

Minutes
Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting
January 12, 2005
Mt. Gleason Middle School – 7 PM

Monthly board meeting of the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council was called to order by Chairman Ken McAlpine at 7:10 PM with 13 2004 Board members in attendance. 98 in the audience.

Ken McAlpine welcomed newcomers and guests, including a representative from the new Foothills Paper, new owners at the former drive-in dairy in Sunland and a representative from the City of L.A. regarding the sewer rate increase. Our DONE representative Christine Jerian was also present.

The flag salute was lead by Louise Clarke-Stone.

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer: Robin Meares gave an update on STNC funding. Including FY2004 revised budget and FY2005 budgets submitted and accepted by DONE which facilitated subsequent funding requests needed to pay pending check requests as well as the addition of funds to the debit card. The transition from the 2004 treasurer to the 2005 treasurer is in process.

Correspondence: Louise read upcoming dates for meetings regarding the sewer rate increase.

Minutes of December 8 and December 16 were approved as presented.

Public Comments

Announcement of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council deadline of January 20, 2005 to pre-register as a voter in their first election. Ballot will be by mail.

Robin Meares announced registration is open at McGroarty Arts Center for classes. Also, article in L.A. Business Journal , page 15 with a spotlight on Tujunga. Copies available tonight to view or can be obtained at News 4 U in Sunland.

Roberta Actor-Thomas gave an update on the Floor Area Ratio, Interim Control Ordinance. It went to City Planning last summer and has somehow stalled. Recommends all write to Wendy Greuel and City Planning to move this along. She also talked about the stone house at 7220 Hillrose and that another home has been built very close to it. She is concerned the stone house will be torn down and the lot subdivided without going through the usual City process. A hearing regarding this property will be held on January 20, 2005 at 2:20 PM and she recommends that anyone try to attend.

Bob Schiele spoke about a great forum to voice opinions through the Rotary's new community newspaper "The Foothills Paper". First issue will be out Feb. 1st. Submit articles, photos and ads by Jan. 15th. Derid DeMulle is advertising sales manager. Flyers available. Distribution will be through subscriptions and copies at various locations throughout Sunland Tujunga.

Coffee Stop DriveThru, a new coffee shop in Sunland brought hot chocolate for all (Thank you!) and announced they are open for business. They will continue to sell Altadena Dairy milk. Plan to be focused in the community. They own the entire lot. Offered site for fundraising car washes. Coupons at back table.

Board Reports

DWP: Louise Clarke-Stone reported that the new head of the DWP is the 5th one. He took the neighborhood council agreement and made it a pilot project of the General Manager. This

action difuses all the work the NCs have worked on to date. Therefore, they are still in negotiations. Next meeting is January 27, 2005.

Vision 2020: Julianne Maurseth reported that the community's number one priority is community appearance. Next is the need for a good strategy and plan as Phase 1 is now complete. We need to think long term with a "master plan" for the community. A meeting with Wendy Greuel and Dale Thrush was held earlier in the week with four other STNC board members as well as STNC's urban planners from MDA Johnson Favaro. Wendy Greuel supports Vision 2020 and will work with STNC for funding options. Next Vision 2020 meeting will be Jan. 19. All are invited to attend and participate.

Design Advisory Committee (DAC)

John LaRocca, DAC chairman reported on the following projects reviewed and favored by the DAC:

- 1) 10206 Mountair proposed apartment development now changed to condo development.
- 2) Boundary Change at 8001 Deneville which will dedicate a portion of the land as open space, adjust boundary lines of privately owned and City owned property and proposes a permanent horse trail. Brian Fitzburg was available in the back of the room to answer questions and requests stakeholder and STNC support of his request.

No updates on previous proposed developments on Oro Vista for up to 30 homes regarding proposal on McGroarty for up to 16 homes, both in Sunland. Nine holes of the 18 hole Angeles Golf Course were washed out in the recent rain storms.

Canyon Hills/Whitebird development. Julianne Maurseth reported that City Planning approved no changes to the General Plan or Community Plans and 175 lots approved throughout the entire site of the Whitebird property. This approval is in the appeal time period now. Next step will be the Planning Commission hearing on January 27, 2005 and another hearing on February 24, 2005 both to be held at the Marvin Braude Center in Van Nuys. Dale Thrush, Planning Deputy for Wendy Gruel is holding meetings inviting a cross section in the community. These meetings are not publicly announced meetings although open to anyone who attends. Approximately 30 attended last Monday's meeting from Shadow Hills, Lake View Terrace, La Tuna Canyon and specific groups. Second meeting will be Thursday at 6 PM at the Sunland Tujunga Municipal Bldg. Debby Beck reported that she attended the meeting and strongly recommends that we communicate with Wendy directly, making sure our support or non-support of Canyon Hills is specific. Tell Wendy directly. Communicate with our elected representatives and our Neighborhood Council representatives.

Safety/Crime Statistics

Nina Royal reported for Sr. Lead Officer Julie Carpenter the crime statistics for Sunland-Tujunga (see attached). Next Business Watch meeting will be Jan. 24 at 7 PM at the Elks Lodge. Speaker will be from Dept. of Building and Safety and is co-sponsored with the S-T Chamber of Commerce.

Nina Royal reported **CERT Classes** will begin March 8, 2005 and will be held at OSS Spectrum for the first class continuing for 7 weeks at the Elks Lodge. She also invited all to join ST-SERVS, a group of volunteers who are called to help in the event of a local emergency.

March 26 will be a Safety Awareness Fair. 10 AM – 3 PM. All are invited.

State of Council District 2 -- Address by Councilmember, Wendy Greuel.

After installing the new STNC board, Wendy's comments included the following:

Wendy's goal is to be an independent voice for the valley specifically in the underserved areas. There are now 3 full time staff members dedicated on focusing on Sunland-Tujunga.

Wendy has recommended changes in City Hall's attitude with a more accountable government including:

Business Tax Reform – axing 60% of businesses from business tax allowing LA to compete with Glendale and Burbank.

Government Waste – Ideas to save money include no more toll free numbers. 165 toll free numbers are gone saving thousands of dollars. Office of Public Safety will now have a number of other officers to respond. Utilize more computer services and booking fees.

Empowering Neighborhood Councils city wide has been very successful. Neighborhood Councils are an extension of the City and a good voice.

Water release from Tujunga Wash prompted a call to the Neighborhood Council, having them a part of the process.

Family friendly environment.

More police on the streets. \$500,000 into Police Trust Fund. Supported county-wide tax. Wendy does not support the City tax. Recommend reevaluate funding so we can get more officers on the street.

Wendy is committed to our Scenic Corridor Preservation Plan stating that "this great milestone must not be compromised".

The state of CD2 is strong but there is much more to do.

Vision 2020 – Wendy acknowledged Julianne Maurseth. The plan will have a direct impact with the community's involvement in the future to balance economic needs with preserving small town nature. Wendy will try to find funding for the future planning. It is a community driven plan and CD2 is committed to helping. Will be a model for the entire City.

Wendy recognized the efforts of the DAC regarding mansionization and the Interim Control Ordinance to control homes built to fit.

K-Mart site – no recent updates except that her office has communicated to Home Depot that the community will not accept a Home Depot on the site. To date, have not heard from them. She recommends they meet with the Neighborhood Council.

Rain Storms – Visited Riverwood Ranch by helicopter. Tujunga Dam released water early making no road access to Riverwood Ranch. Fire Dept. 24 & 74 were standing by. Bureau of Street Services crews out and working on the fire road for other access to Lake View Terrace. First out at 5:30 PM today. Pledges to work with Antonovich and Bamattre. Homes in the wash are in the County area.

Pat Davenport is now in the N. Hollywood office helping there but also came out in the rains to assist our areas affected here. Wendy acknowledges having the best staff team.

STNC has the best participation by the community and the board taking on indepth issue discussions. STNC is a model for the City's Neighborhood Councils.

Wendy presented certificates to the outgoing board members for their service to the STNC and the community. She also installed the officers for 2005. Best way to get involved is through STNC.

Unfinished Business

- 1) Canyon Hills Committee members - postponed to future meeting.

New Business

1. Board Member Appointments (Ken McAlpine)

That the STNC Board appoint the following community leaders to the three vacant positions on the Board. **Motion by Ken McAlpine.**

- a) Tomi Lynn Bowling to fill our vacant District 1 Representative,
- b) Deborah Ray to fill our vacant District 3 Representative, and
- c) S-T Chamber of Commerce President Jim Moore as our Group Representative for Business.

Motion carried unanimously. These board members were then invited to join the board at the front of the room.

2. To appoint the 2005 STNC Budget Committee (Robin Meares)

That the STNC Board appoint the following stakeholders to serve on the 2005 STNC Budget Committee which is chaired by the Treasurer, Robin Meares. **Motion by Robin Meares.**

- a) Julianne Maurseth
- b) Ed Rock
- c) Cindy Cleghorn

Motion carried unanimously.

3. To appoint 2005 Outreach Committee Chairman (Ken McAlpine)

That the STNC Board appoint Mona Curry to be our new Chairman of the Outreach Committee. **Motion by Ken McAlpine.**

Motion carried unanimously.

4. To co-sponsor Safety Awareness & Preparedness Fair (Mark Seigel)

Motion: That the STNC co-sponsor the Sunland-Tujunga Safety Awareness and Preparedness Fair and appoint a committee to work together with Sunland-Tujunga SERVS in coordinating this event. The committee will ensure fairness regarding any potential ballot issues and report back at the next meeting. That a budget amount of \$300 be set aside to cover refreshments and/or STNC promotional material for the event. This relates to Sunland-Tujunga Budget Survey - Priority #2 - regarding safety. **Motion by Mark Seigel**

Motion carried as amended with two opposed.

Public Comments

Nina Royal thanked all volunteers who helped during the recent rainstorm emergencies. Good to be prepared in advance.

Mark Seigel commented that our last two big earthquakes occurred after heavy rains.

Mona Curry announced the next Outreach Committee meeting on Jan. 24, 2005 at 7 PM at the Muni Bldg.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Minutes taken by Cindy Cleghorn, 2004 Corresponding Secretary