

Design Advisory Committee
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
January 8, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:21 p.m. with approximately 30 people in attendance (per sign-in sheets).

In attendance: DAC- Tomi Lynn Bowling, Recording Sec, Vic Aghakhanian, Penny Blackwell, Ed Rock, Cindy Cleghorn, Mark Siegel, Deborah Ray, Victor Castro. City Planning- Anita Cerna and CD2 – Dale Thrush-Planning Deputy for Wendy Greuel.

Introductions-DAC, City staff and audience

Update- Planning Anita Cerna- Dale Thrush
Home Depot- Wendy Greuel will attend Jan 19th hearing. Two motions by Wendy Greuel to be made at next council meeting (copies attached). Asked if penalties will be levied on developer for violation of Tree Ordinance answer to be sought in motion. DBS asked to deny additional permits to Robert Hall who is also violating State Contractors Licensing Law as he is not a licensed contractor and has built in excess of the allowable four homes for non licensed contractors. Asked if any thing can be done to penalize for those trees being removed prior to permit request. There are laws existing but difficult to enforce. How can community help to get these penalties and enforcements in place. Maybe a special meeting with DBS staff. Comment regarding preparation for motion in the direction of restructure of DBS.

Cindy said STNC office recieved photographs of the 10638 Commerce homes. Will be placed on file.

Asked about a moratorium on building for our area more specifically. City attorney says it cannot be done unless a public safety issue arises. Many people asked about the moratorium concept. Suggested City Attorney meeting w/ Wendy, Vic, Cindy to actually show the capacity has been reached. Not answered. Asked about sanctions to specific developers. Extension on FARICO is capable of being extended til September 2007.

Process Issue- Would like to have a discussion w/Ms. Cerna & Iris guiding us as to process.

Long Range Planning- Would like community to get out in front of proposed planning from Gail Goldberg before our Community Plan is up for revision. Suggest using a project as a learning tool. Our city/community plan is coming up for review w/ Gail Goldberg. Suggested 4th Monday of the month is best for longer meeting w/Dale.

Dale to look into VH Golf Course & traffic study on Tujung Canyon Blvd.

Popeyes- Seen work there

8040 Foothill-Update Mr. Barrett preps for hearing 19th of January 9:30 AM @ Marvin Braude Center. DBS appeal hearing to hear testimony regarding DBS error or abused discretion in issuing construction permits to convert K-mart to Home Depot corner of Sylvan & Van Nuys Blvd. 6262 Van Nuys Blvd Rm 351 Van Nuys. Write letters to Wendy, ZA and/or NO2HD campaign before the hearing.

Jan 16th 2:00 P.M.- Board of Public Works in City Hall- Hearing for appeal filed by COBRA for cell tower-51' height exception that was previously granted. Appeal filed and will be heard at PLUM and full City Council. Copy of hearing notice on file.

DAC asked to pay attention to passage of height exemptions or hardship exemptions for Condominiums. Moratoriums are supposed to kick in when rental vacancy drops below 5% we're currently at 2%.

Letter in support of Elaine's letter to be considered suggested by Victor Castro.

Received a letter of resignation from Mr. Hitt won't accept publicly asked to reconsider.

Presentations-

7101 Foothill Blvd- Mr. Cain speaks to if Pinewood & Foothill site applied for CUP for sale of wine & beer on site speaks in opposition.

Cindy seconded Deborah Ray Motion that the DAC not support the application for dispensing of beer & wine at this site in support of the neighbors. (wording to be clarified by Cindy) Cindy has recorded motion. Discussion on the motion.

Call the question-vote taken – unanimous-motion passed.

6561 Elmhurst- presentation requested for lot spilt Zone RE11-(11,000) this lot spilt moves one lot 21,000sf and one is 17,000 sq. ft. Previously attempted spilt of this lot was opposed by CD2. Its in the Scenic Corridor Specific Plan. Owner and neighbors spoke. No reason for DAC to change position previously taken which is to oppose any lot split at this site.

8556 Foothill Blvd- Add office space- extend repair shop close to pumps add take out & mini mart. Office space for business use.

Vic suggested District 1 & 4 reps outreach to the neighbors & applicant to comply w/xeriscape landscape requirement. Also asked to bring sample materials & colors. Tabled.

Minutes-Approved as written

Motion: Approve funds if necessary for STNC/DAC buses to hearing
Unanimous-Motion passed.

Motion: Approved community impact statement as written 2nd Deborah Ray – Unanimous motion passed

Announced: STNC Wed Jan 10th at Mt.Gleason

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Corresponding Secretary