

Design Advisory Committee
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
May 7, 2007 – 7:15 p.m.
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall

Present: Lloyd Hitt, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Victor Castro, Saro Minassian, Cindy Cleghorn, Vic Aghakhanian, Debby Beck, Ed Rock, Mark Seigel. Absent: Deborah Ray, Penny Blackwell. Also present: Dale Thrush, CD2 Planning Deputy and Anita Cerna, City Planning Dept. Approx. 40+ in the audience (see sign-in sheets).

Call to Order by DAC Vice Chair, Debby Beck at 7:20 pm. Vic Castro arrived after meeting in progress.

Introductions – audience and City officials & DAC.

Dale Thrush, CD2 updates:

6501 Foothill – power poles on sidewalk. Plan changed so poles did go onto sidewalk per DWP. Checking into it.

10637 Mt. Gleason – 7 units proposed, including existing home. No further updates.

Angeles National Golf Course – it is a project now and has an active file. It is on its way to City Council. Should result in 100-200 acres being dedicated to SMMC. It is a 7 step process for changing the boundary lines of streets. Re: trails – met with Dept. Rec & Parks & Engineering. There is now a process by which City Council must approve trails. There will be ample opportunity for public input.

8040 Foothill: Home Depot appeal hearing is June 7.

8737 Fenwick – lowered density on Oswego side, increased on park side. Two public hearings coming up:

6511 Foothill (Discount Tires) – Associate Zoning Admin Public Hearing is Monday, May 14 at 2:30 PM. Re: Building & Safety Appeal (Andre Parvenu) DIR2007-0851(BSA). To hear appeal of DBS decision by Discount Tires.

Community strongly supports the Dept. of Building & Safety's decision to revoke the Certificate of Occupancy due to the long period of interruption as a tire shop and requests a Conditional Use Permit application be required. Note: Discount Tires has been operating since Feb. 2006 without certificate of occupancy.

11130 Oro Vista – (aka 11130, 40, 60 Oro Vista) – Deputy Advisory Agency Public Hearing Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 10:45 a.m. – Tentative Tract No. 60461, APCNV 2004-2884-ZC, ZA2007-495-ZV-ZAA, ENV-2004-2834-MND - 20 lot single family subdivision. Also, zone change from RA-1 to R1-1. PPC with SG/VM Scenic Preservation Plan. (see notice). Request is for RS zone change (7,500 sq. ft. lots).

9749 N. Estaban Way (6 new SFR on 6 lots) – not likely under the new neighborhood character ordinance.

Comprehensive Traffic Study – CF06-2413 – no new updates. Neighbor concerned with ongoing traffic congestion.

Q&A:

Neighbor concern re: Public Notice for Grading Haul Route. Will bring in 2,200 tons fill dirt in the Hillhaven & Tranquil area. Specifically: 7229-7245 Tranquil – DBS hearing notice for grading for 6 lots. Dale unaware and will check.

Note received from Anita Cerna on 5/8/07 as follows: On 4/18/06 I signed off on both the SG/Verdugo SP and the Sunland ICO requirements. These lots do not fall within the 500' radius of a scenic corridor nor ridge line and is zoned RE11, so it was a signed-off over the counter. Site prep requirement has not been signed-off. The new planner for this area is Claudia Rodriguez and she has not received any grading plans for these sites. New procedure for SG/Verdugo would most likely require grading permits to go through a project permit compliance review prior to any building permit clearances. One clarification, the clearances signed-off were for the construction of SFD with attached garage for each lot.

Debby Beck reported on 7200 Foothill – update still the same as last meeting, no changes.

Anita Cerna updates –

7026 Foothill – change of use from motor cycle repair shop to Café/Hookah Bar. Citywide Neighborhood Character hearing and copy of staff report distributed. Hearing is May 14.

Q&A re: SB1818, no updates.

Presentations – two on the agenda did not show.

RE: 8040 Foothill - Public Hearing at North Valley Area Planning Commission on June 7 at 4:30 p.m., Van Nuys Marvin Braude Ctr, 1st Floor. 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. Abby Diamond reported that the landscape is not being maintained and is direct violation of FBCSP.

Public Comments:

Michelle Sahfran presented draft letter regarding request to DWP. Has neighbor support. Will place on 5/21 agenda.

Kagel Cyn – need support at L.A. County public hearing regarding the Union Rescue Mission on May 23 in Downtown L.A.

Mission Hills - Lee Bauer Land Use Chair from Mission Hills NC presented comments regarding Holy Cross Hospital expansion and the process they have been through with that project. They request we reconsider previous position. Will place on 5/21 or 6/4 agenda. Project status is that the traffic concerns are being reviewed. Note: several members of Mission Hills NC land use committee were present at our meeting and stayed late.

RE: 6511 Foothill Blvd - Motion: That Cindy Cleghorn to present at public hearing.
Motion passed unanimous.

RE: 11130 Oro Vista – Vic Castro will attend public hearing and speak to the STNC’s previous position and history and current concerns with the developer’s request.

Motion to form the DAC Transportation sub-committee with Bill Manning as chair (per attached draft). Motion passed as amended that Bill Manning will chair the Transportation Team.

Clarification regarding removal of DAC members.
Minutes postponed for approval til 5/21 DAC meeting.

Adjourn: 10:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Corresponding Secretary