, announced her resignation. Chairman, Ken McAlpine, informed Nina that STNC Bylaws require resignations to be submitted in writing to the Chair or Recording Secretary before they are official. Therefore her resignation had not been accepted verbally. Nina repeated her verbal resignation and left at 9:07 p.m.

A quorum was no longer present, as only ten board members remained. The meeting was temporarily recessed until 9:15 p.m. when Board Member Tomi Lyn Bowling arrived and we re-attained the needed quorum of 11 board members.

MOTION:

Rhonda Herbel moved that the STNC acknowledge that we have received the Grievance Report and accept the Grievance Committee's recommendations; however, with the following actions:

- a) Points #2 & #3 will go to the Bylaws Committee for implementation into the Bylaws.
- b) Action Item #1 regarding the apology email be implemented in that it is specific to the subject property and does not involve STNC policies in general as regards private property in the community.
- c) Regarding Point #4 Advise everyone regarding the recommendations for proper use of STNC email that have been referred to the Bylaws Committee and that notification go to all board members and committee members.

The above is subject to board approved communication on it.

Motion by Rhonda Herbel. Motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Ava Wrightsman moved that the Grievance Report be filed under seal and that three people: Ava Wrightsman, Rhonda Herbel and Louise Clarke Stone, prepare a one paragraph public statement and that the statement include the information that failure of written policies and procedures were at fault, not personnel.

Motion by Ava Wrightsman. Motion seconded. Motion carried with one dissenting vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Minutes by Ava Wrightsman, Recording Secretary.

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Board Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2005

Mt. Gleason Middle School – 7 PM

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. There were 18 Board members in attendance and 91 in the audience. Ken McAlpine welcomed newcomers and guests. Ken announced that a cake was available at the back of the room to celebrate the two-year anniversary of the certification of the STNC. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Kristin Asadourian, Field Deputy for Councilmember Wendy Greuel, presented a proclamation to two of Sue Dell's neighbors for being good neighbors and helping to recover her cat.

Executive Committee Reports

Recording Secretary: It was announced that the minutes of the June 8th meeting were still being prepared.

Treasurer: Robin Meares presented her fiscal report for year ending June 30th, 2005.

Public Comment

The following issues and concerns were brought up:

- An individual announced that bulldozing that had occurred on her street and she was concerned about the rains.
- A letter was presented to all Board Members regarding dissatisfaction from Brian Fitzburgh regarding a DAC presentation.
- A parent volunteer from Mount Gleason Middle School and two of her students made an announcement about needing \$500 for an ROTC program.

Program Speakers:

Michael Espinosa, Grant Manager, Office of Community Beautification

Michael Espinosa spoke regarding the Community Beautification Grant. He went over the basic eligibility requirements, General Information Workshops, the 7 steps to getting the grant, what funds can be matched and what types of projects could qualify. The deadline for submitting the grant requests for this year would be October 27, 2005. More information could be obtained at www.LACity.Org/BPW or by calling Mr. Espinosa directly at (213) 978-0225.

There was a question and answer period and the following ideas were discussed:

- \$800,000 per year is given in grants, which translates to about 100 grants.
- A community can receive more than one grant per year.
- The grants are only for publicly accessible space.
- A church can work on a project if it is open to the public and has no religious connotation.

Board Reports

Grievance Report: Recording Secretary, Ava Wrightsman, read a prepared statement: On May 24, 2005, a stakeholder reported a grievance to the STNC Chair regarding Board member Robin Meares, concerning an email communication from the STNC. The grievance was read at the STNC regular monthly meeting of June 8, 2005, and was referred to the Grievance Committee for review, report, and recommendation. After conducting their investigation, the Grievance Committee submitted their report to the STNC Board and advised the stakeholder of their findings and recommendations. While the committee's findings indicated that more than one individual was involved in the situation, the report fundamentally pointed to a lack of adequate formal policies and procedures with regard to authorized STNC correspondence. The STNC Board has referred the Grievance Committee recommendations to the Bylaws Committee for further evaluation and changes to the bylaws in an effort to avoid a similar occurrence in the future. The STNC Board further instructed that, in the interim, all STNC Board and committee members are to be advised of the recommended changes and also that all correspondence from the STNC, including general distribution emails, are required to be handled by the STNC Corresponding Secretary.

Committee Reports

DAC:

FAR/ICO: Roberta Actor-Thomas reported that the Floor Area Ratio Interim Control Ordinance (FAR/ICO) had passed PLUM and would be going on to the City Council for a vote for final approval. She reported that this ordinance would change the floor area ratio from 1.5 to 0.4. At 1.5 a 12,000 square foot house could be built on an 8,000 square foot lot, but at 0.4 only a 3,200 square foot house could be built on an 8,000 square foot lot. People can build up to 40% of their lot size or up to 2,400 square feet, whichever is larger. Roberta thanked the many people who helped on this.

DAC Chairman, John LaRocca, presented Roberta with an award for all of her hard work on the FAR/ICO.

Ford Property Update: Debby Beck reported the final touches were being put on the architectural plans for the Ford Property and they would likely be reviewed at the August DAC meeting. The ground breaking would probably be in September with an opening date of late 2006 or early 2007.

Home Depot Strategy Team: Don Breeding reported that the 40 year leasehold is now owned by Home Depot and not by Kmart. The Home Depot Strategy Team was working on getting a general store, e.g. Target or Kohls and possibly a theater and restaurants at this location.

There was a question and answer period for the DAC in which the following were brought up:

- FAR/ICO had passed PLUM and was to be voted on by the City Council. Since it had approval from both PLUM and Councilmember Wendy Greuel, it was extremely likely to be passed by the City Council.
- FAR/ICO does not apply to hillside property. The Slope Density Ordinance would apply. Additionally, engineering will be involved in these types of properties.

- It was hoped that the decrease in FAR would dissuade developers from subdividing lots.

Robert Actor-Thomas further commented that a flyer had been circulated stating that Sunland-Tujunga Vision 2020 intended to condemn Commerce Avenue. Roberta said that she is a member of the Sunland Tujunga Vision 2020 Team (STV2020) and eminent domain and condemnation are not a part of their strategy. She invited all to attend the STV2020 meetings.

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Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Board Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2005

Mt. Gleason Middle School – 7 PM

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. There were 18 Board members in attendance and 91 in the audience. Ken McAlpine welcomed newcomers and guests. Ken announced that a cake was available at the back of the room to celebrate the two-year anniversary of the certification of the STNC. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Kristin Asadourian, Field Deputy for Councilmember Wendy Greuel, presented a proclamation to two of Sue Dell's neighbors for being good neighbors and helping to recover her cat.

Executive Committee Reports

Recording Secretary: It was announced that the minutes of the June 8th meeting were still being prepared.

Treasurer: Robin Meares presented her fiscal report for year ending June 30th, 2005.

Public Comment

The following issues and concerns were brought up:

- An individual announced that bulldozing that had occurred on her street and she was concerned about the rains.
- A letter was presented to all Board Members regarding dissatisfaction from Brian Fitzburgh regarding a DAC presentation.
- A parent volunteer from Mount Gleason Middle School and two of her students made an announcement about needing \$500 for an ROTC program.

Program Speakers:

Michael Espinosa, Grant Manager, Office of Community Beautification

Michael Espinosa spoke regarding the Community Beautification Grant. He went over the basic eligibility requirements, General Information Workshops, the 7 steps to getting the grant, what funds can be matched and what types of projects could qualify. The deadline for submitting the grant requests for this year would be October 27, 2005. More information could be obtained at www.LACity.Org/BPW or by calling Mr. Espinosa directly at (213) 978-0225.

There was a question and answer period and the following ideas were discussed:

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Board Reports

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Committee Reports

DAC:

FAR/ICO: Roberta Actor-Thomas reported that the Floor Area Ratio Interim Control Ordinance (FAR/ICO) had passed PLUM and would be going on to the City Council for a vote for final approval. She reported that this ordinance would change the floor area ratio from 1.5 to 0.4. At 1.5 a 12,000 square foot house could be built on an 8,000 square foot lot, but at 0.4 only a 3,200 square foot house could be built on an 8,000 square foot lot. People can build up to 40% of their lot size or up to 2,400 square feet, whichever is larger. Roberta thanked the many people who helped on this.

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Home Depot Strategy Team: Don Breeding reported that the 40 year leasehold is now owned by Home Depot and not by Kmart. The Home Depot Strategy Team was working on getting a general store, e.g. Target or Kohls and possibly a theater and restaurants at this location.

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Cc: 'Ken McAlpine'; 'robinjm@aol.com'; 'Julianne E. Maurseth'
Subject: CPR Now

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Subject: Report to STNC re NC/DWP MOU

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August 3, 2005

To: STNC Executive Committee

From: Cindy Cleghorn
Mark Seigel
STNC liaison to VANC

RE: VANC "Best Of" Awards – November 10, 2005

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3. Best Community Outreach = STNC's monthly postcard outreach

Reference: VANC information and nomination form attached.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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JUDGING CATEGORIES

The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils will determine in which category your project or program fits. In order to give you some guidance on what to submit, here are the categories:

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| • Best Community Project
(infrastructure, roads, traffic) | { Beautification, environment, parks,
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| • Best Involvement of NC with Business | |

The number of awards in each category will be based on the selection panel's decision.

NOMINATION GUIDELINE

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AWARD PRESENTATION

All awards will be presented at the annual Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Forum to be held on November 10, 2005.

Thank you for participating in our first annual awards program. Our plan is to share your ideas in a "Best of" notebook to be distributed at the VANC Forum.

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Nomination Form, 2005

IDEAS

It's a great idea to
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NC Name (in full): _____

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NC Contact Number: _____

NC email address: _____

NC Alt. Contact: _____

PROJECT / PROCESS / PROGRAM INFORMATION

Project Name: _____

Project Definition: _____

Funds Budgeted: _____

Funds Spent: _____

Number of people involved: _____

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What was the goal or purpose of your project?

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Please provide a brief narrative of lessons learned through this process.

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From: Ava Wrightsman [avawrightsman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2005 2:23 PM
To: Stone, Louise
Subject: FW: Resignation



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Dear Louise,

Here is my motion for this meeting. Attached are John and Paul's resignation letters.

I move that the STNC accept the resignations of Paul Armbruster, District 4 Representative; John LaRocca, DAC Chairman; and Ed Rock, Budget Committee member.

Best wishes,

Ava

>From: Paul C Armbruster <pparmnt@juno.com>
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>Subject: Resignation
>Date: Wed, 20 Jul 2005 13:21:18 -0700
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>Hi Ava,
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Paul Armbruster
9618 Hillhaven Ave.
Tujunga, California 91042

August 4, 2005

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
7747 Foothill Blvd., Room 101
Tujunga, CA 91042

Dear Board Members,

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Sincerely,

Paul C. Armbruster

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To: STNC Recording Secretary, Ava Wrightsman

From: DAC Chairman, John A. LaRocca

Dear Ava,

I have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the activities of the DAC, particularly being allowed to serve the community as the DAC Chairman. Unfortunately I have found recently that I cannot continue to provide the level of service that I feel this community deserves.

I have a long-term medical condition that I was trying to keep to myself. Within the last few months I have learned that I will need to undergo an extensive medical treatment. I have been trying to put my treatment off and continue with all of my commitments and responsibilities as usual, especially since I feel that the work done with the DAC is so important. However, I have recently realized that this is not working for me physically.

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Yours respectfully,

John A. LaRocca

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From: kenmcalpine@mindspring.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2005 4:15 PM
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Friends, neighbors, and fellow Board members,

Due to an extraordinary confluence of career demands and personal obligations, I find that I will not have adequate time to devote to the chairmanship of the STNC for the remainder of my term. After several months of thoughtful consideration, I have decided that it would be best for me to step aside and allow the Board to select a new Chairman to help us maintain our momentum during the next exciting months. Therefore, effective September 15th, I am resigning as Chairman of the STNC and leaving the Board. I will work with our Executive Committee and our Board for the next weeks to transition responsibilities to our Vice Chair until our Board selects a new Chairman.

I cherish the opportunity I've had as the first chairman of our certified STNC. During my four terms as Chairman, and the six years that I've served with the STNC, I've been encouraged to see the great progress this community has made, and even more as I see the great things that lie on the horizon for my hometown. I remain a faithful supporter of the STNC, and I intend to resume my work with the STNC and its committees when my circumstances again permit me to do so.

Sincerely,

Ken McAlpine
Chairman
Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
(2002 – 2005)

8/12/2005

Stone, Louise

From: RobinJM@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2005 10:38 AM
To: avawrightsman@hotmail.com
Subject: Public Art Motion

Ava,

I move that the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council, join Council District 2 and the McGroarty Arts Center in writing a letter of support to Joe Smoke of The Cultural Affairs Department of The City of Los Angeles for the grant application for the Public Art Project from the Eagle Rock Community Cultural Association entitled "INTERSECTION 2006".

Ava...attached are the grant narrative from Eagle Rock and a sample of the letter.

Robin

8/4/2005

**Joe Smoke
Cultural Affairs Department
City of Los Angeles
433 S. Spring Street 10th Floor
Los Angeles, Ca. 90013**

**Re: The Eagle Rock Community Cultural Association/Intersection 2006
Grant Application**

Dear Joe,

The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council is proud to support The Eagle Rock Community Cultural Association on their proposed public art project entitled: INTERSECTION 2006.

As you are aware, there are few opportunities for the residents of Council District 2 to participate in artistic or cultural activities. INTERSECTION 2006 will be brought to the people. This public art installation, on the corner of Mount Gleason and Foothill Blvd, will bring public art to those who might never have the opportunity of this experience, otherwise.

Sincerely,

PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING: INTERSECTION 2006

1. THE EAGLE ROCK COMMUNITY CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Our Mission:

The mission of the Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock is to present innovative and multicultural arts programming to the communities of northeast Los Angeles. The organization's main objectives are: 1) to bring arts programming into the community by producing free festivals in a variety of locations including local parks and the community's main boulevards, and by commissioning temporary public art installations, and, 2) to provide educational arts programming to underserved communities, in particular at-risk youth.

The Center:

Nine years ago the Los Angeles City Department of Cultural Affairs formed the Eagle Rock Community Cultural Association to be its arts partner; unfortunately, the objectives served only a small percentage of the community. In 2000, as the organization attracted more skill and experience at both the Staff and Board level a new vision evolved that focused on reaching a much broader constituency (both traditional and non-traditional audience) with artistic and educational arts programs of high standards. This process resulted in a clarification of mission and a name change.

The Center specializes in producing excellent contemporary art (music, performing arts, video and visual arts) in historic places. At the Center itself we invite promising artists, writers, musicians and performers to create and produce new works in our galleries. In 2004, we began programming the Sylvan Amphitheater in a nearby city park, where a summer festival of performances requires the collaboration of community groups, businesses and arts producing organizations. The Center's free Eagle Rock Music Festival in 24 venues in the Center of the community in its seventh year and is the most anticipated event in the northeast. Last year, we also presented our first public art installation at the Eagle Rock monument which made many more people aware of the power of public art, of place and the new spirit to be found in northeast Los Angeles.

The Center is governed by a Board of Directors with an Executive Committee and three standing committees – Finance, Fundraising and Programs, and several subcommittees. Within the past year the organization held its first Board retreat and its first volunteer recognition event. The Executive Director and Program Director are active partners with volunteer leadership in carry out the vision of the Center, and provide Staff support to all committees.

The Board and the Staff of the Center are committed to sustaining the dramatic growth of the last three years. Student attendance has increased by 50% and event attendance increased from 7,620 to 21,270. In 2002 the budget of the Center was \$134,000 and the budget of the current fiscal year is \$445,000. The Center is funded by a combination of earned income (facility rental and tuition), membership support, event fundraisers, and foundation, corporation and government support.

2. Narrative Project Description: Intersection: an installation project 2006

What? Where? When?

During September 2006 the Center will produce Intersection 2006, an installation project, at businesses located near three major street intersections in City Council District 2. At each intersection twelve artists in residence will create installations in twelve different businesses. Each site will present an installation, commenting on and reflecting its particular location. The targeted intersections are Mount Gleason and Sunland, Victory and Laurel Canyon, and Laurel Canyon and Moorpark. The Center will partner with the local Chamber of Commerce to work with the businesses in each area. Margaret Adachi, who created and curated Intersection 2005 for the Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock, will oversee the expanded program and will utilize three curators (-----) who each coordinate one intersection. Each of these curators will pick twelve artists to be artists in residences in twelve businesses surrounding their chosen intersection.

Intersection 2005 featured a dozen artists interpreting commerce in the community. Each temporary public art piece was designed specifically for each business space. The installations included Carrie Paterson at Dee's Gym, George B. Domantay at Eufloria, John Currin at Brown Properties, Jill D'Agnenica at Stephano Hiar Design, Hilary Mushkin at Haute Cuts, Maryrose Mendoza at Pizza Man, Arturo Romo at Daybreak Foods, Barry Markowitz at Tritch Hardware, Karen Reitzel at Commercial Printing, John Sanders at Sofas and More, Daniel Brodo at Smokeez Tobacco and Luigia Martelloni at Haven's Reef.

Who?

Intersection 2006 will serve three major groups. The residents of the North Hollywood, Sunland and Tujunga are the primary group served. Council District 2 has been designated by the Department of Cultural Affairs as a district underserved in arts programming. By choosing intersections in three different areas of the district the project will triple its impact.

Intersection 2006 targets a diverse audience of both traditional and non-traditional viewers. The audience will mirror the diversity of these three distinct communities. In addition, since these installations are not located in traditional art venues, the project will attract an audience that is unfamiliar with installation art. During Intersection 2005, Tritch Hardware reported many questions from customers regarding the purpose and meaning of temporary art installations. Intersection 2005 began many discussions about art among atypical art audience members. Among those in attendance at this year's opening reception were contractors, local families, students, members of the local Chamber of Commerce, professional scuba divers and realtors. If Intersection 2006 is successful the audience will consist of both art enthusiasts and community individuals who are not frequent viewers of art.

The small businesses in each neighborhood are the second group served by Intersection 2006. The businesses in the current Intersection are thrilled and report an increase in customers and sales. Non-hosting businesses nearby welcome the opportunity to attract new customers. Restaurants, in particular, experience an increase in business.

The participating artists and curators are the third group served. Intersection 2006's marketing plan is designed to draw attention to the participating 36 artists. The scale of this installation project will draw a large audience. Many people will become aware of their work.

Why?

The art installations are not likely to be what most people picture when they think about art. We don't immediately associate a neighborhood shop with contemporary art, yet art can defy expectation and should be experienced in all kinds of spaces. When we see something unexpected in the places we take for granted, or a bit of a surprise primes our senses for something new, our own creativity awakens.

Community Collaboration in District 2

The project will serve two goals expressed by Mayor Villaraigosa. Intersection 2006 will take place in District 2, one of the geographic areas of the City that does not have as many art centers, museums, or theaters as some of the other council districts. In addition, this project is a community collaboration with the businesses of three neighborhoods in the District. The fresh perspectives of the visiting artists are sure to activate the floor spaces from the ordinary into the extraordinary. The marketing strategy will attract visitors to these businesses and neighborhoods.

Employment

Intersection 2006 will employ 36 artists and 4 artist-curators. The Center is aware of the impact of the cuts in arts funding on individual artists. This project is designed to employ and to promote the work of 40 emerging artists.

How?

The primary goal of Intersection 2006 is to engage the underserved community (in terms of arts programming) of City Council District 2 in an interactive neighborhood arts project. This goal is achieved by:

- Making art part of the everyday life of local residents by placing art installations in non-traditional art spaces such as beauty shops, bowling alleys and tire stores
- Employing 40 local artists to work with community organizations and businesses to implement the project
- Providing multiple opportunities for the residents of the targeted communities to engage in the process through the 36 different venues

3. Evaluation Plan

Progress will be monitored and success measured through the following:

- Four sets of questionnaires will be developed: one for venue managers; one for audience members; one for community partners, and one for artists and curators.
- Spot questionnaires for venue managers and audience members will be administered throughout the six week program
- Success will be measured for each group by 65% positive feedback
- At the conclusion of the project evaluation results will be shared with the four groups involved

4. Work Plan

July 2005

- Meet with community leaders to determine interest in program
- Meet with Head Curator, Margaret Adachi, and project coordinator: review the evaluation of Intersection 2005
- Prepare budget and logistical details for Intersection 2006

August – December 2005

- Submission of grants to underwrite the project
- Begin design and marketing plan
- Continue with planning for logistical details

January – March 2006

- Begin outreach to communities groups in Council District 2 to raise awareness of the project and to incorporate any community concerns into the planning of Intersection 2006
- Begin to identify local artists and curators
- Continue developing design and marketing tools

April 2006

- Head Curator selects 3 curators to organize each of 3 intersections
- Collaborative relationships forged with businesses

May 2006

- Artists chosen and matched with businesses
- Installations design begins

June 2006

- Communication with press begins with announcement of artists
- Develop evaluation questionnaires
- Market Plan is finalized and implementation begins
- Artist continue their work on installation designs
- Begin developing program and maps

July 2006

- Sponsorships obtained
- Insurance finalized
- Marketing tool (i.e. button or bracelet) is ordered
- Posters and postcards printed
- Firm up logistics with community groups regarding mailings and coordinating publicity efforts
- Implementation of mailings
- Posters distributed

August 2006: Weeks 1 and 2

- Design Finalized
- Business Approval of Designs Obtained in Writing
- Press releases, press packages and photo opportunity alerts for media completed and distributed
- Programs and maps finalized and produced

August 2006: Weeks 3 and 4

- Install artwork in 36 spaces

September 2006

- Intersection 2006 opens
- Evaluation questionnaires distributed

October 2006

- De-install the artwork
- Evaluation forms collected and reviewed
- Evaluation results distributed to community groups, business managers and artists

Marketing Strategy

The marketing strategy is dependent upon strong collaborations with existing community organizations and businesses in the targeted areas. All 36 businesses and 26 artists will be given postcards and posters to distribute to their customers and mailing lists. The Center will contact and collaborate with neighborhood councils, the chambers of commerce and other non-profits, most importantly, McGroaty Arts Center who has already agreed to be our partner.

The Center will also utilize the scope and the uniqueness of Intersection 2006 to obtain media attention for the targeted communities, businesses and artists. Photo opportunity alerts will be heavily promoted. Press packages will be distributed widely with camera-ready visuals. We believe this project is worthy of attention and will make every effort to put a spotlight on these communities and their artists.

05/06 Budget Motion

I move that the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council accept the Budget Committees recommendation and approve the attached budget (page #1) with the following requirements:

I move that the availability of the Safety Committee's 05/06 Budget (page #7) is contingent upon regularly scheduled Safety Committee meetings in full compliance with DONE requirements.

I move that before the release of funds for the Surveillance Camera Equipment (page #7), the STNC will have written confirmation from the responsible party at the LAPD that the surveillance equipment is in working order and that all warranties and guarantees are available. This is in accordance with DONE's requirements for the purchasing of equipment.

I further move to transfer \$1,557.26 from the 04/05 Outreach Budget to the Administration Budget . (page #2)

I move that the STNC add a new line item to the administration budget with a budget of \$1,000 to cover the costs of temporary clerical help for the excessive copying costs and costs to research past records for the recent public requests. I further move that these monies be taken from the unspent 04/05 funds. (see page #2)

Standing Rules for the Budget Committee

I move that the STNC accept the recommendation of the Budget Committee and accept the attached Standing Rules (page #8))

Motion to appoint Rhonda Herbel to the Budget Committee

I move that the STNC accept the Budget Committees recommendation of appointing Rhonda Herbel to the Budget Committee to replace Ed Rock.

04-05 Remaining Budget

Budget vs Actual remaining monies				\$ 5,590.31	
outreach Mt Gleason m	Middle School			\$ 500.00	outreach
Office Depot				\$ 92.00	admin
Comp USA				\$ 225.64	equipment
C & M Printing inv#10592				\$ 415.72	admin
C & M Printing Inv #10555				\$ 30.00	admin
C & M Printing Inv# 10525				\$ 160.00	admin
C & M Printing Inv# 10550				\$ 300.00	admin
C & M Printing Inv# 10591				\$ 30.00	admin
C & M Printing Inv#10616				\$ 552.94	STV2020
			Remaining Budget	\$ 3,284.01	

By Category

04/05

Expenses

<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
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Outreach	\$ 3,829.41	\$ 6,500.00		\$ 2,670.59	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,170.59
Equipment	\$ 1,923.97	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 2,076.03	\$ 225.64	\$ 1,850.39
Admin	\$ 15,529.54	\$ 15,000.00		\$ (529.54)	\$ 1,027.72	\$ (1,557.26)
STV2020	\$ 31,654.09	\$ 33,027.32		\$ 1,373.23	\$ 552.94	\$ 820.29
			Total	\$ 5,590.31	\$ 2,306.30	\$ 3,284.01

STNC Proposed 05/06 Budget			
CATEGORY			Budget
OUTREACH		\$ 4,550.00	
DAC OUTREACH		\$ 4,808.00	
ADMINISTRATIVE OUTREACH		\$ 5,400.00	
STV2020 OUTREACH		\$ 5,925.00	
TOTAL OUTREACH			\$ 20,683.00
Admin/Office Supplies			\$ 14,380.00
temporary help			\$ 1,000.00
STVision 2020			\$ 4,750.00
Fixed Assets			\$ 325.00
DAC			\$3,062.00
NMF/Neighborhood Purposes Grant			\$ 500.00
Safety			\$ 6,300.00
TOTAL			\$ 51,000.00
Remaining from 04/05 Budget			\$ 2,284.01 **
Total 05/06 Budget			\$ 53,284.01

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** Amount decreased by the inclusion of the budget for temporary help

2005 Office Supplies/Fixed Assets/Admin Budget

Office Supplies

Bookcase		\$ 29.99
organizer		\$ 79.99
2 drawer vertical		\$ 219.98
cork bulletin board		\$ 37.46
Label maker		\$ 49.95
label maker tapes		\$ 32.74
slant file		\$ 24.36
replacement ins-digital camera		\$ 89.99
copy paper 10 reams 8 1/2 x 11		\$ 121.84
copy paper 10 reams 8 1/2 x 17		\$ 298.20
markers		\$ 16.70
dry erase markers		\$ 20.42
pens		\$ 3.12
Brother fax cartridge (4)		\$ 109.60
Brother copy cartridge (60		\$ 329.58
cleaning supplies		\$ 50.00
software -Dreamweaver		\$ 400.00
tax		\$ 157.90
total office supplies		\$ 2,070.00

Admin

telephone		\$ 3,000.00	\$250/mo
petty cash misc		\$ 720.00	\$60/mo *GAS
card misc		\$ 600.00	\$50/mo
RENT Mt Gleason		\$ 720.00	\$60/mth
office postage		\$ 390.00	\$20/MTH
Election postage		\$ 3,600.00	
-printing, etc.		\$ 1,400.00	
agenda printing		\$ 980.00	\$90/mth
website maintainence		\$ 900.00	\$75/mo
Total admin		\$ 12,310.00	

Total Admin/office supplies	TOTAL	\$ 14,380.00
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Fixed Assets

digital camera		\$ 300.00
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tax		\$ 24.75
total Fixed Assets	TOTAL	\$ 324.75

Admin Outreach

postcards \$450/mo	TOTAL	\$ 5,400.00
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Updated 07/18/05

2005/2006 OUTREACH BUDGET		
District/Group Events	refreshments/printing/event/scholarships	
	Districts 1	200
	Districts 2	200
	Districts 3	200
	Districts 4	200
	Misc Group Representative	500
	Subtotal	1300
Marketing Material		
	Car Magnets (single door size)	250
	Pens or key chains	250
	Promotional Marketing Items	500
	Promo items	500
	Subtotal	1500
Booth Fees		
For inclusion in various outside events	Event 1	300
	Event 2	300
	Event 3	300
	Subtotal	900
STNC Sponsored Events		
	Movie in the Park	250
	Farmers Market	300
	Misc. New Event	300
		850
	TOTAL	4550
	PAGE # 3	

DAC 2005 2006 Budget

Committee Binders			\$ 662.00
Monthly Meeting expense			
printing agenda, hearing notices, minutes			
twice a month @ \$100/month			\$ 2,400.00
		total	\$ 3,062.00

DAC OUTREACH

Training material for prospective presenters			\$ 850.00
Community related meetings for land use issues			\$ 505.00
Signage Team			
labels for conforming businesses			
recognition labels for improving community			
appearance			\$ 353.00
Style Guide Brochure			
16 page full color brochure			\$ 3,100.00
		total	\$ 4,808.00

TOTAL DAC BUDGET			\$ 7,870.00
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STV2020 2005 2006 Budget

Marketing Kit OUTREACH

-graphic design			
-4/C printing of folders (2,000 copies, 12-point)			
-contents printing			\$ 2,425
<u>Community Planning Education Series</u>			
-materials and mailings			\$ 1,500
-Seminars/Town Hall Meetings (2-4 events)			\$ 2,000

<u>STV2020 OUTREACH</u>	TOTAL	\$ 5,925
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<u>Master Plan Development and Funding</u>			
-grant sourcing 2 proposals @ \$2,000/ea			\$ 4,000
-Urban design services on planning needs/community meetings			\$ 750

<u>STV2020</u>	TOTAL	\$ 4,750
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\$ 10,675

STNC Budget Committee Standing Rules 05/06

BUDGET

The Committee Chairs shall develop their budget recommendations for the year based upon the STNC's Strategic Plan/Community priorities.

- The Committee Chairs shall discuss the budget with their Committees and gain consensus prior to submitting their budget to the Budget Committee.

- The Budget Committee shall develop their budget recommendations for the year based upon the STNC's Strategic Plan/Community priorities, and the recommendations from the Committee Chairs.

EXPENSES

- Expenses specifically allocated in the budget shall be reviewed and approved by the Treasurer for payment.

- Expenses not specifically allocated in the budget, which exceed \$300 shall be reviewed and approved by the Full Board prior to payment.

- Expenses not specifically allocated in the budget, which are less or equal to \$300 reviewed and approved by the Approval Authority specified for the appropriate budget category and either the Treasurer or the Chairman.**

- Committee Chairs must notify the Treasurer in advance regarding anticipated expenses in their Committee budgets which do not have a specific allocation.

GUIDELINES FOR 2005/2006 BUDGET - ONLY

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>Approval Authority</u>
<u>Outreach</u>	Outreach Chair with the following exceptions: STV2020 Chair DAC Chair and Logistics Chair to approve their Department's Outreach Expenses
<u>STV2020</u>	STV2020 Chair
<u>DAC</u>	DAC Chair
<u>Fixed Assets</u>	Logistics Chair
<u>Administration</u>	Logistics Chair
<u>Grants</u>	Full Board approval

Safety Committee Budget 2005/2006

Portable Surveillance Camera			\$ 5,500.00
Fire/Police Award Plaque's			\$ 200.00
Education Meetings 3@ \$100			\$ 300.00
safety supplies			\$ 300.00
		TOTAL	\$ 6,300.00

Motion re: Preservation of Historic Buildings (Barbara Howell)

I move that the STNC support efforts to preserve historic and culturally significant buildings that have been purchased for turn-around demolition and rebuilding by developers, by allowing members of the board to do the following:

- >Get and/or provide information about buildings at risk to community stakeholders.
- >Provide information to community stakeholders on how to get a building designated as a cultural-historic monument.
- >Prepare and submit, or help prepare and submit, applications for designating selected buildings as cultural-historic monuments.
- >Researching the possibility for a historic overlay district or conservancy district in Sunland-Tujunga.

Background and additional info: I ask that the board consider the factors that are involved in this issue. Developers are taking down historic buildings and stone houses at an alarming rate, and each week that passes usually includes another demolition. On the other side, many people feel that a homeowner has the right to do whatever he wants with his property, and should have the freedom to alter it as he sees fit. Property owners include people who want to live in the home they bought, and would like to upgrade or fix up the home to fit their needs, but property owners also include developers who buy a property solely for the purpose of turning it around to a new owner, and have no stake in the quality of life in the community. None of the demolished buildings I have witnessed resulted in a desirable upgrade to the community. As private citizens, we board members all have the right to submit a cultural-historic application for any building, which, if approved, can put a temporary hold on demolition until the historic issue is decided. However, as board members, do we have the right to get involved in this process? This is the point I would like to offer as a discussion point before the board decides this issue.

ITEM 23 - a

MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the continued consideration of categorical exemption, Planning and Land Use Management Committee Report and Ordinance First Consideration relative to imposing interim regulations on the issuance of building permits for residential structures within the Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills-Lake View Terrace-East La Tuna Canyon Community Plan, Item 23 on today's Council Agenda (CF 04-2085), BE AMENDED to PRESENT and ADOPT the attached ordinance in lieu of the ordinance attached to the file, in order correct a drafting error in the last sentence of Section 3 (c) of the ordinance.

PRESENTED BY:

WENDY GREUEL
Councilwoman, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: _____

July 27, 2005

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance imposing interim regulations on the issuance of certain building permits for residential structures on R1 lots equal to or less than 8,000 square feet in the Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills-Lakeview Terrace-East La Tuna Canyon Community Plan ("the Community Plan") area generally bounded by Lowell Avenue and the city boundary on the east, the Foothill Freeway on the southwest, the eastern edge of the Big Tujunga Wash on the northwest and the city boundary on the north ("the Plan Area").

WHEREAS, the proposed Interim Control Ordinance ("ICO") area is located within the boundaries of the Community Plan, adopted on November 18, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Area is aesthetically unique in that many residential structures in the communities within the Plan Area were built a century ago, on narrow R1 zoned substandard lots of approximately 4,000 square feet, primarily as small, one-story, 500 to 800 square foot weekend and vacation homes; and

WHEREAS, today, land prices in the Plan Area are among the most affordable in the City of Los Angeles so that for the past two years, developers have been buying parcels, tearing down the original, small houses and replacing them with large, box-like structures ranging from 3,000 to 4,000 square feet, thereby creating imposing structures out of character with the existing small one-story residences. These new residences are built up to the building set back lines and are approximately fifty feet in length and two stories in height, presenting an unarticulated blank wall that looms 30 feet above the existing one story residences on either side; and

WHEREAS, such mansionization is intensifying development irreversibly and unreasonably and is depriving the Plan Area of its inherent charm and unique aesthetic qualities; and

WHEREAS, the communities in the Plan Area are trying to maintain the original character of their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, six new large homes are under construction and 49 new large homes have already been constructed in the area, all of which are out of scale with the prevailing home size and threaten the character of the neighborhoods in the Plan Area. There are approximately 55 existing residences for sale, which could lead to the demolition of the existing residential structures and twenty vacant lots; and

WHEREAS, one of the policies of the Community Plan is to promote neighborhood preservation in existing residential neighborhoods. One of the Community Plan goals is to preserve and enhance the positive characteristics of

existing residential neighborhoods and to rehabilitate existing single family homes, which provide the foundation for community identity; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Community Plan are being considered and the continued mansionization and intensification of development may be in conflict with the contemplated amendments. Additionally, interim measures are needed to protect these communities from development of large homes that are inconsistent with the existing Community Plan, particularly as to existing neighborhoods consisting primarily of homes with considerably smaller square footage. This will help ensure that the long-standing existing character and scale of stable single-family residential neighborhoods are maintained pending completion of the amendments to that Community Plan.

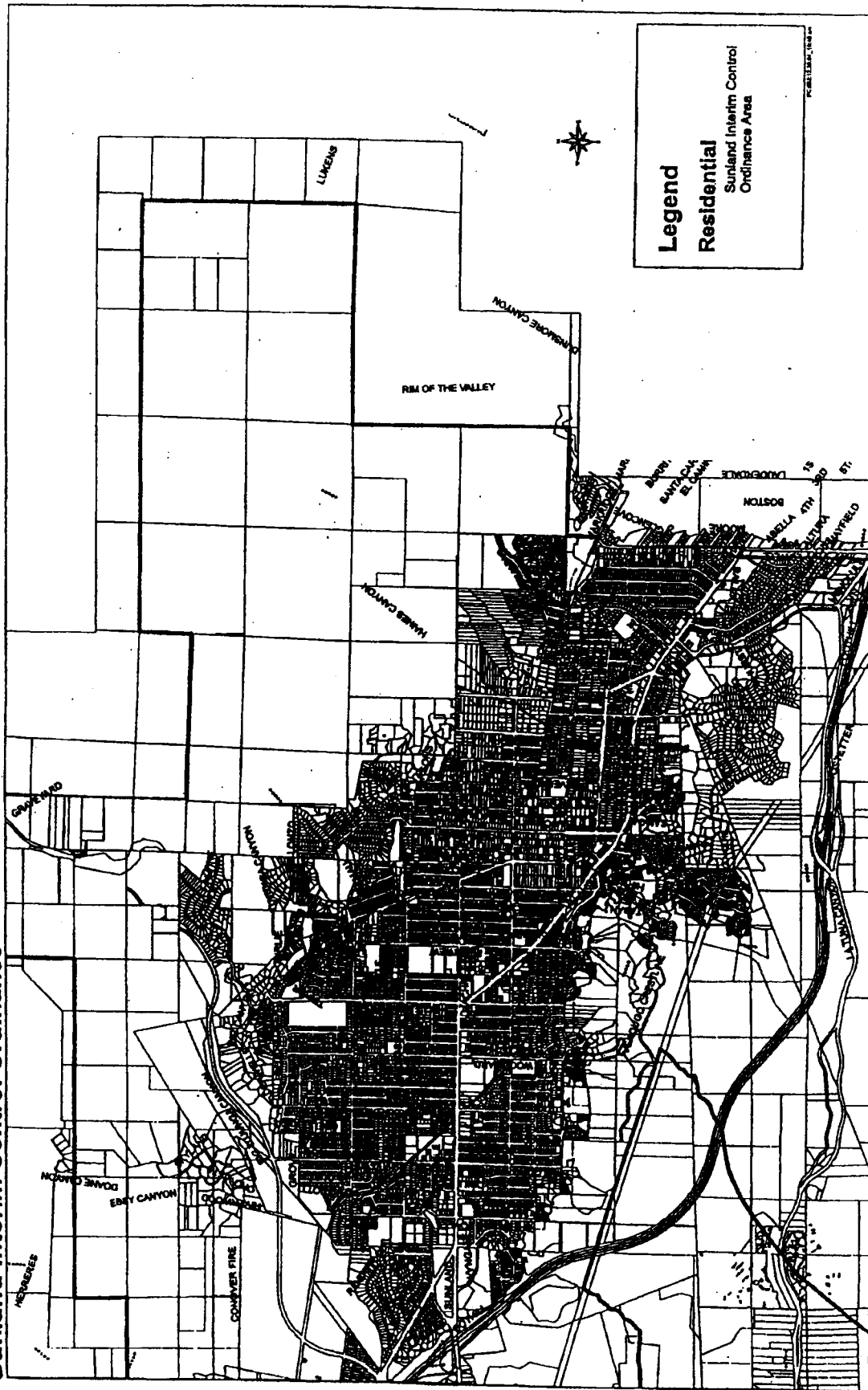
NOW THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. PROHIBITION. Notwithstanding any provision of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to the contrary, for a period of 365 days from the effective date of this Ordinance, or until the Community Plan is amended, whichever occurs first, no person, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, shall demolish, erect, construct, alter, add to or change the use of any building or structure, or portion thereof, on a lot zoned R1 which is equal to or less than 8,000 square feet in area and located in whole or in part within the area identified in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Sec. 2. INTERIM CONTROL AREA. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to any lot located in whole or in part within the Plan Area generally bounded by Lowell Avenue and the city boundary on the east, the Foothill Freeway on the southwest, the eastern edge of the Big Tujunga Wash on the northwest and the city boundary on the north, as shown on the following map:

Sunland Interim Control Ordinance



Sec. 3. EXCEPTIONS.

A. The prohibitions specified in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall not apply to any construction for which a building permit or demolition permit is required:

1. In order to comply with an order issued by the Department of Building and Safety to repair, remove or demolish an unsafe or a substandard condition;

2. In order to rebuild as a result of destruction by fire, earthquake or other natural disaster, provided that the development is not prohibited by any provision of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

B. The prohibitions specified in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall not apply to any building permit or demolition permit for which (1) architectural and structural plans sufficient for a complete plan check were accepted by the Department of Building and Safety on or before January 27, 2005; and (2) all fees or guarantees for the payment of fees were accepted by the City on or before January 27, 2005. This exception shall only apply if no subsequent changes are made to the plans which increase or decrease the height or floor area or occupant load by more than five percent, or change the use, or if any changes violate the Zoning Code regulations in force on the date the plan check fee was paid.

C. The prohibitions specified in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall not apply to the erection, construction or alteration of a building or structure where the ratio of the floor area of all structures and buildings on the lot to the area of the lot (Floor Area Ratio or F.A.R.) is equal to or less than 0.4:1. However, if the foregoing F.A.R. calculation would result in a total floor area of less than 2,400 square feet, then the floor area of all the structures and buildings on the lot may be up to 2,400 square feet.

D. The prohibitions specified in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall not apply to any building permit for which a vested right has accrued prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

Sec. 4. EXTENSION OF REGULATIONS. The City Council may, by resolution, extend the provisions of this Ordinance for not more than two additional periods of 180 days each, not to exceed a total time of 24 months, so long as the City Council makes the following finding: That appropriate City agencies and officials are exercising due diligence to assure that the proposed Community Plan amendment is being processed expeditiously.

Sec. 5. HARDSHIP EXEMPTIONS. The City Council, acting in its legislative capacity, may by resolution, grant an exemption from the provisions of this Ordinance in cases of extreme hardship duly established to the satisfaction of the City Council. An application for hardship exemption shall be filed with the City Clerk on forms provided by the Department of City Planning.

Sec. 6. APPLICABILITY OF THE ZONING CODE. The regulations of this Ordinance are in addition to those set forth in the planning and zoning provisions of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and any other ordinances adopted by the City Council, and do not contain any rights not otherwise granted under the provisions and procedures contained in that Chapter or any other ordinances.

Sec. 7. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which can be implemented without the invalid provisions, and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Sec. 8. URGENCY CLAUSE. The City Council finds and declares that this Ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety for the following reasons: The Community Plan amendment with the proposed land use changes may take at least a year to be adopted by the City Council. Meanwhile, interim measures are needed to regulate development on R1 zoned lots equal or less than 8,000 square feet located in the Plan Area to prevent the recent trend of developers buying small, narrow R1 zoned lots in the Plan Area, tearing down the original, small houses and replacing them with large, box-like structures, thereby overusing lots and intensifying development irreversibly and unreasonably, degrading the neighborhoods and further depriving the Plan Area of its original character, inherent charm and unique aesthetic qualities. There are approximately 55 existing residences for sale, which could lead to the demolition of the existing residential structures, twenty vacant lots, six new large homes are under construction, and 49 new large homes, completely out of scale with the prevailing home size, have already been constructed in the area, all of which threaten the original character of the neighborhoods in the Plan Area. Delaying the implementation of this Ordinance could result in an increase in incompatible development that would preclude the benefits to be accomplished by the proposed Community Plan amendment, the objectives of the General Plan, and the quality of life in the communities. For all these reasons, this Interim Control Ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to Section 253 of the Los Angeles Charter.

(110070)

Sec. 10. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located in the Main Street lobby to the City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the ground level at the Los Angeles Street entrance to the Los Angeles Police Department; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, by a vote of not less than three-fourths of all of its members, at its meeting of _____.

FRANK T. MARTINEZ, City Clerk

By _____ Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

Pursuant to Charter Section 559, I approve
this ordinance on behalf of the City
Planning Commission and recommend
it be adopted

Rockard J. Delgadillo, City Attorney

May 17, 2005

see attached report.

By Terry P. Kaufmann Macias
TERRY P. KAUFMANN MACIAS *JK*
Deputy City Attorney

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CON HOWE
Director of Planning

Date June 9, 2005

File No. CF 04-2085; CPC 2004-7771-ICO

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07/29/2005

Title

7000 - 8000 LA TUNA CANYON ROAD

Initiated by

City Planning Department

Subject

Transmittal from the Mayor of a report from the City Planning Department, dated June 30, 2005, relative to a Resolution and an Ordinance for a General Plan Amendment for properties at 7000 - 8000 La Tuna Canyon Road (Sun Valley/La Tuna Canyon Community Plan - Geographic Area 1, Window No. 144 - North Valley) CPC No. 2004-4344 GPA/ZC/MPR.

Council District

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Date Received

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Stone, Louise

Subject: FW: Here you go....procedures from the LAMC

-----Original Message-----

From: Rhonda Herbel [mailto:RHerbel@cbgla.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2005 12:14 PM

To: RobinJM@aol.com

Cc: stcrouch@comcast.net; Stone, Louise

Subject: Here you go....procedures from the LAMC

Per below, you will note that the Planning Commission decision gets referred to the Mayor for "recommendation". The Mayor then either takes action or lets it expire as a disapproval by default. In this case, the Mayor clearly recommended approval. If I understand this correctly, the Mayor's referral date starts the 90 day clock ticking for Council action.

LAMC:

SEC. 11.5.6. GENERAL PLAN.

(Amended by Ord. No. 173,268, Eff. 7/1/00, Oper. 7/1/00.)

Pursuant to Charter Section 555, the City's comprehensive General Plan may be adopted, and amended from time to time, either as a whole, by complete subject elements, by geographic areas or by portions of elements or areas, provided that any area or portion of an area has significant social, economic or physical identity.

A. Amendments. Amendments to the General Plan of the City shall be initiated, prepared and acted upon in accordance with the procedures set forth in Charter Section 555 and this section.

B. Initiation of Plan Amendment. As provided in Charter Section 555, an amendment to the General Plan may be initiated by the Council, the City Planning Commission or the Director of Planning. Initiations by the Council or City Planning Commission shall be by majority vote. If an amendment is initiated by the Council or City Planning Commission, then it shall be transmitted to the Director for report and recommendation to the City Planning Commission.

Whether initiated by the Director, the Council or the City Planning Commission, the Director shall prepare the amendment and a report recommending action by the City Planning Commission. The report shall contain an explanation of the reasons for the action recommended.

After the Director prepares a Plan amendment and report, the Director shall transmit the file to the City Planning Commission for its action.

C. Action by City Planning Commission on Proposed Amendments.

1. Notice and Hearing. Before the City Planning Commission acts on a proposed Plan amendment and the Director's recommendation, the matter shall be set for a public hearing. The City Planning Commission may hold the hearing itself or may direct the Director to hold the hearing. In either event, notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing shall be given by at least one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City (designated for this purpose by the City Clerk), at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing. Notice shall also be mailed to any person requesting notice of the hearing.

8/4/2005

At the time of the hearing, the City Planning Commission or the Director shall hear public testimony from anyone wishing to be heard on the matter. The City Planning Commission or the Director may continue the hearing to another date announced publicly at the hearing being continued; no additional notice of the continued hearing need be given. If the hearing is conducted by the Director, he or she shall submit a report to the City Planning Commission summarizing the information received. The report may also contain a recommendation to the City Planning Commission regarding its action on the proposed amendment. The Director shall file his or her report with the City Planning Commission after the close of the hearing.

2. City Planning Commission Action. After receiving the Director's report, or after the close of a public hearing conducted by the City Planning Commission, the City Planning Commission shall recommend to the Mayor and the Council that the proposed amendment be approved or disapproved in whole or in part. The City Planning Commission's report to the Mayor and the Council shall set forth the Commission's reasons for its recommendation.

The City Planning Commission shall act within 90 days after receiving the Director's report pursuant to Subsection B. If the City Planning Commission fails to do so, the City Planning Commission's failure to act shall be deemed a recommendation for approval of the Plan amendment.

If the City Planning Commission recommends approval of any proposed Plan amendment or disapproval of either a proposed amendment initiated by the Director or the Council, the Commission shall transmit as soon as possible those actions to the Mayor for consideration and report to the Council. If the City Planning Commission recommends the disapproval of a Plan Amendment initiated by it, the City Planning Commission shall report its decision to the Council and Mayor.

D. Action by the Mayor on Proposed Amendments. Within 30 days after receipt of the City Planning Commission's recommendation, the Mayor shall make a recommendation to the Council on the proposed Plan amendment. The Mayor's report to the Council shall set forth the Mayor's reasons for his or her recommendation. If the Mayor does not act within the 30-day period, the Mayor's inaction shall be deemed a recommendation for approval of the Plan amendment.

E. Action by the Council on Proposed Amendments. After receiving the recommendations of the City Planning Commission and the Mayor, or at the expiration of the 30-day period for the Mayor to act, the Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed Plan amendment.

After the close of the public hearing, the Council may do either of the following:

(a) Approve or disapprove the Plan amendment in whole or in part; in accordance with Charter Section 555(e); or

(b) Propose changes to the Plan amendment.

The Council shall take either of these actions within 90 days after receiving the recommendation of the Mayor, or within 90 days after the expiration of the Mayor's time to act if the Mayor has not made a timely recommendation. The failure of the Council to act within that 90-day period shall constitute a disapproval of the Plan amendment.

In accordance with Charter Section 555(e), if both the City Planning Commission and the Mayor recommend approval of a proposed amendment, the Council may adopt the amendment by a majority vote. If either the City Planning Commission or the Mayor recommends the disapproval of a proposed amendment, the Council may adopt the amendment only by at least a two-thirds vote. If both the City Planning Commission and the Mayor recommend the disapproval of a proposed amendment, the Council may adopt the amendment only by at least a three-fourths vote.

F. Proposed Changes by the Council. If the Council proposes changes to the Plan amendment that differ from the amendment as initiated or the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the matter shall be returned simultaneously to the City Planning Commission and the Mayor for their recommendations on the proposed changes. In acting on those changes, the City Planning Commission and the Mayor shall follow the procedures set forth above for their initial action. The City Planning Commission shall act within 60 days of receipt of the Council's proposed change. The Mayor shall act within 30 days of the receipt of the City Planning Commission's recommendation on the proposed change, or the expiration of the time for the City Planning Commission to act if the Commission fails to make a timely recommendation. If either the City Planning Commission or the Mayor does not act within the time period, that inaction shall be deemed a recommendation of approval of the proposed changes. The recommendations of the Commission and the Mayor on any changes made by the Council shall affect only those changes. The Council shall act to approve or disapprove, in whole or in part, the Plan amendment, including the Council's changes, within 120 days after receiving both the City Planning Commission's and the Mayor's recommendations on the Council's proposed changes, or the expiration of their time to act on those changes.

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
DEPUTY ADVISORY AGENCY**

PARCEL MAP NO.: AA 2005-2321-PMLA

ENV- 2005-2322-MND

**PLAN AREA: SUNLAND-WINNETKA-LAKE
VIEW TERRACE-SHADOW HILLS-EAST LA
TUNA CANYON
COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2**

This notice is to inform you of a public hearing for AA 2005-2321-PMLA where interested members of the public as well as the applicant/subdivider, may submit written or verbal testimony relating to this proposed two-parcel, single family subdivision of a 21,200 square-foot site in the R1-1 zone. Testimony will also be taken at this public hearing regarding the appropriateness of the environmental clearance.

DATE: Thursday, August 18, 2005

TIME: 2:40 PM

**MEETING LOCATION: Marvin Braude Building, First Floor Conference Room
6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Nuys, CA 91401**

PROJECT LOCATION: 10353 North Farmington Avenue

The Deputy Advisory Agency invites your testimony or written comments. Written communications must be received by the City Planning Department Subdivision Section prior to the hearing date. Send Comments to:

Department of City Planning
Subdivision Unit, 7th Floor (Main City Hall)
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

The complete file is available for public inspection in the City Planning Department Division of Land Section, Room 750, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles. Cases will not be available for inspection on the day of the hearing. For further information, please call Susan Palmas at (213) 978-1333, or email her at spalmas@planning.lacity.org.

The determination of the Advisory Agency will become effective 15 days from the decision date unless an appeal to the Area Planning Commission has been submitted in triplicate on Form CP-7769 and approved by the City Planning Division of Land. Pursuant to Ordinance 176,321, effective January 15, 2005, Parcel Map determinations are only appealable to the Area Planning Commission. There is no longer a second level of appeal to the City Council for Parcel Map actions of the Advisory Agency.

An Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate. The meeting facility and its parking are wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability, please make your request not later than three working days (72-hours) prior to the meeting by calling the staff person referenced in this notice.

If you challenge this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described here, or in written correspondence on the matter delivered to this agency at or prior to the public hearing.

Stone, Louise

From: Stone, Louise
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2005 9:44 AM
Subject: FW: Recommended: "When big is too big, even in L.A."

> Click here to read this story online:
> <http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/0803/p03s01-uspo.html>
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> Headline: When big is too big, even in L.A.
> Byline: Daniel B. Wood Staff writer of The
> Christian Science Monitor
> Date: 08/03/2005
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> (SUNLAND, CALIF.)Leaning on the wrought-iron fence
> that defines the front lawn of his
> cottage-size home, Marty Greer says he doesn't like
> what is happening
> to this California foothill community.
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> "They're tearing down homes like mine and putting up
> homes like those,"
> says the 31-year resident, pointing to a two-story
> home one block away.
> The magenta-stucco home dwarfs the one-story
> bungalows that line these
> hillside streets. Its walls stretch to the edges of
> the property line,
> not even leaving room for a swath of yard.
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> "I don't like it and the neighbors here don't like
> it," says Mr. Greer,
> who bought his 500-sq.-ft. home here in 1974. "It'll
> change this place
> forever."
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> The trend toward building ever bigger houses, which
> has gained momentum
> for over a decade in suburbs across the nation, has
> now arrived in one
> of America's largest bedroom communities: the San
> Fernando Valley. This
> week the Los Angeles City Council approved the first
>
> "anti-mansionization" ordinance in one small section
> of the country's
> second-largest city. More L.A. enclaves are lined up
> to follow suit.
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> "Mansionization has become one of the most pressing
> issues in my
> district," says Wendy Gruel, the city councilwoman
> who sponsored the
> legislation, which goes into effect immediately upon
> formal approval
> this week. The measure will limit homes built on
> lots of 8,000 sq. ft.
> or less to 2,400 sq. ft. - or 40 percent of the lot
> size, whichever is
> greater. The move affects just one community of her
> district (known as
> Sunland-Tujunga). Neighboring towns of Pasadena,
> Glendale, and Burbank
> have visited the issue, some coming up with similar
> ordinances, and Ms.
> Gruel says other areas of the San Fernando Valley
> are clamoring for
> their own laws as well.
>
> "It's a quality of life issue that goes to the heart
> of many of the
> values that Americans cherish," says Gruel.
>
> As in other cities across the US where the issue has
> already forced a
> clash of values, long-established residents are
> rankled by prospective
> owners who want bigger or different styles of homes.
> Developers
> actively promote the benefits of building as do some
> city officials
> eager to gain the benefits of higher property taxes
> that support
> school, police, and fire departments.
>
> The trend also reflects changes in how Americans
> view their nests and
> how they use them.
>
> Younger generations, who often want bigger rooms for electronic
> entertainment and state-of-the-art kitchens, eschew the millions of
> pill-box homes built after World War II. Immigrants
> from Asia, Iran,
> and the Middle East have dreams of homes with
> cathedral ceilings and
> often say they have little use for spacious yards.
>
> The trend also reflects a shift in investment
> strategies away from the

- > stock market to property and housing. Another factor
- > is simply workers
- > who want to combine a shorter commute and access to
- > a downtown cultural
- > life with the ample square footage found in exurbia.
- >
- > "This is a phenomenon that is impacting every city
- > and community in
- > America," says Siim Soot, research professor at the
- > Urban
- > Transportation Center, University of Illinois at
- > Chicago. "For decades,
- > the demographic trend has been for cities to sprawl
- > further and further
- > outward because of the American sense of dream and
- > entitlement to own
- > one's home. Now more and more are looking at ways to
- > achieve that by
- > altering the very idea of residence in already
- > established communities."
- >
- > Buying an older home and then demolishing it to
- > rebuild a larger home
- > is an increasingly attractive financial option to
- > buyers over finding a
- > bigger home in newer communities that are farther
- > away, say Mr. Soot
- > and others.
- >
- > "This is driven by the price of land elsewhere, the
- > choice of people
- > not to live so far from employment, changing ways of
- > American life by
- > Americans, and the desire for immigrants to design
- > their own dream,"
- > says Joel Kotkin, author of several books on urban
- > development.
- >
- > Here in California, which is cradled by mountains on
- > one side, the
- > limits of sprawl are aided, in part, by geography.
- > While residents like
- > Greer have often lined up to complain about a loss
- > of tradition and
- > sense of place, some analysts have a more positive
- > take: the mitigation
- > of further sprawl already rampant in the area east
- > of Los Angeles. "I
- > am pleased by the trend by some builders and home
- > buyers to build

- > bigger homes on smaller lots because it restricts
- > the overall expansion
- > of urban areas into wild and still-green areas,"
- > says Soot.
- >
- > In other communities of the San Fernando Valley, the
- > issue is also
- > drawing debate, including Valley Glen, Mount
- > Washington, and Glassell
- > Park. But national observers say that despite the
- > struggles,
- > compromises can be reached.
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- > "We have found that communities here have learned on
- > a region by region
- > basis, with each one learning at a different rate,"
- > says Glenn Geiger,
- > a real estate land-use analyst in New Jersey. "Each
- > one has tried to
- > address how to balance retaining community character
- > alongside the
- > economic growth needed to continue to thrive. The
- > answers are different
- > in different areas."
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August 4, 2005

Wayde Hunter
President
North Valley Coalition
11862 Balboa Boulevard, #172
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Dear Mr. Hunter:

I remain committed to free the City of Los Angeles from our reliance on urban landfills in general and Sunshine Canyon in particular.

As Mayor of Los Angeles, I have directed the Bureau of Sanitation to establish a Solid Waste Integrated Resource Plan as a stakeholder-driven process that I want the North Valley Coalition to participate in. This IRP will identify options that can be implemented as quickly as possible to reduce our use of urban landfills. I want the IRP delivered to my desk by the summer of 2007.

In addition, I am committed to working with Councilmember Greig Smith on his efforts to develop alternative technologies for the long term waste disposal needs of our city. As such, I am directing the Bureau to have the City's first Alternative Technology/Resource Recovery facility operational by 2010.

I have directed the Bureau of Sanitation to implement a recycling program for apartments, town homes, condominiums, and commercial property in Los Angeles by 2008. However, there will always be a small percentage of waste that cannot be recycled, reused, or dealt with through alternative technologies. I am therefore directing the Bureau to develop a rail-haul component of the IRP for disposal of what remains of the city's residual waste at remote landfills.

Finally, I am concerned with air quality issues related to our sanitation vehicles. Currently nearly half of our sanitation trucks are Clean Fuel LNG vehicles. I am directing the Bureau of Sanitation to convert their entire fleet to Clean Fuel vehicles by 2010.

As you know, tomorrow the Los Angeles City Council is scheduled to vote on the proposed five-year extension of the City's contract with BFI at the Sunshine Canyon landfill.

I am aware of my previous opposition to this contract extension. I believe that the City of Los Angeles should be out of the urban landfill business. However, I have also consistently pledged that I would be a Mayor who would make the tough decisions if I felt they were in the best interest of the City.

I made my commitment to you that I would not support this extension based upon the knowledge that the Bureau of Sanitation's Request for Proposal process had invoked a feasible disposal alternative to landfilling our City's solid waste at Sunshine Canyon. Even though the alternatives proposed by Waste Management to use transfer stations and remote landfills would have cost the City of Los Angeles an additional \$9 million to \$16 million in annual fees (depending on which of the submitted options the City Council selected), I was prepared to support those options so that we could get out of Sunshine.

As you well know, before the City Council even got to consider the submitted options, Waste Management withdrew its proposal. This has left the City of Los Angeles without any reliable, predictable, financially responsible option for the disposal of our solid waste upon the completion of the current contract with BFI at Sunshine Canyon in less than one year.

We cannot dismiss the fact that the Sunshine Canyon Landfill will not close. Unfortunately, this landfill will continue to be functional in the City and County of Los Angeles in the years to come, with or without the City of Los Angeles as a customer.

The contract extension is now a matter before the Los Angeles City Council. In accordance with the City Charter, as Mayor I do not have the authority to sign or veto this proposed extension.

I am urging the Members of the Los Angeles City Council not to put our residents in a situation where we either have no place to take our trash in eleven months, or could be held hostage by waste management companies that could charge us a gate rate that is nearly double the rate we currently pay at Sunshine Canyon. I am urging them to make the tough choice, the right choice, and vote to extend the five year contract at Sunshine Canyon while we continue to work to find viable alternatives to get the City of Los Angeles out of urban landfills.

I appreciate your passionate opposition to having a landfill in your community and I am personally disappointed that the City of Los Angeles has no other alternatives for our solid waste disposal at this time. Please know that I will continue to support your efforts to get the City of Los Angeles out of Sunshine Canyon and I look forward to working with you in the future to make this goal a reality.

Very truly yours,

Antonio R. Villaraigosa
Mayor of Los Angeles

CC: Members of the Los Angeles City Council
Rita Robinson, Bureau of Sanitation
Members of the Board of Public Works

Stone, Louise

From: Barbara Howell [barbarahowell@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2005 9:51 PM
To: Ava Wrightsman; Stone, Louise
Subject: Amended motion



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My motion for historic preservation was accepted by the DAC tonight, so I'm sending the amended motion to you, in case it's needed for an updated packet. Since it's now an approved DAC motion, the wording is not quite right, so I'll be amending the motion for the STNC. I'll bring along copies for everyone of the original, the motion as amended by the DAC, and my motion as worded for presenting to the STNC, which will be:

I move that the STNC support efforts to preserve the historic and culturally significant buildings and homes in Sunland/Tujunga by creating a new DAC Historic Preservation Team to collaborate with the Little Landers Society. Team leader has been designated by the DAC chairman to be Barbara Howell.

Not sure if this is correct routing, so I'm sending this to both the recording and the corresponding secretaries. This is not an effort to amend the motion through this email, but merely a notice, in case the amendment should go into the packet. I've spoken with Ken on how to handle the amendment at the general meeting.

Motion for action by the DAC on historic preservation

I move that the DAC support efforts to preserve the historic and culturally significant buildings and homes in Sunland/Tujunga by creating a new DAC Historic Preservation Team to collaborate with the Little Landers Society. Team leader to be designated by the DAC chairman.

Purpose of the team is to research ways to preserve our cultural heritage, including, but not limited to the following activities:

1. Investigating what the DAC and/or the STNC can do to promote historic preservation.
2. Get and/or provide information about buildings at risk to community stakeholders.
3. Provide information to community stakeholders on how to get a building designated as a cultural-historic monument.
4. Prepare and submit, or help prepare and submit, applications for designating selected buildings as cultural-historic monuments.
5. Researching the possibility for a historic overlay district or conservancy district in Sunland-Tujunga.

Factors involved in this issue:

- Developers are taking down historic buildings and stone houses at an alarming rate, and each week that passes usually includes another demolition.
- On the other side, many people feel that a homeowner has the right to do whatever he wants with his property, and should have the freedom to alter it as he sees fit.
- Property owners include people who want to live in the home they bought, and would like to upgrade or fix up the home to fit their needs, but property owners also include developers who buy a property solely for the purpose of turning it around to a new owner, and have no stake in the quality of life in the community.
- None of the demolished buildings I have witnessed resulted in a desirable upgrade to the community.
- As private citizens, each board member has the right to submit a cultural-historic application for any building, which, if approved, can put a temporary hold on demolition until the historic issue is decided.

My point in submitting this motion is to establish the stand of the DAC on this issue, and to clarify the actions that can be taken by DAC members.

Stone, Louise

From: Ava Wrightsman [avawrightsman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2005 12:22 PM
To: Stone, Louise; cindy@cmprintmail.com
Subject: FW: Motion for August agenda



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Dear Louise & Cindy,

Attached is the back up info on the Noise Survey.

Best wishes,

Ava

>From: "Barbara Howell" <barbarahowell@verizon.net>
>To: "Ava Wrightsman" <avawrightsman@hotmail.com>
>Subject: Motion for August agenda
>Date: Sat, 30 Jul 2005 16:21:26 -0700

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>I'm submitting a motion to add a link to a noise survey to the STNC web
>site. The text of the motion and additional details are in the attached
>documents.

Motion to add survey link to STNC web site

I make a motion that we add a link to a noise survey on the STNC web site. Purpose of the survey is to gather data from stakeholders on the perceived level of noise in the community, and to use its results to show the need for and support of solutions for noise control.

A community stakeholder has volunteered to do all the work of maintaining and tabulating the results of the survey, and he will make the information available at any time for the STNC. He has also volunteered to pay all costs for the survey, so there is no cost to the STNC.

Peter Babian has indicated that it is not a difficult task to add the link to the site, and that he is willing to do the work required to implement the link. Mona Curry has checked over the survey questions for outreach appropriateness, and has OKed the text.

According to the American Housing Survey for the United States: 1999, noise is one of the top reported neighborhood problems in America:

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/ahs/ahs99/tab28.html>. Handling a stressful and disturbing level of noise would make our community more pleasant to live in, and falls under two priorities:

Improve Community Appearance

Improve Safety and Crime Prevention

The volunteer stakeholder has submitted the following release for publishing on the web site:

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council:

I hereby release the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) from any responsibility having to do with the independent Road Noise survey should they choose to add it to their website. There is no money involved with the web-survey and STNC has not been paid anything for adding the link.

Request for road noise survey link on STNC site

The community stakeholder who is volunteering to maintain and pay for the noise survey submitted this report to me.

Current scene

Sunland/Tujunga has a lot of high-volume road noise. This may be on the increase due to the law (name?) that was passed in Sacramento a couple years ago cutting slack to makers/sellers of high-volume vehicles in the name of increased commerce. Whether this is the case or not, the ambient level of noise from motorcycles and cars/trucks is a major pollutant. The general noise level (decibel level, in sound measurement terms) has also risen due to the prevalence of cars/bikes made louder on purpose via muffler kits designed to create a louder vehicle on purpose.

Link request

It is possible that there are many who would like something done about the road noise level. This is unknown as yet. To help gather information on whether this is even an issue that needs action, it is requested that a link to an independently set up survey on the Internet be added to the STNC site itself. Possibly some minor or major promotion could be done once the site posts this link to guide townspeople to the survey, though they may not be regular visitors of the STNC site.

Survey details

The survey is currently active at the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=463221116830>

Anyone can visit it and do the survey, it is free. The survey does have a “one time only” check, that is, the survey can only be done once per computer-location, to prevent and avoid the possibility of skewed results by one person doing the survey multiple times. There is no need for the administrators of the STNC site, or anyone in the STNC, do perform any maintenance of funding of the site. The STNC site administrator/s only need to provide a link to the survey location somewhere on the STNC website. The site will be kept active by a resident independent of the STNC and any other political or city groups. The initial idea here is just to gather input from citizens to gauge whether enough people think there is a real problem or not. The survey site (currently powered by CreateSurvey.com) is where the answers are stored. These are protected and cannot be tampered with.

The maintainer of the site is open for suggestions on possible variations for the current survey questions, though they have been trimmed down to what should be essential and unbiased enough questions to get the answers desired. The survey questions, in the current version, are at the end of this document.

Additional notes:

This survey is currently active with a “limited” response count (100 responses only). It will be upgraded to have required questions, once-per-computer response capability, etc, once approval for the STNC site link has gone through.

Survey questions

This survey is being launched by local independent citizens with no commercial or political special interests in the matter. The results of this survey may be presented to the City Government. This is a "blind" survey and you will not be identified. However, any demographic information (neighborhood cross-streets, income, number of people in household, etc) will be helpful in evaluating the survey. THIS SURVEY CAN ONLY BE COMPLETED ONCE PER COMPUTER. This is to protect against distorted results. Thank you for you time and opinions!

1. Are you disturbed by vehicle noise at all?

never

rarely

sometimes

frequently

2. Do you think there is excessive vehicle noise in your neighborhood?

Yes

No

Vicinity of: < enter comments>

3. What types of vehicles, if any, are the biggest source of excessive road noise in your area? Please list. (Ex. - "cars spinning tires", "cars and bikes without mufflers", "motorized scooters", "racing motorcycles", etc)

< open entry>

4. What time of day/night do you notice excessive vehicle noise the most, if at all?

day

night

round the clock

Comment < enter comments>

5. Do you think excessive road noise / reckless driving has any effect on property values in your area/neighborhood?

not at all

possibly

definitely

6. There is no vehicle noise ordinance currently enforced in the Crescenta Valley area, though other cities (Chicago, Tucson) do have these. Do you think the Crescenta Valley needs an enforceable road noise ordinance?

No

Maybe

Yes

Comment <enter comments>

7. Do you think it's possible to effectively enforce a vehicle noise ordinance in this area?

Yes

Maybe

No

Comment < enter comments>

8. Have you or anyone you know tried to get the city to restrict vehicle noise? If so, please describe.

< open entry>

9. Does excessive vehicle noise affect the mental and/or physical well-being of you or anyone you know, if at all?

Yes

No

Comment < enter comments>

10. Please add anything further you'd like to say about the subject of vehicle noise or reckless driving in the Sunland/Tujunga area. And thanks again for participating. Your input is VALUABLE! < open entry>

Questions raised during outreach check, with responses from the volunteer stakeholder

1. After a person has completed the survey they are directed to another page. It's the SurveyMonkey home page. Is there any way that a person can just receive a confirmation and not have to go to that page?

Answer- yes, it's a feature that can be modified once I sign up for 'professional status' with the survey, right now I've just set up the free one. As soon as STNC OKs the web/link, I'll upgrade and modify it. I can have it send the person back to the STNC site, or any other site.

2. How and when will we see the results of the survey? Who will report back on its findings?

Answer - I'm glad they're interested! I thought only I was interested in the results. I can provide the login to a particular person on the STNC (not necessarily the website administrator) who can then log into the survey site and extract the statistics. This would have to be carefully given as s/he who logs in can modify the survey, or even clear out all the results. But they can be exported to an Excel document or similar, as I remember. OR, I can just feed any results/stats to the STNC on a regular basis.

Release statement from volunteer stakeholder

The volunteer stakeholder has submitted the following release for publishing on the web site:

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council:

I hereby release the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) from any responsibility having to do with the independent Road Noise survey should they choose

to add it to their website. There is no money involved with the web-survey and STNC has not been paid anything for adding the link.

Stone, Louise

Subject: FW: Proposed Mosquito Abatement of Hansen Dam basin



pat7883849 (72 KB)pat954134401 (395 KB)

-----Original Message-----

From: McAlpine, Ken

Subject: FW: Proposed Mosquito Abatement of Hansen Dam basin

Louise,

Could you send this to the Board to gauge interest.

Thanks,

-Ken

-----Original Message-----

From: ramediv@yahoo.com [mailto:ramediv@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, August 08, 2005 4:41 PM

To: work4u5302@aol.com; uniquefavr@aol.com; spiderman91331@hotmail.com; taorn49@hotmail.com; Ray Lopez; reubeng@webtv.net; paddalac72@aol.com; Patricia Salazar; mndurazo@cs.com; moepichon@aol.com; montesdeocamari@aol.com; missandrasuarez@hotmail.com; Maritza Birrueta; maotl@aol.com; joesanmiguel@msn.com; karina_oceguera@yahoo.com; Jorge Quezada; getmary@msn.com; evelynb@pacoimabeautiful.org; comisionertish@aol.com; cortega@pacfirst.com; bluecast422@yahoo.com

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Subject: Fwd: Proposed Mosquito Abatement of Hansen Dam basin

--- Khaim Morton <KMorton@council.lacity.org> wrote:

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> To the surrounding communities of the Hansen Dam

> area:
>
> The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control
> District would like to do
> an aerial abatement of mosquitoes within the Hansen
> Dam basin. While
> they have informed the City of Los Angeles and the
> US Army Corps of
> Engineers that they have currently not found any
> mosquitoes in the basin
> actively carrying the West Nile virus, they have
> recorded an increase in
> the numbers of mosquitoes that are potential
> carriers for the disease.
>
> We have asked Vector Control to hold a community
> meeting Thursday
> August 11th, 6:30 at the LVT Recreation Center
> (11075 Foothill Blvd.) We
> would like to encourage all stakeholders to attend.
> We want to ensure
> that the community has the opportunity to have their questions and
> concerns addressed.
>
> Attached is a meeting notice flyer, and some basic information from
> Vector Control about the proposed mosquito abatement in the Hansen Dam
> basin.
>
> Thank you,
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>
> Khaim R. Morton
> Field Deputy
> Office of Councilman Alex Padilla
> Council District 7
> (818) 756 - 8409 Sylmar office
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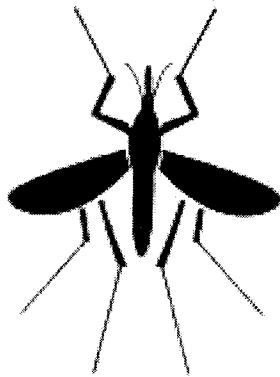
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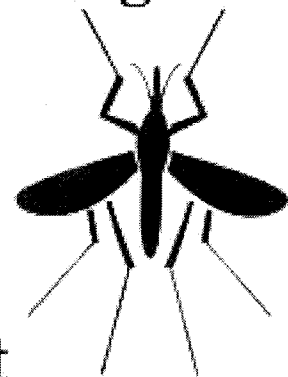


**Department of Recreation and Parks
INVITES YOU**

to a
community information meeting
Regarding



Aerial Application
for the
Mosquito Abatement
at



HANSEN DAM REGIONAL PARK

**Thursday, August 11, 2005
6:30 p.m.**

**Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center
11075 Foothill Blvd.
Lakeview Terrace 91342**

For more information please call
Mike Harrison, District Supervisor
(818) 756-8188



FROM THE DESK OF ...

**Jack Hazelrigg, Ph.D.
Greater Los Angeles County
Vector Control District
562-944-9656
jhazelrigg@glacvcd.org**

Date: July 29, 2005

To: Stephanie

RE: Factoids for the Hansen Dam Application

Steph,

Please work these bulleted items into a news release:

- GLACVCD is planning an aerial application by helicopter of a public health protection chemical (PHPC) to control mosquitoes.
- The application sites are to include several wetland habitats within the Hansen Dam Recreational Area (north of the dam), including the southern perimeter of the lake, smaller wetland habitats proximate to the lake formed as a result last year's near-record rainfall, and portions of the Tujunga Wash and Kagel Canyon Creek.
- Application is scheduled for August the 15, with subsequent applications, if needed, scheduled approximately every ten days thereafter until mid-October.
- Time of day of application will be at or shortly after sunrise, and take an estimated 2-3 hours to complete.
- A total of approximately 100 acres of aquatic surface will be treated.
- Purpose: reduce the abundance of mosquitoes emanating from the wetland habitats in an effort to prevent the occurrence of WNV transmission in this high public use area and to the surrounding residential communities.
- The PHPC will be Vectobac G, a granular material made of specially processed corncobs impregnated with a bacillus toxin specific for killing mosquito larvae (immatures) developing in the water.
- Vectobac G will be applied only to the water surface associated with the targeted habitats; the material is not deleterious and poses no unacceptable risks to plants, wildlife, domestic animals or humans during or after application.
- Because Vectobac G is a weighted granule to be applied directly to the water surface, drift to immediate areas will be negligible and inconsequential.
- This application represents a departure from the District past practices of applying larvicides to the wetlands habitats in this area using hovercraft and airboats; the amount of vegetation currently growing in these habitats prohibits use of these methods in delivering control materials to control mosquitoes.
- Contact Jack Hazelrigg or Minoo Madon at GLACVCD (562.944.9656) for questions.



Greater Valley Glen Council
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Proposal for Making Los Angeles a "No-Kill Animal Shelter City"

The Greater Valley Glen Council proposes an end to the current, annual killing of 30,000 – 50,000 dogs and cats in Los Angeles animal shelters; the Department of Animal Services costs the taxpayer \$14 million per year. If we can make L.A. "no-kill," we can save taxpayer money and save animal lives, as well as gain nationwide recognition for the city as a **leader in animal welfare**.

Part One – (To be implemented as soon as possible):

The City of Los Angeles has **86 Neighborhood Councils**. Each Council should elect a **"Director for Animal Welfare" (DAW)**. This individual should be a **member of the community** and should be well-acquainted with animal needs in the area. The DAW would have a **duty to look out for the animals**, with respect to abuse, vaccinations, wandering pets, spay/neuter, etc. In other words, this person would work towards solving any pet-related issues the community faces. He or she could solicit help from other volunteers, if necessary. Different parts of Los Angeles have different needs: some areas deal with horse-related problems while others face illegal dog fights or feral cats.

The DAW serves as the eyes and ears for that neighborhood's animals. He/she has the following functions: a) to be a **contact person when animal control is closed or unable to respond**, b) to **arrange periodic Animal Care Fairs**, in which education, spay/neuter (using the city's van), animal training tips, etc. are offered to the public on a particular day, c) to provide the Neighborhood Council and stakeholders with a **report about the animals at meetings**, d) to provide **useful tips for stakeholders via the Neighborhood Council newsletter or handouts**, e) to help with **adoption-related issues**.

The **Animal Care Fair** is a good idea because **residents tend to be more receptive to local people working on a grassroots level to effect change**, rather

than facing outsiders who may be less familiar with the problems of the community.

If some funding becomes necessary to supplement the Animal Care Fairs or other animal-related needs, some Neighborhood Council monies could be used (at the Council's discretion) or dollars could be obtained from a non-profit organization called The Maddie's Fund (to be discussed in detail below). It is unlikely the DAWs would need much money because the Spay/Neuter vans are free, and animal assistance is provided often at no charge by animal welfare and rescue groups.

Part Two (To be implemented over the next two years. A and B to be done simultaneously):

Section A. Los Angeles is spending \$154 million in taxpayer bond money to build new shelters and expand others. These structures and additions will increase the space for dogs and cats significantly: from 366 to 1253 kennels, which will assist indirectly with a changeover into a "no kill" shelter city.

There will be **three vacant shelters at the conclusion of this building process**: the East Valley Shelter with 60 kennels, the Harbor Area Shelter with 21 kennels and the West L.A. Shelter with 26 kennels. These empty shelters **should also be utilized to help transition the city into becoming no-kill.**

Francis Battista of the *Best Friends Animal Society* is heading up a Maddie's Fund project to make the state of Utah "no-kill" and lives in Los Angeles part-time. He says the space at these empty L.A. shelters would be sufficient to make the full transition. Before animals are euthanized at city facilities, they would be transferred to the vacant ones and held until adoption.

The process to deal with "no longer needed," city-owned property, such as the empty animal shelters, requires a land sale at auction through the Department of General Services. In order to utilize the empty shelters for the transition, the taxpayers would have to **pass a local measure that would postpone the sale of these shelters** for a few years. Linda Gordon, who is the Liaison to the Bureau of Engineering for L.A.'s Animal Facilities Bond Program, says **it should be easy to pass such a measure.**

As backup facilities for the transition, various nonprofits should be approached and/or make-shift kennels could be constructed on vacant city-owned land or property donated by individuals. I have 160 acres in L.A. County, which I would allow the city to use temporarily if necessary.

Section B. An **L.A. nonprofit should be established** so that **Maddie's Fund money can be obtained**. Maddie's Fund is a charity with \$200 million to help cities, counties, and states become "no-kill" over a ten year period. It will not give money directly to a government: only to a non-profit established to help the locality. Utah, New York City, counties in Florida and Arizona, among others, are currently using Maddie's Fund money to achieve the "no kill" objective.

Richard Avanzino, the head of Maddie's Fund, says that he would probably **give \$20 million to the Los Angeles project as long as the L.A. nonprofit raises \$20 million in matching donations**. Avanzino says this should be easy: New York raised \$3 million the first day and \$16 million in a few months. Funds could come from corporate donors, such as Petco and Petsmart, or entertainment industry fundraisers. Laura Beth Heisen, one of L.A.'s ex-animal commissioners, has **two donors who are willing to give a combined \$500,000** to start the fund.

The **Maddie's Fund project requires a two-pronged attack on the problem**: it requires a **spay/neuter plan** and a **pet adoption plan**. Both are detailed at the Maddie's Fund website (<http://www.maddies.org>). Detailed accounting is crucial, and the locality must demonstrate that the program is self-sustaining.

Prong One:

A person/organization must agree to take responsibility for each prong. **Nathan Winograd has agreed to move to Los Angeles and head up the adoption side of this nonprofit project**. He is the **perfect choice** because he worked with Maddie's Fund successfully in San Francisco, has incorporated a no-kill strategy in Ithaca, New York and is endorsed and respected by Avanzino, who makes all decisions regarding the monies given to these projects. He is also an independent thinker with a strong personality who can likely combat the myriad of opposing and contentious views in Los Angeles over this issue. As an alternative, Battista says he might agree to undertake the adoption side of the project.

The **three vacant shelters** (mentioned in Section A above) would then be **leased to the L.A. "no kill" nonprofit** for a small monthly fee until conclusion of the Maddie's Fund program. The nonprofit would run the vacant shelters with volunteers and money acquired through Maddie's Fund.

Prong Two:

At a Los Angeles Animal Commission meeting in 2002, Sue Freeman of *People and Cats Together* offered to **head a spay/neuter program** for the city. A **licensed veterinarian** must be in charge of this prong of the Maddie's Fund process, but numerous vets and **volunteers**, such as Freeman, **can help coordinate and implement the program**. Bob Goldman and the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association is a sensible choice for directing the spay neuter program.

Maddie's Fund pays the veterinarians directly to cover the cost of the spaying/neutering of any animal; the public pays no more than \$20 per dog or cat.

*It should be noted that if Maddie's Fund money is used, the 2000 ordinance (# 173168 passed by the L.A. City Council which deals with the increased animal license fees) would have to be overturned or "put on hold." Statistics show this ordinance has not proved successful; only 25% of L.A. pets are licensed. Avanzino suggests that L.A. acquire full approval for the Maddie's Fund money before considering a temporary reversal of the ordinance.

If the City and the L.A. nonprofit prefer to execute a plan, similar to that which is outlined in this letter but without the use of Maddie's Fund money, it could be equally successful. Additional nonprofit funds would have to be raised, but the ordinance could stay in place.

Part Three - (To be implemented if **Part One and Part Two do not entirely combat the problem**, after the Maddie's Fund plan ends):

In the San Francisco and Oakland area, the Maddie's Fund process has almost completely eliminated the killing of shelter dogs and cats. Only one problem remains: **un-adoptable Pit Bulls and "Pit Bull like dogs."** Los Angeles could be faced with the same dilemma, thus might need a third strategy. This strategy would involve **creating a local ordinance**.

The State of California disallows breed specific legislation with respect to dangerous dogs (Section 31601), however it does not oppose **breed specific legislation** for another purpose: for **highly un-adoptable animals**.

Almost every state in the U.S. has some form of "dangerous dog" breed specific legislation, but none has breed specific legislation for the benefit of saving animal lives. Los Angeles could be the **first to pass a breed specific law that focuses on the welfare of the animal** rather than the person. It shifts the emphasis onto the problem of overpopulation and away from the idea of restricting people from their rights. This shift would hopefully combat the traditional objections breeders and Kennel Clubs might have, and bring **recognition to the city** for its **innovation, compassion, and leadership**.

*The breed specific ordinance could be structured in any way lawmakers, animal groups and residents see best. For example, the law could read that within 90 days, all "highly un-adoptable dogs" currently living in the city of Los Angeles must be registered with Animal Control, licensed, fixed and micro-chipped. "Highly un-adoptable dogs" would be defined as Pit Bulls or Pit Bull type dogs. It would be within the full authority of the General Manager of Animal Services or his appointees to decide which animals qualify as "pit bull type dogs." "Highly un-adoptable" dogs not already living within the city of Los Angeles would be banned from entering the area.

Other ideas – (Some could be put into place while the above proposals are running their course; others could be kept in mind as alternatives):

1. The city of **Los Angeles receives money** based on how many animals are killed the previous year. **More animals killed means more money for the city.** This provides **disincentive** for becoming a "no kill" city; thus a more compatible formula should be devised.
2. Local 347 puts pressure on City Officials to keep animal shelter jobs for union members. The more animals killed, the more shelter jobs. **Animal lives should not be in direct conflict with union jobs.**
3. **All dogs and cats sold in Los Angeles could be required to have a microchip (like a VIN # on a car).** Animals that show up at shelters could be traced, and shelters would be required to microchip any animals they receive. The microchip registry would be held by the shelters. It costs \$11 to microchip an animal. Lost dogs would have to be reported missing within 48 hours by the "owner." This idea (which is being considered in Sacramento for statewide legislation) would encourage people to be more responsible for their pets.
4. **Current law states that anyone who plans to breed a litter has to get a registration number and disclose the number of animals sold the previous year.** Breeders are currently required to publish the registration number in all ads. Most breeders disobey this law, and there is no enforcement by officials. There should be a **task force to compel compliance. Sting operations** could be set up in which investigators would call newspaper ads and make undercover appointments to catch violators.
5. **Cameras should be placed in shelters** to reduce cruelty.
6. There should be **free animal education and behavioral training** for the community. San Francisco shelters have free spay/neuter, free or low cost behavioral counseling, **free "pets ok" rental referrals, free feral cat assistance program.** Maddie's Fund money can be used for these purposes.
7. L.A. should provide **incentive to adopt shelter animals**, such as free shots for two years, free medical exams, free spay/neuter, etc. Also, shelter animals should be bathed, dressed with bows, made to look attractive. L.A. Animal Commissioner Debbie Knaan is certain this would increase shelter adoptions.
8. There should be **longer or different shelter hours to accommodate the public.**
9. **Volunteers should be allowed to walk or play with the animals at the shelter.** This is successful in San Francisco. Sometimes dogs receive three to four walks per day.
10. **Satellites should be placed at local malls, displaying pictures of adoptable animals.** This strategy has been successful in Oregon. In addition, the Public Information Officer for the Department of Animal Services should be a

"promotions professional," able to successfully advertise and publicize adoptable shelter animals to the public.

11. When building new shelters in the future, we should use models that improve life for the animals. There are alternatives in Utah and Northern California. Animals can live for long periods of time without stress. The Utah model is very inexpensive.

In conclusion, I hope you will find this cost-free, life-saving proposal to be of assistance. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Charlotte Laws at (818) 781-5280. She has contact data and further details about the proposal drafted in this letter.

Sincerely,

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