

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 9, 2007 – 7:00 PM

Mt. Gleason Middle School • 10965 Mt. Gleason Avenue – Sunland

**Prior to the start of the STNC Board Meeting there will be a
Sunland-Tujunga Local Schools Discussion from 6:00-7:00 PM
with LAUSD representatives**

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7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Cindy Cleghorn, Chairperson

Introduction of STNC Board, Elected Officials, City staff, LAPD Sr. Leads, DONE rep, Handouts, notices, sign-in sheets, speaker cards, timer.

Mission College President Ernest Moreno addresses S-T's need for a satellite college.

2. Approval of Minutes (7:20)

3. Treasurer's Report (7:23)

• Discussion only – preliminary FY2007-08 STNC Budget

4. Public Comment - 10 minutes (7:25)

5. Board Member Reports on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (7:35)

District & Stakeholder Group reps – neighbor issues, updates, announce outreach events

• Environmental Rep report on Tujunga Watershed meeting (Grubb)

6. Committee Reports – Discussion/Action/Update (7:45)

A. Safety – Discussion/Action re: Support of Volunteer Surveillance Team

B. Outreach (Dan McManus, Outreach Chairman) (7:55)

1) STNC Lightpole Banners 2) Motion: (McManus/Castro) that the STNC support the Verdugo Hills High School Boosters by supporting the 2007 4th of July Fireworks Festival. STNC to provide \$5,000 to become the "1776 Title Sponsorship" of the event. Sponsorship benefits will provide excellent outreach opportunity for the STNC that include: STNC name attached to Event Title and all mentions of event; two 4' x 8' banners at the event; banner at all VHHS 2007 Home Games; Signage: One Advertising sign on street and one window sign; program listing. STNC will also make reasonable effort to promote the event through meeting announcements for participation and volunteers. *Budget category: Outreach.*

B. Design Advisory Committee (Victor M. Castro, IV, DAC Chairman) (8:10)

1) CD2 updates

2) Recommendation to approve written DAC report and recommendations as presented (see attached) (8:10)

C. Bylaws (Bill Skiles/Mark Seigel) – update only (8:25)

9. Unfinished Business (8:30)

Postponed motion re: STNC environmental rep to be present during negotiations regarding redrawing of boundaries for Angeles Golf Course.

10. New Business - none

Public Comment (8:40)

Adjourn – 9:00 p.m.

Next STNC Meeting – Wednesday, June 13, 2007

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STNC Meeting Agenda – May 9, 2007 – Recommendation/Motion Detail

Item #7. B. 2): DAC Committee Recommendations

From 4/23/07 Meeting:

RE: 10240 Commerce presentation for 3-story, 18 unit condominiums was approved in 2005 for 22 units. Requesting an exception on height (10%). Motion (Cindy Cleghorn/Tomi Bowling): That DAC appreciates owners and developer's reduction in density to allow for more open space for this project and that it is has been presented as a more family oriented condo project. The DAC would prefer that the height limit be in accordance with the Foothill Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan. Motion passed unanimous.

From 5/7/07 Meeting:

8040 Foothill - Motion (Mark Seigel/Debby Beck) that STNC pay for the cost of bus transportation to the hearing. Approximate cost to not exceed \$600. Motion passed unanimous. *Budget category: DAC Outreach*

Transportation Team – Bill Manning will chair the new Transportation Team that will propose actions to the DAC on policy, programs, projects and budgets related to vehicular safety, mobility and related issues and programs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (8:30)

Postponed motion re: STNC environmental rep to be present during negotiations regarding redrawing of boundaries for Angeles Golf Course.

DRAFT letter by Executive Committee:

To: City Planning Department – Attn:

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council would like our STNC Environmental Representative (or an STNC Board member) to be present at all meetings/negotiations with the Angeles Golf Course regarding their Conditional Use Permit. The ANGOC is in an extremely environmentally sensitive area and we believe it is our duty to protect it to the best of our ability. Please keep us advised of all future meeting dates and times in order that we can have a representative attend.

NCRC Draft Stakeholder Definition: (preliminary as of 5/3/07 NCRC meeting)

“The plan is to be amended to state that, “stakeholder status in NC’s should be open, by self-affirmation, to those who live, work, or own property in the neighborhood, and also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and the basis for it.”

Also see Public Hearing Notices.

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Mt. Gleason Middle School, 10965 Mt. Gleason Avenue – Sunland

Attendance: 119: 104 stakeholders, 15 board members.

1. **Call to Order** by STNC Chair Cindy Cleghorn: 7:15 p.m.
Roll Call and introduction of the new and outgoing STNC Board, elected Officials, City staff, and DONE rep.
2. **Approval of Minutes** from March Board Meeting, approved unanimously.
3. **Treasurers Report, Linda Brand:** Linda reported that the STNC funds remaining are: \$38,755. DONE has created a new policy that prevents those outside the Board to receive reimbursements. Linda then explained the reimbursement process. U.S. Bank will be the new card service, replacing Bank of America.
4. **STNC Elections Committee Report & Installation of 2007 STNC Board–**
Election Chair Marti Marshall introduced the new Board and installed the newly elected board members: Cindy Cleghorn, chairperson; Victor Castro IV, vice chair; Nina Royal, corresponding secretary; David Cain, district 3 rep; Janet Linsalato, district 3 rep; Mark Seigel, District 4 rep; Dan McManus, District 4; Saro Minnasian, business rep; Lydia Grant, Education rep; Chrissa Villaneuva, Youth Arts & Entertainment rep; and Ricky Grubb, environmental rep. John Blue, Media rep and Linda Brand, treasurer arrived late and were installed later during the meeting. Richard Stewart, Interfaith rep and Jenny Rodriguez, District 2 rep were unable to attend tonight's meeting and will be installed at the next meeting.

Cindy then presented certificates of appreciation to: Marti Marshall, Bill Manning, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Irene Eaton, Darleen Goguen, Frank Buchanan, Shirley Kellstrom and later, Mark Seigel for their work. In absentia, certificates will be sent to: Belinda Woodruff-Holm, and Jerry Kvasnicka, Independent Election Administrator, for the 2007 STNC Elections. No challenges were received to the election and the final election report was submitted.

DONE Comments: Amelia Herrera-Robles, Project Coordinator, welcomed the new Board and announced the April 21, Congress of Neighborhoods at the Bonaventure Hotel. The City's Early Notification System is now updated and we are able to post meeting agendas.

5. Public Comment:

- Susan Pothoff, Safety Committee member, talked about the Fire Department's CERT program on April 28th. Sign up online.
- Lloyd Hitt, Bolton Hall Historical Society, announced the Little Landers annual Plant Sale on April 28th and the 12th Annual Historic Home, Garden and Landmark Tour on

May 6th. He also brought a petition to sign to help Save the Verdugo Hills Golf Course from development.

- Tomi Lyn Bowling asked for the public's support on her March of Dime, Walk America Campaign. Go to: www.walkamerica.org/tomikins to donate.
- Sherry Revord and Howard Greenberg explained the services available to seniors via the Valley Interfaith Council (VIC) Seniors Program.
- Jackie Keene, Wendy Greuel's office, thanked the public for attending the free Pet Fair, put together by the Wendy Greuel and held at the Easter Carnival. On another note, she talked about illegal signage appearing on Foothill Blvd. saying "We Buy Houses." She asked anyone who takes down the signs to bring them to the Council office so they can use them as evidence for criminal penalties. Wendy is hosting a free, annual picnic from 11 am. To 2 p.m., Saturday, May 19 at Valley Plaza Park at 12240 Archwood Street in N. Hollywood. The public is invited to attend.
- Abby Diamond, Sunland Tujunga Alliance/No2Home Depot Campaign, said that Home Depot is appealing the recent closure at their site. Hearing will take place in June (See DAC report/Dale Thrush). No 2 Home Depot will be holding a fundraising event: a motorcycle poker run and a BBQ, more details to follow.
- Bonnie Kelly, a stakeholder, asked why kids are being charged to use the Sunland Park skateboard park and why the hours are so limited. She also spoke against a petition to limit access to Sunland Elementary School's rear entrance.

6. STNC Board Appointments:

(Blue/Grubb) moved that the Board vote on each prospective appointment individually. The motion carried: 9-1-1. The Board then voted on each appointment approving all unanimously.

The appointed Board members are:

Recording Secretary: Jeannine Crowley. Jeannine is a former Board Member and served as corresponding secretary in 2006.

District One: Olina Lowe, a stakeholder and retiree.

District One: Bill Manning, former police officer.

District Two: John Van-Es, former Board Member. (in abstentia)

Group 8: Allen Rodriguez, a new S-T resident and former Board Member of Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council.

Group 7: Tim Borquez, former board member, former Cultural Arts chair.

At this time all newly appointed board members above were installed in their respective office. John Van-Es will be installed at the next meeting.

7. Committee Reports :

A. Outreach: Dan McManus, Outreach Chairman, announced that the new gold and blue light pole banners will be installed soon along Foothill Boulevard. The next meeting for the Outreach Committee is this weekend for planning the annual 4th of July Fireworks event.

B. Design Advisory Committee, Victor M. Castro, IV, DAC Chairman, thanked Jackie Keene of CD2 for her help with DAC issues. **A motion to approve DAC's motions as recommended and as corrected (below) passed unanimously:**

1. Holy Cross Hospital Expansion project: "The DAC hereby requests that Holy Cross Hospital submit a full and complete EIR as is normally required." DAC appeared before the CPC public hearing held on March 22, 2007.

2. Slope Density Ordinance: The DAC unanimously supported Bill Eick's letter of proposed amendments to the Citywide Slope Density ordinance and appeared at the CPC public hearing on March 22, 2007.

3. 9951 Marcus Ave, Tujunga: The DAC opposed the use of SB1818, State Bonus Density ordinance for this site saying the streets are already over-impacted with multi family housing; the added density of this project from six units to nine units is far too great.

4. 9961 Marcus Ave., Tujunga: The DAC unanimously opposed the variance to reduce the square footage for this unit (was two apartments, wants to add a third). The area is already over-impacted with a lack of parking and heavy multi-family units.

5. Proposed Medical Marijuana Interim Control Ordinance (ICO): The DAC unanimously supported that the number of medical marijuana dispensaries be restricted to what exists now and supported the new regulations as put forth in the proposed Interim Control Ordinance and appeared at the CPC public hearing held on March 22, 2007.

6. 10504 and 10508 Fernglen: The DAC supported one hardship exemption of 105 square feet and recommended the owner consult with Dale Thrush and Anita Cerna concerning the other one. (This is similar to the 'attic house.' Council member Greuel has submitted a motion to interpret the Sunland –Tujunga FAR ICO to count as floor space any space that is capable of becoming floor space).

7. The DAC requested the STNC approve as miscellaneous expenses \$56.00 for parking reimbursements and refreshments.

Report from CD 2 Planning Deputy Dale Thrush: Dale gave updates on several major projects in the Sunland-Tujunga area:

- Home Depot's appeal will take place on Thursday, June 7th at 4:30 p.m. at the Braude Center in Van Nuys.

- Verdugo Hills Golf Course update: Councilmember Wendy Greuel supports the community's efforts to save the Golf Course.
- Angeles Golf Course is behind on complying with recommendations from City Planning for their transfer of property to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. This would involve vacating two 'paper streets,' readjusting lot lines, and moving property lines as it involves both City and County land. It will also involve maintenance of trails in the Tujunga Wash. Dale believes the transfer will take six more weeks.
- Change to the General Plan: Council member Greuel introduced a motion to change the City's General Plan Land Use designation to preserve the low density potential for such areas as Big Tujunga Canyon. The change would require conformity in the language to existing zones to preserve low density potential. The motion goes before the CPC on April 26 and then to the full City Council for a vote.
- Mario Sterlings: There is a proposal by the owner of Mario Sterlings property to build a development with 49 condos. To date, he has not filed any application making this official.
- Discount Tire appeal: Still pending.
- Affordable Housing: SB21818. Dale said this State law overwhelms city and county laws; its purpose is to create significant amounts of affordable housing.

C. Bylaws – (Bill Skiles/Mark Seigel).

Mark Seigel presented, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, a Power Point presentation with the preliminary changes to the STNC board structure as follows: (1) changing the names of most of the Board offices, (2) realigning and redefining the responsibilities of the executive officers, and (3) reducing the size of the Board from 21 to 15. The Executive Officers currently existing are the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. The new executive Officers would be President, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The President would have the same duties as the current Chairman. The first vice president would be responsible for community improvement projects, and oversight of the standing and ad hoc committees. The second vice president would become the chairman of the outreach committee, and would be responsible for STNC outreach. The secretary would be charged with oversight of the STNC administrative functions. The Treasurer's office would remain the same as it is today. There are eight existing stakeholder Group Directors. In the new configuration the eight would be dropped to six and they would be renamed Group Representatives. Instead of having designated business, education, faith-based, community, service, and youth directors as is the current configuration, only two of the six Group Representatives would be specified, one for business and the other for youth / education. The remaining four positions would be for any special interest represented in the community. There are eight current geographical representative directors and they would be reduced to four and renamed Geographical Representatives, with the word "director" being dropped. Each of the four regions in Sunland-Tujunga would have one rather than two representatives.

Mark strongly urged anyone interested in having input to these changes being proposed for the STNC to come to the bylaws committee meetings. The next meeting will be April 13 at the S-T municipal building at 3:00 pm. The bylaws committee is currently meeting every Friday and is looking for input on this matter.

Anyone can also provide input on this via e-mail to: secretary@stnc.org

8. Board Member Reports on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

Nina Royal, Safety Chair, said that those who represent the group "S-T SERVS" do not need to be CERT – trained, referencing a stakeholder comment made during the appointment of new Board Member Allen Rodriguez. She also spoke about a fatal shoot-out in the Valley involving a local police officer who killed the motorist who was violent. The next CERT training is on April 28th. Anyone who wants this free training can register at: www.la-cert.org.

9. New Business

(Royal/Crowley) moved to purchase a digital camera for \$350.00 for administrative purposes for the DAC." The motion carried unanimously.

(Blue/Grubb) moved to have the new environmental rep be present at negotiations for the redrawing of boundaries for the Angeles Golf Course. (Crowley/Royal) moved to postpone the motion until the next Board meeting due to the lateness of the meeting and the need for more information. The motion to postpone carried: 10-4-1.

Public Comment:

Linda Brand reminded the Board that the fiscal year ends June 30, 2007. The 2007-2008 budget will need to be in place before that time.

Lydia Grant invited the Board to next month's Education Meeting, one hour before the regular STNC Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. here at Mt. Gleason Middle School.

Next STNC Meeting – Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Congress of Neighborhoods – April 21, 2007 at Bonaventure Hotel – Downtown L.A.

Next Meeting of the Neighborhood Council Review Commission, April 17.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:43 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Pat Kramer, Apple One.

**First Monthly Meeting of Sunland-Tujunga Local Schools:
Discussion with Jim Morris, LAUSD Superintendent
Wednesday, April 11, 2007
Mt. Gleason Middle School
10965 Mt. Gleason Avenue – Sunland**

Lydia Grant, STNC Board Member, now Education Chair, moderated. Lydia explained the reason behind starting up this discussion meeting, which will be held on a monthly basis: to allow parents with children in area schools to air their problems, issues and questions and to get those questions answered by school system officials.

She then gave an overview of some special programs taking place in the schools: Habitat H2O, the Astronomy Project proposal for Mt. Gleason Middle School, and Certificates of Appreciation by the STNC Board to outstanding teachers. A student was presented with a cash prize from the STNC sponsored Mt. Gleason booth raffle drawing at the S-T Chamber's Easter Carnival. The Mt. Gleason table raised \$533.00 in candy sales, raffle tickets and donations which go directly to the project.

Also acknowledged were the 131 area students who completed the recent L.A. Marathon and the Mt. Gleason students who participated in a special event celebrating athletics at the Rose Bowl. For their participation, which was the highest of any school, Mt. Gleason will receive \$15,000 in gym equipment.

Parental Comments:

During a public comment session, parents spoke about problems at the S-T School campuses with their kids being threatened by older kids with knives, being beaten up in the rest rooms, of bathrooms being locked during school hours, and of parents not being notified when police interviewed their children. There was also a question about whether ethnic differences were being addressed by the schools. A former student commented he experienced more violence incidents at Mt. Gleason than as a high school student at Verdugo Hills. He believes this is due to better security at the high school and the fact that most students take their conflicts off campus. STNC Board Member Nina Royal talked about a police program that students can enroll in that provides them with increased police support and safety training.

On the positive side, a woman who works as an aide to a handicapped student spoke about seeing kids generally happy on campus and not seeing conflict. One parent recalled a former principal who held regular meetings with parents to address any potential conflicts.

LAUSD Superintendent Jim Morris said he would like to research any issues regarding student violence. He pointed out that issues with the students often reflect what is going on in the community. He offered to bring information from the police department when he

returns to give parents information on area crimes. He believes in open communications and feels there needs to be more information for parents from the schools.

He said the schools are taking measures to provide support to students using parking valets, for one. Over the past year, the Board of Education has increased its safety programs and security personnel. They also have anti-bullying programs and more human relations outreach to help with this. Overall, test scores in the Sunland-Tujunga area reflect that all the area schools are doing better and far surpass any other L.A. school scores.

A straw poll by parents indicated that most parents feel that the STNC Education Rep. should be allowed unlimited access to the schools. Lydia believes the schools should not lock bathrooms during the school day and suggested that the STNC web site could serve as a resource for parents to communicate with the schools.

Another meeting will take place next month prior to the STNC monthly board meeting on May 9, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. for parents to speak with officials representing the schools.

Minutes prepared by Pat Kramer, Apple One.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES as of May 9, 2007

Several L.A. City Public Hearings are coming up that you may wish to attend.

Citywide Neighborhood Character Study

regarding Floor Area Ratio (mansions) (mansionization)

Thursday, May 10, 2007 after 8:30 a.m.

Room 1010, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street

Los Angeles

Info: Staff Report is available. Contact STNC office for copy or attend STNC meeting.

RE: 6511 Foothill Blvd.- Discount Tires - Building & Safety Appeal

DIR2007-0851(BSA). Associate Zoning Admin Public Hearing

Monday, May 14 at 2:30 PM

Marvin Braude Bldg, First Floor

6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys

RE: 7229-37-41-45 Tranquil Drive - Haul Route for 2,200 cubic yards

of earth to project site. Hearing is for hauling operations only. Single family dwellings to be built.

Tuesday, May 15, 2007 - 9:30 a.m.

Room 900 (9th Floor), 201 N. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles

RE: 11130 Oro Vista Avenue, Sunland - Proposed 20-lot single family subdivision.

Zone change from RA-1 to R1-1.

Case Nos. Tentative Tract Map No. 60461, APCNV 2004-2884-ZC, ZA 2007-495-ZV-ZAA, ENV-2004-2834-MND

Thursday, May 17, 2007 - 10:45 a.m.

Marvin Braude Bldg, First Floor

6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys

RE: Union Rescue Mission proposed Hope Gardens Facility in Kagel Canyon

L.A. County Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing

Wednesday, May 23, 2007 – 9:00 a.m.

Hall of Records, Room 150

320 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles

BUS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE – contact 818-890-4590

RE: 8040 Foothill Blvd., Sunland - Home Depot's appeal from

the Zoning Administrator's decision of March 2007.

Case No. DIR-2006-9072-BSA-1A

Thursday, June 7, 2007 - 4:30 p.m.

Marvin Braude Center

6262 Van Nuys Blvd., 1st Floor - Van Nuys

BUS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE – Call 818-951-7411 to sign up