

# **Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council**

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## **AGENDA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING Wednesday, February 8, 2006 – 7 PM Mt. Gleason Middle School 10965 Mt. Gleason Avenue • Sunland**

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Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order & Board Roll Call

Comments from the STNC Chairman (Welcome, Speakers Times, Calendar, NC Office)

Presentations (install board members)

1<sup>st</sup> Public Comment

Executive Committee Reports

- Treasurer – Budget report
- Recording Secretary – approve minutes
- Corresponding Secretary – Mailing List

Committee Reports

- Safety – Nina Royal
  - o Speaker & Open Forum: Captain Szymanski
- Outreach – Dan McManus
  - o Richard Stewart

Design Advisory Committee (DAC) – Richard Pozzo

- o 8040 Foothill Blvd. (former K-Mart/proposed Home Depot site)
- o 7200 Foothill Blvd. (former Ford Property at Foothill & Commerce)
- o Other Committee items
- o Planning Issues CD2

Mayor's Budget Day / Citywide Budget

City Attorney Roundtable

New Business - Discussion/Action:

1. Board Recommendation #1 to appoint Parliamentarian
2. Board Recommendation #2 to appoint Standing Committees chairmen and committee members.
3. Board Recommendation #3 to appoint Ad-hoc committees, chairmen and committee members.
4. Board Recommendation #4 to recommend STNC Chairman, and/or her designees, seek support from any other neighborhood councils to oppose Home Depot in Sunland-Tujunga.
5. Discussion/Action on the appointment of District 1 representative to the STNC board.
6. Discussion/Action on the appointment of District 3 representative to the STNC board.
7. Discussion/Action that the STNC participate with CD2 in the groundbreaking ceremony at the old Ford property.
8. Discussion/Action that STNC partner with L.A. City Mayor's Day of Service on May 7, 2006.

2<sup>nd</sup> Public Comment

9:00 PM - Adjourn

For detail information on the above items, please see the handout at the STNC meeting on Feb 8, 2006 or call the STNC office for a copy at (818) 951-7411. The handout will be available on the STNC web site on 2/6/06.

Agenda is posted for public review at: Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce 8250 Foothill Blvd. Unit B, Sunland; Municipal Building, 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga; and Sunland Senior Center, 8640 Fenwick Street, Sunland.

New Business - Discussion/Action – Feb. 8, 2006

1. Board Recommendation #1 – The Executive Committee of the STNC recommends Shirley Kellstrom be appointed STNC Parliamentarian for the 2006 year.
2. Board Recommendation #2 –The Executive Committee of the STNC recommends the following Standing Committee appointments for the year 2006:
  - a. Outreach: Victor Castro (District 1), David Cain (District 3), Myrna Grijalva (District 4), Richard Stewart (Interfaith Rep) and Belinda Woodriff-Holm (stakeholder)
  - b. Budget & Finance: Elsa Waters (stakeholder), David Cain (District 3), Ed Rock (STNC office), Mark Seigel (Scouting Rep).
3. Board Recommendation #3 – The Executive Committee of the STNC recommends the following ad-hoc committees and their chairmen and members be approved for the year 2006:
  - a. Bylaws – Mark Seigel, Chair; Shirley Kellstrom, John Waters, Deborah Ray
  - b. Rules – Nina Royal, Chair; Ed Rock, Shirley Kellstrom, Deborah Ray
  - c. Grievance – Ed Rock, Chair and Shirley Kellstrom
  - d. Safety – Nina Royal, Chair; Deborah Ray, Mark Seigel, Saro Minassian
  - e. Elections Committee
  - f. Communications Committee – Jeannine Crowley, Deborah Ray
  - g. Logistics Committee – Ed Rock, Mark Seigel, George Powell, Deborah Ray
4. Board Recommendation #4 – The Executive Committee of the STNC recommends STNC Chairman, Cindy Cleghorn, and/or her designees, seek support from other neighborhood councils in our community’s opposition to Home Depot in Sunland-Tujunga.
5. Discussion/Action on the appointment of District 1 representative to the STNC board.
6. Discussion/Action on the appointment of District 3 representative to the STNC board.
7. Discussion/Action that the STNC participate with Councilmember Wendy Greuel in the groundbreaking ceremony to be held at the old Ford property.
8. Discussion/Action that STNC partner and participate in the L.A. City Mayor’s Day of Service on May 7, 2006.

Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa presents  
" Big Sunday 06, a Citywide Community Day of Service"  
Sunday, May 7, 2006

Dear Community partners,

On behalf of Mayor Villaraigosa, we would like to invite you to be part of the East Valley "Citywide Community Day of Service" planning committee.

Some of you might have participated in the last Day of Service on October 8, 2005 where over 10,000 volunteers citywide came to participate in numerous projects that included tree planting, alley clean ups, mural creations, educational campaigns, etc.

This year we are partnering with Big Sunday ([www.bigsunday.org](http://www.bigsunday.org)), and our goal is to get 25,000 people citywide to come out and participate in a number of community projects. We aim to partner with the community to facilitate community-initiated projects that will hopefully be sustainable and engaging.

In the short-term, "Citywide Community Day of Service" aims to complete a set of improvement projects to benefit neighborhoods and their surrounding communities. In the longer term, "Citywide Community Day of Service" serves to strengthen the network between the City, residents, and community organizations and ultimately building the organizational foundation to undertake future projects.

We can't do this without YOU! We are inviting residents, community based organizations, local businesses, neighborhood councils, and elected officials to collectively partner with the City of Los Angeles and together take care of our communities-- Better Neighborhoods, Better Neighbors!

Please join us on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 from 3:00pm -4:30pm at:

Mid Valley YMCA  
6901 Lennox Ave.  
Van Nuys, 91405  
In room: Studio 2

To discuss potential community projects and participation goals. This meeting will last approximately 1 ½ hour but future committee meeting will be one hour long. Please send a representative if you are unable to attend.

Please RSVP via email [paul.hernandez@lacity.org](mailto:paul.hernandez@lacity.org) or call us at (818) 778-4990.

Best regards,

Norma A. Vega  
Area Director, East Valley  
Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa  
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East Valley

Norma A. Vega, Area Director

Luis Sanchez, Area Representative

Paul Hernandez, Special Projects Coordinator

**Project Form**

<b>Project Name</b>	
<b>Project Location</b>	
<b>Project Leader (include contact Information)</b>	
<b>Project Description</b>	
<b>Lead Organization (s) or Community Group (s)</b>	
<b>Number of Volunteers Required</b>	
<b>Material Resources Required</b>	
<b>Special Needs (if any)</b>	

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



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January 11, 2005

Mr. Hadar Plafkin  
Department of City Planning  
200 North Spring Street, 7th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: 11130—11160 Oro Vista Road, ENV-2004-2839-EAF**

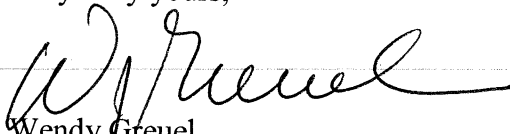
Dear Mr. Plafkin:

One of my constituents submitted the attached materials regarding the environmental assessment for the referenced properties. She believes that the information contained in the materials warrants an EIR for the proposed zone change and subdivision.

I realize that the comment period for the project's environmental review was closed some time ago, but I would appreciate it if you could review the materials and advise me as to the merits of the EIR request. The comments about wildlife habitat and scenic corridor impacts seem particularly noteworthy.

A quick review of the entitlement history of the property revealed that an EIR may have been required for a proposed project in 1978 (Case No. EIR-78-44-CUZ). That fact plus the recent Court of Appeal decision in the Mejia case may warrant a fresh look at the project's environmental review.

Very truly yours,

  
Wendy Greuel  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  
CHAIR: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
VICE CHAIR: RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
MEMBER: BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE





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January 20, 2006

Ms. Jeri Burge  
Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
200 North Main Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Proposed Home Depot Store at 8040 Foothill Blvd.**

Dear *Jeri* Burge:

On July 19, 2005, I wrote to the Director of City Planning about a number of concerns that I had with the proposed Home Depot project in the Sunland community (see attached letter). In that letter, I asked the Director whether the City had the ability to require an economic impact study as part of the environmental review of the proposed project. The Director responded that the City lacks the authority to require such a study (see attached response).

A few days ago, I learned that Wal-Mart was abandoning its effort to locate a new store in Northridge. The reason given for Wal-Mart's decision to abandon the Northridge site was the City's requirement of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and an Economic Impact Study (EIS) for the proposed project.

In a related event, the City's Department of Transportation (DOT) recently reviewed a traffic report for the proposed Home Depot and concluded that the project would generate less traffic than the K-Mart department store that occupied the property until October, 2004. Given the small volume of traffic that was actually generated by the K-Mart store during its last few years, I cannot accept DOT's conclusion. I raise this point because the accuracy of the traffic report was also a factor in the Wal-Mart case.

My staff and I have worked on the Home Depot project with members of the Sunland-Tujunga community for more than a year. We discussed a wide range of issues, and I am committed to ensuring that the project will receive the strictest level of environmental review that the City can lawfully require.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

CHAIR: AUDITS AND GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

VICE CHAIR: RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

MEMBER: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

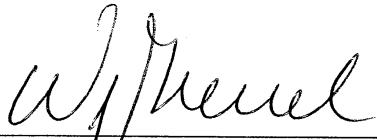




It seems to me that Home Depot stores create many of the same impacts as Wal-Mart stores (unusually large traffic volumes, destruction of existing businesses and jobs, etc.). Based on the Wal-Mart case, it appears that we may be able to require an EIR, an EIS and a more precise traffic study than the one that was submitted to DOT.

I would appreciate your guidance as to whether the City's actions in the Wal-Mart case are applicable to the Sunland Home Depot situation. I look forward to discussing these issues with you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Greuel", written over a horizontal line.

Wendy Greuel  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Los Angeles City Council

## CITY COUNCIL 1/31/06 BUDGET MEETING

### SUMMARY

TO: STNC

FROM: MICHELLE SAHFRAN

According to the city council budget committee, we have a balanced city budget, but a deficit in structural budget repairs. Structural budget repairs were described by some committee members as street and sidewalk repairs.

The city's Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Officer made two city budget presentations.

Committee members mentioned their concern about our city not getting its fair share of 911 money to pay for cell phone users to have access to 911 emergency services. It was suggested that state legislation should be introduced for our city to get its fair share of available 911 money.

Councilwoman Wendy Greuel clarified that council persons have not received discretionary funds for two years. Three years ago, each council person received \$50,000 in discretionary funds.

The final budget will be presented in April 2006.

The discussion portion of the budget meeting included city council persons seeking approval to fund their individual district projects, and citizens requesting funding for needed services. Citizen requests included the Valley's fair share of city budget money for street sweeping services. It was pointed out that other parts of the city, proportionally, get more streets swept than the Valley gets streets swept.

It was also brought up that we should consider the mayor's suggestion and set aside funds to buy and preserve open space, such as foothill areas next to the Angeles National Forest.

Several council persons attended the meeting: Wendy Greuel, Tony Cardenas, Dennis Zine, and Alex Padilla.

## **Report of Mayor's Neighborhood Council Budget Day – January 21, 2006**

I attended the Mayor's Neighborhood Council Budget Day on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at the downtown LA City Hall.

I was the only representative from our STNC due to other events taking place in Sunland-Tujunga on the same day.

We were given color brochure of the budget with 4 options on how to spend it based on what 366 voters had handed in.

Later, after time spent on going over the brochure, we were then broken up into 7 Regional Planning Groups as defined by Dept of City Planning. STNC is part of the "North Valley Group" which is anything North of Roscoe Blvd.

In separate rooms we were allotted 45 minutes to talk while a young representative of the Mayor's office summarized then wrote down our complaints on a big sheet of paper. The main complaint was of the grouping of the line items of the budget in such a way as to neutralize a clear priority choice by neighborhoods that had real meaning. We were placed in lose-lose situations: Police or potholes? Schools or gangs?

At 44 minutes we were thanked and ballots handed out.

Ms. Mary Ann Geyer (Foothill Trails District NC) and Ms.

Kim Thompson (Granada Hills NC) were voted in as our two

"representatives" to meet with the Mayor on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> for our

"final input" on his budget. Between now and then a meeting

will be held to gather more information from us that these

two representatives can take with them.

The meeting took about 45 minutes in total which seems like a short amount of time for the City's budget of millions of dollars.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent STNC at this meeting.

■ **John Blue**

- STNC Board Member – Communications & Media Rep
- STNC co-Liaison to the City-wide Budget process

**Outreach Committee Report**  
**By Dan McManus, Outreach Committee Chair**

The 2006 STNC Outreach Committee conducted their first meeting on Saturday, February 4th at Joselito's West. The group discussed a variety of issues and coming events, including a bi-monthly Farmers Market produced by The Foothills Paper and the coming groundbreaking at the old Ford property at Foothill and Commerce.

The discussions at the meeting were lively and informative. Through it all this year's committee will focus itself on creating and utilizing a community-wide network coordinating efforts through district representatives, group representatives and community stakeholders. The goal is to engage the Sunland-Tujunga community in positive action, keep the community informed about important issues, and to hear the voice of the community so it can guide decisions made by STNC.

To be effective, the Outreach Committee needs your involvement, your thoughts and your actions. If you're interested in helping your community in this way, please contact Committee Chair Dan McManus (<<mailto:district4rep1@stnc.org>>district4rep1@stnc.org or 818-951-7506) or your STNC district representative (<<http://www.stnc.org/>>www.stnc.org).

**City Attorney Roundtable**  
**By Cindy Cleghorn, STNC Chairman**

I attended the City Attorney Roundtable discussion on February 2, 2006 in Van Nuys old City Hall with a small group of neighborhood council leaders.

The purpose was to answer questions presented in advance of this meeting and clear up several questions that arise regarding the Brown Act. Some of the items were:

Emphasis that only items on a neighborhood council agenda can be discussed.

No secret ballots/anonymous voting by board or committee.

Meetings are to be open to the public as that is the point of the Act, to involve the public in how the governing body conducts its business.

Members of the public may record (audio/video) meeting.

No sign-in requirement.

Handouts were distributed. These handouts are available at the STNC office.

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## Upcoming STNC Calendar

Monday, February 20, 2006 – 6:30 PM – DAC meeting at NVCH.  
If you are interested in joining this committee, please turn in a statement of interest to the STNC office Attn: Richard Pozzo, DAC Chairman.

Thursday, February 23 – 7 PM – Executive & Budget Committee Meetings.

Saturday, February 25, 2006 – 10 AM – DAC Education & Outreach event. Topics include Foothill Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan.

Wednesday, March 1, 2006 – STNC Executive Committee meeting – Set agenda for March 8, 2006 STNC board.

Monday, March 6, 2006 – 6:30 PM – DAC meeting at NVCH.

Saturday, March 4, 2006 – Outreach Committee meeting – location to be announced.

Wednesday, March 8, 2006 – STNC Board meeting – March of the Animals at Mt. Gleason Middle School

Date to be announced – Groundbreaking ceremony at old Ford property.

NVCH = North Valley City Hall, 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga  
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