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Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
February 26, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. with approximately 35 people in attendance (per sign-in sheets).

In attendance: Victor Castro, DAC Chair, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Rec. Sec., Lloyd Hitt, Penny Blackwell, Vic Aghakhanian, Cindy Cleghorn, Debby Beck, Saro Minassian, Mark Seigel arrived late (Boy Scouts). Also in attendance, Dale Thrush from CD2 arrived after meeting already in progress.

Introductions of audience and DAC.

Update: 10637 Mt. Gleason subdivision from neighbors – represents that neighbors are unhappy with proposed development and that owner intends to build units and sell them off – all contrary to what was represented to us in their presentation. Extensive comments from neighbors taken. Motion by Cindy Cleghorn, Seconded by Tomi Lyn Bowling.

Discussion on the motion. Much discussion from neighbors and DAC. Letter to be sent to CD2, other City offices.

Amendment to remove RD5 zone reference by Penny Blackwell, seconded by Vic Agakhanian. 1 in favor, 6 opposed – amendment fails.

Vote on original motion: 7 in favor, 1 opposed (Penny). Motion passes.

(due to urgent matter at work, Cindy Cleghorn excused herself from the meeting)

No Home Depot Update: Joe Barrett looking for an independent investigation as per Mr. Bookbinder's findings. Still waiting for Mr. Booher's decision. No2Home Depot web site will be down for two weeks.

Question from audience regarding the posting of a telephone number neighbors can call to report violations of developers on every development.

Dale says does not apply to Home Depot because of date of permit.

Joe – plans seen by planning were of a Monterey Park site, not the Sunland site which is an additional discrepancy being looked into. Letter from LAUSD to Mr. Booher is on the web site. Letter read by chair, Victor Castro.

(Cindy Cleghorn returned during vote on the following presentation and abstained from the vote since she did not hear the complete discussion)

RE: 10639 Wilsey Ave. – FAR/ICO hardship exemption of 94 square feet. 2nd floor is already there and all within the FAR/ICO except for 94 square feet. Chair recommends some neighbor feedback. Motion by Debby Beck, seconded by Lloyd Hitt that pending receipt of the neighbors' letters that the DAC support this hardship exemption. 7 in favor, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

RE: 7751 Beckett – FAR/ICO hardship exemption. Owner made a mistake and didn't know garage counts. Not selling his home. Has lived here for 30 + years. Motion by Tomi Lyn Bowling, seconded by Cindy Cleghorn that DAC support this hardship exemption pending receipt of neighbors' letters. Motion passed unanimous.

RE: 10024 Commerce – presentation by owner, Kris to get a beer and wine license. Presented letter from COBRA in support of it. Motion by Penny Blackwell, seconded by Lloyd Hitt that DAC supports Kris Khacatryan in his pursuit of an onsite beer and license for his restaurant, The Olde Towne Café at 10024 Commerce Avenue, Tujunga. This is an area our community is very interested in revitalizing. We are very pleased Mr. Khacatryan is interested in our community. 7 votes in favor, 1 recused (Cindy Cleghorn). Motion passes.

7070 St. Estaban – Discussion regarding hearing notice received from neighbors regarding grading of 1665 cubic yards of dirt and haul route. Hearing is Feb. 27 at 9:30 a.m. Room 900 at 201 N. Figueroa, Los Angeles. The hearing, per Dale Thrush, is to establish a haul route only. Points to address at the hearing are on Anders Troedsson's e-mail (copy on file). Victor Castro will attend and address these issues and the haul route issue including Tujunga Canyon Blvd, including adjacent Ford property which will soon begin to have traffic when their construction begins. Debby Beck noted that the Ford property had to post significant bonds regarding their haul route.

Updates from Cindy Cleghorn

RE: 6348 Foothill – Cindy attended public hearing and PetSmart to be approved for veterinary surgical procedures by Zoning. Once all clearances are complete, tenant improvements will be completed within 90 days.

RE: 10525 Las Lunitas – lot split disapproved by the parcel map hearing.

RE: Love Boutique – likely to cease per owner if approvals necessary.

Updates from Dale Thrush

RE: 10189-93 Commerce – wireless communication, cell tower. Developer agreed to a bell type of tower. PLUM to grant the appeal filed by COBRA, in part, pending developers new proposed bell type structure.

RE: Tujunga Canyon (Foothill to LaTuna to Sunland Blvd.) has been moved to March 28 Transportation Committee meeting instead of Feb. 28th. DOT General Manager, Gloria Jeff, is now interested in this project and wants to expand the discussion. She thinks just a study of Tujunga Canyon is too small. If traffic study is changed to include Foothill (a bigger project) it could then include some funding.

Stonehurst Park – briefly, not going to happen. They will not exercise eminent domain.

Asked City Planning to revise Slope Density Ordinance to clarify the definition.

RE: 10638 Commerce – Dale is attending the hearing and asking that they not permit the occupancy.

Announcements – DAC meeting will start next week, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. so DAC can handle left over business such as minutes and get any other updates.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary