

MINUTES

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Regular Meeting of March 10, 2004

Call to Order:

Ken McAlpine called the meeting to order at 7:05pm at the Mt. Gleason Middle School with approximately 98 people in attendance, including 19 board members. Board Members, Julianne Maurseth and Linda Casteel were not present. Approximately 5 newcomers were welcomed and introduced.

Executive Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Nina Royal reported that the STNC funds are at \$-0-; but a Q1 budget approved and request was made for the STNC card.

Correspondence Report: Cindy Cleghorn announced relevant correspondence.

Minutes: The minutes were adopted as distributed.

Grievance Report: Gina Tanner read the Grievance Report against Michelle Sahfran.

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee: Denis Adair discussed the approved \$17,500 budget for Q1.

DAC: John LaRocca updated the Board on the progress and agenda of the Design Advisory Committee.

Dale Thrush reported on planning issues, including but not limited to the Verdugo Hills Golf Course property being up for sale; the Hillrose/Commerce property being in possible violation of the code; Pepe's Pet Store.

Safety Committee: Julie Carpenter reported on crime, safety, day laborers, Business Watch Meeting

(every 4th Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge); Homeless issues; and the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Nina Royal updated the Board on the progress of the Safety Committee.

Date Research Committee: Linda Casteel updated the Board on the progress of the Date Research

Committee.

Outreach Committee: Louise Clarke-Stone updated the Board on the progress of the Outreach

Committee, and announced a meeting set for March 25, 6:30 p.m., at the STMB.

Program Committee: Robin Meares updated the Board on the progress of the Program Committee.

New volunteers are Ruben Quezada, Mark Siegel, and Nina Royal.

Child Care Committee: Mary May announced the availability of free child care to our meeting attendees, and thanked the volunteer who was assisting us, New Committee Member

Cathleen Marquez.

Unfinished Business:

MOTION: Cindy Cleghorn moved to form the Design Advisory Committee, with the Committee appointments of John LaRocca as Committee Chair, Cindy Cleghorn, Penny Blackwell, Roberta _____, Debbie _____, Connie _____, Lloyd Hitt, Ed Rock, Mark Siegel, Gary Gaufer, Richard Pozzo, with Alternates as Gina Tanner, Shelly Alpert, Jerry Hovsepian, and Kim Hopkins. SECONDED by Marti Marshall. MOTION CARRIES. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

New Business:

MOTION: Shirley Kellstrom moved to have the Corresponding Secretary and the Grievance Committee meet to write a letter as described in the Grievance Report, which shall be sent to Mr. Stopp for his review, then sent to other residents who wrote letters to the

**Zoning Administration Hearing Officer, and to Councilmember Wendy Greuel.
SECONDED by Michelle Sahfran. MOTION CARRIES. ONE OPPOSED.**

MOTION: Cindy Cleghorn moved for the STNC to participate in the Neighborhood Participation Project-Visioning Workshop Program, and (a) the formation of an Ad Hoc Visioning Committee; (b) to provide a letter of intent of the Neighborhood Council indicating its commitment in participating in the project; (c) to arrange space for a meeting and assist in organizing attendance. SECONDED by Denis Adair. MOTION CARRIES. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION: Shirley Kellstrom moved to recommend the STNC write a letter to the Zoning Administration Hearing office asking for prior notification to affected parties no later than 30 days prior to hearing. SECONDED by Bert Brescher. Motion made to withdraw Motion on the floor by Shirley Kellstrom. Seconded by Michelle Sahfran. MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOTION: _____ moved to recommend that the STNC approve the letter drafted by Mona Curry and Michelle Sahfran in support of local neighbors relative to the Hillhaven 5-lot subdivision, recommending the developer downsize the number of lots/homes to be approved from 5 to 3, inclusive of the existing house on the property. SECONDED by Louise Clarke-Stone. MOTION DENIED.

MOTION: Marti Marshall moved to refer the issue of the Hillhaven 5-lot subdivision to the DAC. SECONDED by Paul Armbruster. MOTION CARRIES. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MOTION: Paul Armbruster moved to recommend that the STNC take a position relative to the Whitebird Development. Chairman, Ken McAlpine, determined the motion was not timely noticed and did not meet the requirements to be considered an emergency motion under the Brown Act.

MOTION: Denis Adair moved to strike \$5,000 from the Q1 Budget by reducing each category by equal percentages. SECONDED by Cindy Cleghorn. MOTION CARRIES. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Open Forum/Announcements:

Board members and Stakeholders made announcements.

**Regular Meeting Adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.
Minutes taken by: Gina Tanner, Recording Secretary 2004**