

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Elections Committee & Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes for January 11, 2006
Mt. Gleason Middle School
10965 Mt. Gleason Avenue, Sunland, CA 91040

Meeting of the Elections Committee of the STNC called to order 6:35 P.M. by the Elections Committee Co-Chair, John Waters with approximately 190 people in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Pack #355.

John Waters introduced members of the Elections Committee and thanked them for their service during the 2005 STNC election process and that they were now complete with no challenges. He introduced the new 2006 board members who took their seats at the head tables.

Elections Committee meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. and the Monthly Board Meeting of the STNC with Cindy Cleghorn, Chairman convened. Cindy gave the following opening remarks:

As a Neighborhood Council we are “only advisory”. However... The STNC leverages tremendous influence through consensus among our constituents, integrity in our practices, and a spirit of goodwill and support for our neighbors, the City and its representatives.

This is the time to get involved, to watch and to listen. The STNC board is at work. During the election process we all saw the need for outreach to our community. The priority of this 2006 STNC board is outreach. It’s obvious tonight with our turnout that you are here to “check us out”. The STNC 2006 “new” board has new priorities. We will rebuild and re-energize our relationships with the many organizations who do so much for our community – including service, business, schools and our Council office too. We will encourage your communication and participation with STNC. This is YOUR neighborhood council. Together we will get things done. We value your time. It’s time to take action and address your issues.

Welcome to STNC 2006 and your new STNC board. We’re ready to “get things done”.

Public Comments: Several members of the audience gave public comments regarding Building and Safety issues.

Committee Reports:

Safety: LAPD Sr. Lead Officer Frank Avila gave the crime statistics for the month recognizing that our area has the lowest crime statistics in the City. He made his phone number available for messages and answered questions. LAFD Battalion Chief Wise talked about Red Flag days and answered a number of questions. He will coordinate with CD2 to alert neighbors via e-mail and other methods when red flag days occur so more notice can go out to our neighborhoods. Nina Royal announced the upcoming CERT training.

Outreach Report: The STNC logo contest has been completed and five students were selected to be recognized for their work. Councilmember Wendy Greuel honored them with certificates from the City of Los Angeles. Congratulations to the following students: Laura Toyne, Cheyenne

Savage, Taishi Kojima, Logan Pase and David Cecil. Stop by the STNC office to see their work when you get a chance.

Presentations / Board Installation:

We were pleased to welcome our Councilmember Wendy Greuel who recognized the STNC 2005 with certificates of recognition for their service to the STNC. 2005 Board members present were: Mark Seigel, Nina Royal, Michelle Sahfran, Deborah Ray, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Debby Beck, Mona Curry and Peter Babaian.

STNC 2006 Board Installation: Wendy Greuel then installed the new board: Cindy Cleghorn, Mark Seigel, Nina Royal, Michelle Sahfran, Deborah Ray, Cindy Cleghorn, Dan McManus, John Van-Es, David Cain, David DeMulle, Tim Borquez, John Blue, Myrna Grijalva, Saro Minassian, Marianne Brown and George Powell. Elected board members absent due to illness will be installed at a future STNC meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The final report from last year is pending reconciliation and review with DONE. It will be made available as soon as possible.

Design Advisory Committee report presented by Debby Beck in the absence of DAC Chairman Richard Pozzo. Home Depot report was given by Joe Barrett, stakeholder. New plans have been received which show the Traffic Assessment by the City and updated site plans have several discrepancies and questions. Everyone is encouraged to request Wendy Greuel demand a full Environmental Impact Report, Traffic Study and Economic Study for this proposal. Debby announced that the groundbreaking for the old Ford property will be held sometime in March 2006.

Re: 11130-60 Oro Vista: Abbey Greenspan, Assistant Planning Deputy for CD2 presented a copy of Wendy's letter requesting the City investigate points made by a community member that could require a full EIR. A copy of Wendy's letter is attached to these minutes.

New Business:

Motion #1 regarding Ford property groundbreaking was withdrawn.

Motion #2: That monies allocated in the STNC budget for Vision 2020 and Vision 2020 outreach be reallocated to the general outreach budget. Motion passed 16 – 1. Stakeholder comments included question of the board as to what will replace long term planning for Sunland-Tujunga was deemed not germane to this motion by the parliamentarian.

Motion #3 to request Councilmember Wendy Greuel require a full Environmental Impact Report for the proposed development at 11130, 11140 and 11160 Oro Vista was passed unanimously.

Motion #4 requesting a follow-up to #3 be done by the D.A.C. passed unanimously.

Motion #5 requesting Councilmember Wendy Greuel require a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) including realistic traffic count, Economic Impact Study and Air Quality Study for 8040 Foothill Blvd. (former K-Mart site) passed unanimously.

Motion #6 regarding appointments to the Mayor's Budget process was withdrawn.

Motion #7 appointing Dan McManus as the Outreach Chairman passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Minutes taken by Deborah Ray, Recording Secretary