

**SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2007**

**Mt. Gleason Middle School - 10965 Mt. Gleason Avenue - Sunland**

**8:40 PM Call to Order.** - Cindy Cleghorn, Chairperson.

**Roll Call:** Nina Royal, Tim Borquez, Chrissa Villaneuva, Dan McManus, Ricky Grubb, Jeannine Crowley, Richard Stewart, Linda Brand, John Blue, Janet Linsalato, Mark Seigel, David Cain. 98 attendees, 14 Board members

**Chairperson's Announcements:** Acknowledged presence of: Amelia Herrera-Robles, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment representative; Angela Motta from Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office; Millie Jones from Mike Antonovich's office; Frank Buchanan, Foothill Trails NC.

**Public Comment:**

**Bill Eick, President of Shadow Hills Property Owners Association** sought support from STNC regarding Slope Density and announced Planning Commission hearing to be held on March 22, 2007 in Van Nuys.

**Mr. Flores from the Graffiti Removal program** encouraged community to take advantage of this program.

**Angela Motta, field representative for Councilmember Wendy Greuel** announced April 7, public invited to a pet fair to have pets spayed and neutered for free-- first 200 people will receive free microchips for pets, other festivities planned; Police Commission will meet in Sun Valley at Vinedale Elementary School, 10150 La Tuna Canyon Road, Thursday, March 29, 6:30 PM. Contact Angela at 818/352-3287 for more details.

**Nancy Turney, social worker from YMCA** offered her services as a community resource for seniors. Contact Nancy at 818/790-0123 ext. 225 or nturney@ymcacc.org

**Amelia Herrera-Robles, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment representative,** wished best of luck to candidates; gave a reminder for Conference of Neighborhoods meeting on Saturday, April 21, at the Bonaventure Hotel; trying to arrange transportation for board members and others; free event; variety of workshops to be offered.

**Elaine Brown:** Encouraged support of Bill Eick's recommendations at March 22 Planning Commission hearing to be held at the Braude Building; thanked Board for letter regarding the saving of Verdugo Hills Golf Course—encouraged more writing of letters; suggested checking status of Councilmember Huizar's motion regarding City Planning to look at every project put forth in city and asked Board to send letter requesting the slope density motion pass.

**Diane Baker, Mt. Gleason Middle School Special Ed. Assistant:** In reference to Board meeting on 12/12/06 when comments were made about Mt. Gleason school safety and that some of the statements made at that meeting are not accurate. Contact Diane at 818/951-2580 for more details.

**Abby Diamond from NHDC/KCCC:** First, Abby spoke as member of the NHDC campaign: an information update meeting planned for Saturday at 10:00 AM, North Valley City Hall; second: on Thursday, March 15, 7:00 PM, at the Foothill Trails NC meeting, representatives from Kagel Canyon Civic Association will be in attendance requesting a letter of support from Foothills Trails District Neighborhood

Council opposing the Union Rescue Mission project; asking for public support in opposing the project; meeting to be held at Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center, on Foothill at Orcas.

**Zia Shields:** Spoke regarding the Foothill Trails meeting and to please attend.

**Mark Seigel:** 1. Tomorrow night, Thursday, March 15 is the Safety Community meeting. 2. I will be starting up Ham Radio classes again, Northridge West NC and Board members attending. 3. Would like support to propose an HPOZ in our area, a Historical Preservation Overlay Zone. Cost is \$60,000.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS - DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

##### **A. Discussion of Outreach Motion 1.**

Dan McManus moved, "That the STNC agrees and approves STNC activities to assist the community through partnership with the Verdugo Hills High School Boosters in organizing and executing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks event at Verdugo Hills High School on July 4, 2007. Any financial commitments will be submitted for approval through separate motions." Motion seconded by Victor Castro. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

##### **B. Discussion of Outreach Motion 2.**

Linda Brand recommended and parliamentarian agreed suggested removal of the word "ad hoc" from the original motion since a Board member is on the committee.

Timothy Borquez moved, "That the STNC approves the creation of a committee to investigate, recommend, and coordinate STNC efforts to assist the community with the 2007 Fourth of July fireworks event at Verdugo Hills High School through coordinated effort with the Verdugo Hills High School Boosters. If approved, the Fourth of July Committee will investigate involvement opportunities, make recommendations to the STNC Board and work in conjunction with the standing Outreach Committee to coordinate approved efforts in this regard. The committee will deliver a final report on its activities at the STNC General meeting on July 11, 2007. At that time, the committee will have completed its task and will be duly disbanded." Motion seconded by Victor Castro Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

##### **C. Discussion of Outreach Motion 3—None.**

Dan McManus moved, "That the SNTC approve the appointment of Victor Castro and Dan McManus as co-chairs of the Fourth of July Committee." Vote: Motion carried. 1 Abstention.

##### **D. Discussion or Outreach Motion 4.**

\_\_\_\_\_ moved, "That the STNC approve the submission of the motion detailed below to Wendy Greuel's Council District 2 office for submission and approval by the Los Angeles City Council to allow creation of a citywide event status for the Fourth of July fireworks at Verdugo Hills High School."

CD 2 MOTION (GREUEL) relative to Fourth of July Community Event to be held at Verdugo Hills High School in Tujunga on July 4, 2007. Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the Fourth of July Community Event to be held at Verdugo Hills High School in Tujunga on July 4, 2007, as a "City of Los Angeles Event." Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**E. Discussion of Item #2—Neighborhood Council Appeal Rights**

Cindy Cleghorn moved, “That STNC hereby requests that council member Wendy Greuel, Council District 2, initiate appropriate amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code that would grant neighborhood councils the right to appeal developments decisions, such as requests for tentative tract maps, variances, and conditional use permits. The following Los Angeles Municipal code sections need to be amended:

- Tentative Tract Maps: Amend LAMC Sections 17.06 A.3, and 17.06 A.4.
- Parcel Maps: Amend Section 17.54 A.
- Conditional Use Permits: Amend Sections 12.24 I and 12.24 M.2.
- Variances: Amend Sections 12.27 H and 12.27 O.

The STNC further requests that Cindy Cleghorn, Chairperson, draft a letter to Council member Wendy Greuel, Council District 2, explaining the STNC’s position on this matter.” Motion seconded by John Blue. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**G. Discussion of Item #3—Discussion/Action to approve recommendation for the DAC—None.**

Cindy Cleghorn moved for approval of recommendations of the Design Advisory Committee (DAC). Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**H. Discussion of Item #4—NC-DWP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).**

David Cain moved, “That the STNC support the proposed changes to the NC-DWP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).” Motion seconded by Nina Royal. Vote: Motion is carried.

**Item #5—SNTC support of CFI 06-2444**

Cindy Cleghorn moved that the STNC support CFI 06-244-the addition of field mobile computer technology. Motion seconded by Ricky Grubb. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**Item #6—Discussion/action regarding support of Mt. Gleason Middle School to reduce class sizes.**

Lydia Grant asked that the motion be proponed to a future meeting.

**Item #7—Discussion/action regarding support of Mt. Gleason Middle School Habitat H<sub>2</sub>O science trip in June 2007 including up to \$2,000.00 for promotion expenses and \$250.00 for booth expenses at the 2007 Easter Carnival to be held at Sunland park.**

Jeannine Crowley moved to support Mt. Gleason Middle School Habitat H<sub>2</sub>O, but requested amendment of the motion by removing the request for \$2,000.00 for promotion expenses. The second approved of revised motion. Discussion ensued on revised motion. Vote was taken in favor of removing request for \$2,000.00 from original motion. Vote: Unanimous. Amendment carried. Discussion ensued on amended motion for \$250.00 for booth expenses for H<sub>2</sub>O. Linda Grant moved that the amended motion further state that the STNC get recognition in the form of signage. Amended motion reads to include “\$250.00 with NC signage.” Vote: Unanimous

**Item #8—Discussion/action regarding support of Sylmar NC, Mission Hills NC, and SEIU United Health Co Workers West that an EIR be required prior to approving the expansion of Providence Holy Cross Medical Center.**

Nick Krall of Sylmar NC, representative of SNC and community at large, distributed a point letter of resolution to be signed and gave more information regarding expansion. **Discussion ensued. Motion made by \_\_\_to submit consideration of topic to DAC. Motion seconded by Jeannine Crowley. Vote: In favor-8; Opposed-3; Abstentions-2, motion carried.**

**Executive Committee report by Linda Brand, treasurer:** As of first of this month, we have just under \$44,000.00 left in account with the City.

Minutes from prior meeting approved by Board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

*Minutes prepared from tape by Rose Vernon, Apple One.*

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