

MINUTES

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

Call to Order:

**Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:05pm at the Mt. Gleason Middle School with approximately 78 people in attendance, including 19 board members. Board Members, Linda Casteel and Marti Marshall were not present. Approximately 3 newcomers were welcomed and introduced.**

Executive Committee Reports:

**Treasurer's Report: Nina Royal reported that the STNC has been funded and now has \$12,500.**

**Correspondence Report: Cindy Cleghorn announced relevant correspondence.**

**Minutes: The minutes for the March 10, 2004 meeting were objected to and a request was made and granted as to postponing the minutes until the next meeting.**

Open Forum: **Commentary and discussion by stakeholders and/or visitors, with special request from Ginny Curry, with the Chamber of Commerce, requesting funds from STNC to help fund the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. A request was made to the Board to write a letter to Wendy Greuel regarding reinstatement of funds to John Bunte for his community service work. A Request by John Bunte was made to assist him in his community service work. Ruben Quezada requested assistance on speed bumps for Hillhaven Ave., and was directed to Pat Davenport or 311. John Bunte requested status on a bridge. Mary Shotwell requested volunteers for food delivery. Mark Chapa, from Mayor Hahn's office introduced himself, and Deborah Brighton from the City Attorney's office. Jerry Popick announced the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual ST Home & Garden Tour. Lloyd Hitt announced "We Tell Stories". Century 21 would be having a fundraising event for the Chamber of Commerce at their escrow office. The Shouting Coyote Festival was announced. Mary Lou Pozzo announced the Cemetary Beautification meeting. Robin Meares announced McGroarty Park's Teen Swing Dance Event, the Ballonese Workshop, and a Parenting Workshop.**

Board Reports:

**Louise Clarke-Stone reported on the status of the DWP rate increase and base increase.**

**District 2 representatives, Mona Curry and Michelle Sahfran reported on an upcoming Community Meeting for May 1, 2004; wherein they were going to request between \$100-150 for printing of flyers; and money for refreshments to be served by 7-Hills Café.**

Committee Reports:

**Budget Committee: Report by Julianne Maurseth**

**DAC: John LaRocca updated the Board on the progress and agenda of the Design Advisory Committee. The DAC was appointed as a Committee, and members were approved. Tasks that the DAC is currently addressing are, without limitation, forming the following "teams" or subcommittees:**

- (1) Residential Land Use Projects Team; (2) Commercial Team; (3) Style and Guide Team; (4) Residential Conformity and In-Fill Housing Ordinance Team; (5) Foothill/Commerce Corridor Plan Team; (6) Foothill Plan Outreach/Code Compliance Team; (7) Art & Beautification Team; (8) Grant & Fundraising Team; (9) Community Alliance Team; (10) Education Team; and a (11) City Council Liason.**

**Dale Thrush reported on planning issues, including but not limited to the Verdugo Hills Golf Course; the Hillhaven project; the Ford property, and an Interim Control Ordinance.**

**Pat Davenport announced the following meetings: “How to Do Business with the City” and “Operation Clean and Shine” and the “Cemetery Brush Clearance.” She indicated that funding had been found for the Capital Improvement Project and Mr. Bunte would be receiving gas money for his community service. Nina Royal volunteered ST CERT to assist in the routing of monies (through a non-profit) to Mr. Bunte. Kmart parking lot will not be used as a car lot anymore.**

**Safety Committee: Nina Royal updated the Board on the progress of the Safety Committee, and the**

**Emergency Response Team efforts. Mark Siegel requested volunteers to become HAMM operators.**

**Outreach Committee: Chris Robinette updated the Board on the progress of the Outreach Committee, and announced the next meeting.**

**Child Care Committee: Mary May requested supplies, snacks and materials from the STNC to assist the child care provider at the meetings.**

**Program Speaker: The program speaker was Bill Robertson. He presented a report on how to get the most out of our public works in lean budget times. He discussed pot holes and street repairs, among other issues. He announced the Channel 35 “Neighborhood Café” where the Neighborhood councils and the City get together and talk about issues. He also discussed an increase in the fines charged to violators of the “street signs” ordinance, whereby the violator would receive a fine of \$194 for the first sign, and \$6 for each sign thereafter.**

**New Business:**

**MOTION: Cindy Cleghorn moved to recommend the formation of a Street Services Committee, with 5 members to be appointed by the Board. SECONDED by both Nina Royal and Michelle Sahfran. Cindy Cleghorn amended her motion to strike the word “member” and replace it with the word “stakeholder”. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION: Steve Bednarczyk moved to request that the Department of Transportation perform a study to determine the practicability of having a lighted crosswalk at the corner of Marnice and Foothill. Michelle Sahfran moved to amend to include the addressing of a traffic light in addition to the crosswalk. SECONDED AS AMENDED by Gina Tanner. AMENDED MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION: Mona Curry moved to request funding for \$150 to fund the District 2 Community Meeting to be held on May 1, 2004. Both Cindy Cleghorn and Michelle Sahfran seconded. Mona amended her motion to request \$250 instead of \$150. SECONDED AS AMENDED by both Chris Robinette and Michelle Sahfran. AMENDED MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION: Julianne Maurseth moved to recommend the approval of the release of \$4,500 from the STNC budget for costs associated with the printing and postage related to the Budget Survey and Town Hall meeting. SECONDED by Denis Adair. A Call for the Question was made by Gina Tanner, and 2/3 vote approved. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION: Louise Clarke-Stone moved to request the STNC support the Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce by co-sponsoring the July 4<sup>th</sup> event with the contribution of \$4,400 from the STNC Budget. SECONDED by Cindy Cleghorn. Mona Curry moved to amend the motion to request a written contract be entered into with the Chamber of Commerce to define the STNC role and credit to be received. SECONDED by \_\_\_\_\_ . Cindy Cleghorn amended the motion to include the formation of a**

**committee of members to be appointed by the Board to help coordinate the event.**  
AMENDED MOTION CARRIES.

Open Forum/Announcements:

**Board members and Stakeholders made announcements.**

**Regular Meeting Adjourned at approximately 9:55 p.m.**

**Minutes taken by: Gina Tanner, Recording Secretary 2004**