

## MINUTES

### **Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Regular Meeting, June 9, 2004**

#### Call to Order:

- Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the Elks Lodge with approximately 138 people in attendance.
- Absent Board Members: Denis Adair, Mary Lou Pozzo and Shelly Albert
- A moment of silence was observed in honor of former President Ronald Reagan.
- Ken McAlpine presented a framed certificate of appreciation to Elks Lodge 2098, accepted by Mr. Allan Stewart, Exalted Ruler, for their support of the STNC.

#### Executive Committee Reports:

**Treasurer's Report:** Nina Royal reported that our current balance was \$35,196.53 with the remainder to be voted on by the Board later in the agenda. This balance was due to DONE changing the Fiscal Year end to June 2004, so it was a windfall by being able to use the full year's funds (\$50,000) during our first 6 months. The new FY (Fiscal Year) begins July 2004 and we will have another \$50,000 to use for that year.

**Correspondence Report:** Cindy Cleghorn informed us that the STNC now has an office at the Municipal Building that will be ready on July 1, 2004. Directed all to her report in the handouts.

**Minutes** of May 12, 2004 were approved as written

#### Program Speaker:

**Michael Tou**, Field Deputy for **Congressman Brad Sherman** discussed Congress's Role in Local Issues. (<http://www.house.gov/sherman/district/>)

- Mr. Tou informed us that if we have any issues, we can contact the office at 818-501-9200. The office covers issues from difficulties with programs, Tours of Washington, DC, Eagle Scouts, High school graduations, flying the US Flag over DC, etc.
- Mr. Sherman was against Ahmanson Ranch project and has 100% rating from Sierra Club.
- He is in process of evaluating Rim of the Valley corridor – how we can protect them and incorporate them into Santa Monica Conservancy. Adam Schiff's office is working on it – sent over to the House of Representatives.
- Mr. Sherman has not taken a stand on the DEIR of the Whitebird project as his office is just finding out about it.
- Mr. Sherman has not made any decisions about our County Seal that the ACLU wants to remove the cross from. This issue is a county issue, not a congressional issue. When asked if the ACLU is federally subsidized, Mr. Tou said there are some grant funds they get.
- Sunshine Landfill – opposed to city side expansion to landfill – county portion to continue operation
- Mr. Tou presented each Board member with a Congressional Recognition.

#### Planning Issues: Dale Thrush

- Revocation of use for **Canyon Market** – determination to come – Robin Mears & SLO Julie Carpenter spoke forcefully against the Canyon Market. SLO Carpenter reported that there had been over 200 calls for service at that location. We should hear back in about a month.
- **Proposed Canyon Hills/Whitebird** project – next big step is the release of final EIR. There will be a review period. Prior to that on June 23, 5:30–8:30 pm at Mt Gleason, for a community presentation of the project as a whole. (required before applicant can file) City staff will be there per Canyon Hills Rep., but not in an official capacity.
- **K-Mart** reportedly being bought out by **Home Depot**; apparently Home Depot purchased 24 K-Marts. Don't know if ours is one that will go.

#### Crime Statistics: Senior Lead Officer for Sunland, Larry Martinez

- Larry Martinez – Crime down. GTA (Grand Theft Auto) up around Sherman Grove/Foothill Blvd.

- Transients still a problem.
- SF Valley Fair – most successful in years.
- Hansen Dam Neighborhood Watch group – starting one up – on horseback – 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July should start (t-shirts available for NW participants). If you want to join, contact SLO Martinez. This can be for joggers, etc. that use Hansen Dam
- Small motor bikes (under 50cc – no license needed). Transients starting to use. Can site for no helmet, etc.

### Open Forum/Announcements:

- 7 Hills Café – October Street Faire will happen – sign up sheet at shop for volunteers.
- Bob Schiele – Loosing Verdugo Hills Golf Course – write letters to Wendy if you want it to remain.
- Lisa Levy Buch – Canyon Hills Project – June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Want to get community feedback. We have 14 days after the open house to write comments.
- Mary Nance Schellenbach – announced Watermelon Festival will happen at All Nations Church – Aug 13, 14, 15.
- David Nuñez representative with the Church of Scientology – Announced a new group: Sunland-Tujunga Association for Better Living Environment (STABLE) to help get more citizens active and contributing to STNC and to help implement points of community survey.
- Gina Tanner – 7:00 meeting at her home Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, with Wendy Greuel to discuss whatever.
- Mary May – success finding employment for older kids – if you have business/teenager to match up, call Mary: 818-352-5066.
- Dawn Wells – former artist at Disney – wants to teach S-T children to draw and paint – 2 hr/week.
- Sunland Church (North Oro Vista)?? - can't participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade because of it being on a Sunday. Suggested that if it happens that way again, the parade be moved to Monday.
- Nina Royal – CPAB meeting tomorrow night –ST-SERVES is co-sponsoring a dinner dance w/Elks lodge on 9/11.
- Michelle Sahfran – dedication for mural for nutrition network in S-T.
- Pat Davenport made announcements from the council office.
- Several Kmart employees expressed concern re: possible Kmart closure.

### Program Speaker: Community Survey Results: Julianne Maurseth

Data was attached to agenda and can be found posted at: <http://www.sunlandtujunga.org/council/index.html>  
Community Appearance is the key point (see Motion #3 for further data).

### Board Reports:

NC/DWP Partnership: DWP requested a partnership with the NC's - Louise Clarke-Stone was approved as our STNC Representative.

### New Business

**#1: MOTION:** To accept the resignation of Gina Tanner as Recording Secretary

Motion made by Marti Marshall. Seconded by Matthew Kearl. **Motion approved unanimously.**

**#2: MOTION:** To approve appointment of new Recording Secretary, Patricia Brugger.

Motion made by Marti Marshall. Seconded by Mary May. **Motion approved. 1-Nay.**

**#3: MOTION:** To approve Recommendations (#1-8 ) from the Budget Committee on future actions to take in support of the Community Survey Results and the Strategic Planning Process for FY 2004-2005.

Motion made by Julianne Maurseth. Seconded by Robin Meares.

Recommendations:

1. Develop a simple yet comprehensive Strategic Plan to guide the achievement of the priority Goals by July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. For all future meetings, specify how agenda items and Speakers are in support of the Community's priority Goals – begin at July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
3. Design and implement a Strategy that gets our Community ahead of the curve for long-term Community Planning, and on a fast-track for improving all aspects of “Community Appearance” and aesthetics – including the top 5 inter-related Priority Goals.
4. Take the leadership role in defining our Community's aesthetic vision with City Planning and the LA City Council. We would become a “model” for how an LA Community can collaborate in such a vision. We must do this to achieve our Priority Goals.
5. Hire an Urban Design Consulting Firm who shares our Community's values, and will work with us to achieve great strides in “Community Appearance” and beautification over the long-term, per a 15 year vision and Master Plan.
6. Coordinate Speakers and Community Education Forums that address the core needs and Goals in the Survey and our Strategic Plan
7. Request all STNC Committees to expand their scope of thinking, planning and goal achievement to be in sync with the Community's priority Goals.
8. At a later date, coordinate speakers' panels on issues where our Community has the greatest divergence of opinions.

**Motion:** Marti Marshall: The STNC separate #5 from the list above. Seconded by Mona Curry.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 9

**Motion fails –**

**Amendment to motion:** Mona Curry recommends that the STNC seek 3 bids and that the Board approves the firm. Seconded by Julianne Maurseth

**Passed with amendment**

**#4: MOTION:** To approve STNC FY Budget Ending June 30, 2004, including encumbering balance of income of \$35,196.53, per June 2004 financial statement.

Motion made by Paul Armbruster. Seconded by Matthew Kearn

Discussion on item of DAC/RLUC expenditure of \$5000.

**Budget approved unanimously**

**#5: MOTION:** To approve the purpose of the Residential Land Use Committee. That the RLUC Committee's purpose is: 1. To develop a single document (e.g. chart/summary) which identifies the factual pros and cons of the proposed Canyon Hills Project (e.g., per the DEIR, "citizen experts", City Planning, and other resources) and addresses the Community's concerns and questions (methods to identify concerns may include community education, workshops, survey, town hall meeting, etc.). 2. Based on the document in #1, to present recommendations to the STNC re: the pros and cons of the proposed Canyon Hills project so the STNC can intelligently decide whether or not to take an official position.

Motion made by Cindy Cleghorn. Seconded by Louise Clarke-Stone. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**#6: MOTION:** To support the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council in their efforts in requesting the City not renew the contract with BFI by signing a motion and sending Community Impact Statements to all City Council members, Mayor Hahn and City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo.

Motion by Louise Stone. Seconded by Cindy Cleghorn

**Motion to postpone** Steve Bednarczyk: To postpone a decision on this motion until further information can be provided. Seconded by Mona Curry.

**Call for Question:** Cindy Cleghorn

**Request for Postponement** – 1 vote in favor of postponement – rest in opposition of postponement.

Motion for Postponement failed.

Vote on original motion - **motion carries** – 2 abstentions.

**End of New Business**

**Open Forum**

Saturday, June 12, 2004 there will be a Special Board Meeting from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Municipal Building to review design consultants and to select one.

Regular Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 p.m.  
Minutes taken by: Marti Marshall, Vice Chairman