

Design Advisory Committee
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
February 5, 2007 – 7 p.m.
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:51 p.m. with approximately 30 people in attendance (per sign-in sheets).

In attendance: DAC- Victor Castro, Chair, Tomi Lynn Bowling, Recording Sec, Lloyd Hitt, Mark Seigel, Cindy Cleghorn, Saro Minassian, Vic Aghakhanian, Penny Blackwell, Ed Rock, Debby Beck. City Planning- Anita Cerna and CD2 – Dale Thrush-Planning Deputy for Wendy Greuel. Also, Jackie Keene, Field Deputy, CD2.

Self introductions included: Abby Diamond and Joe Barrett from the No2Home Depot campaign, Nina Royal, North Valley Reporter, David DeMulle, The Foothills Paper, Allison Davis, John Laure, Ed Duke. Audience introductions.

Public Comments – one.

Anita Cerna gave updates regarding the Sunland-Tujunga ICO draft provided of her proposed clarification issue for Building and Safety staff. Looking for any corrections and additions by the DAC.

8737 Fenwick – Sterlings – applied for zone change currently neighborhood commercial. No traffic study required and requested change does conform with Community Plan. Durre Shasi is DOT staff that says no traffic study required. City Planning instructs DBS how to determine specs. Community says a physical count is needed. Dale commented that traffic studies taken 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. are DOT definitions.

Motion by Victor Castro re: Sterlings.

Elaine asked to include traffic count. Motion carried unanimous.

Questions and Answers to Anita regarding former Arigato's and the Hooka Lounge that opened. No info.

8040 Foothill – LAUSD requested extension of time to submit comments to Mr. Booher, Zoning officer

Dale Thrush updates:

Re: 8040 Foothill – Hearing recap. ZA comes back from vacation on 2/6/07. LAUSD was granted an extension til Wednesday to submit their own comments due to the proximity to Apperson Elementary. Expect some response from ZA as soon. Q&A on possible unpermitted actions being taken by HD routinely. NHDC campaign update by Joe Barrett. Demonstrations suspended pending outcome of appeal. Info on a letter from HD will be posted on N2HD web site.

Commerce Attic House and Tree issues – Oak tree cannot be saved per Robert Hall’s arborist and Dept. of Forestry tends to agree. Hearing with Public Works will be Feb. 21 at 9:30 a.m. City Hall, Room 350.

Discussion about Tree Ordinance.

8737 Fenwick – He will recommend Wendy do that this week.

Re: 7245 Foothill (Love Boutique) – has extensive files on this site. Use to be 1-800 Autopsy.

Re: Verdugo Hills Golf Course – no updates.

Re: Sunland-Tujunga Community Plan – dates for meeting suggested.

Re: 10637 Mt. Gleason – From low residential R1 to RD4. RD = multi-family zone but are detached condos. Will reconfigure design for access from Mt. Gleason. 6 units too many. Reduce to 5 lots and single story. Property owner is working with neighbors. Question: what precedence will that many units mean to the character of our existing community?

Citywide mansionization ordinance to be approved before S-T ordinance expires. Citywide is less restrictive. 2100 square foot house. Citywide counted differently. Public hearings will be taking place in near future.

Re: 6348 Foothill – PetSmart – Public hearing to be held on 2/23/07.

Re: Joy Fellowship Church – has a new consultant. No other updates.

Re: Tujunga Canyon Blvd. traffic study – Currently in Transportation Committee and under DOT review. This item will come back to that committee soon with report on cost of the study, source of funds and General Plan update.

Re: 10189-93 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. – Appeal regarding cell tower installation. Will be at PLUM on 2/13/07.

Re: Denivelle & Mt. Gleason – Going to court. Illegal use of land, illegal grading, open storage and trailer without permit. Z. Houdanian, developer.

Re: Banquet Hall proposal at Scoville & Foothill.

Dale recommends the STNC scan and send letters via e-mail.

Jackie Keene gave the following updates regarding sign violations on Foothill Blvd. after her recent field trip with DBS Sign inspector.

7485 Foothill – Sign removed over the weekend

7209 Foothill – Wag My Tail – Green boxes are exempt. Box inside is the violation.

6540 Foothill – Video Hut – only one sign allowed.

7045 Foothill – Pawn Shop – asked to provide evidence of approved use.

6545 Foothill – Goodwill – no good faith. Sign does not comply. Expect compliance 2/13.

On February 24, 2007, Wendy Greuel will dedicate 80 acres with a Hike to celebrate.

Motion re: 8040 Foothill Blvd. by Victor Castro Seconded by Tomi Lyn Bowling.

Motion passed unanimous.

Re: 9401 Foothill – Vic Castro reports permits pulled for restroom seem vague and in violation of their original agreements. Vic reads proposed letter.

Motion by Vic Castro, seconded by Tomi Lyn Bowling to send this letter with concerns. Motion passed: 7 in favor, 1-abstention.

Elaine Brown gave a COBRA meeting update. Commerce has volunteered to be the pilot street for preservation in the City. Main street program etc being attempted. They will be getting 17 old lights back.

Mark Seigel announced that anyone interested in running for office on the STNC board. Next candidate info session is Feb. 12.

RE: 7200 Foothill – Ford property updates given by Debby Beck. All permits pulled. Waiting for owner/developer to start schedule.

Foothill Bridge Retrofit – info only. Part of Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council. Third Thursday is next FTDNC meeting.

Next STNC meeting is Wednesday, for a Q&A with Wendy. Visit the new, improved STNC website.

19th is national holiday, suggest moving meeting to 2/12.

Minutes tabled to next meeting.

DAC may schedule meeting to discuss the big picture and procedure for 2/28.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Corresponding Secretary