

Minutes of the
Design Advisory Committee
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
July 23, 2007

6:30 p.m. **Field Trip** to Oro Vista & Big Tujunga Cyn, site of 4-3/4 acres at 11130-60 Oro Vista: Victor Castro; Debby Beck; Deborah Ray; Tomi Lyn Bowling; Cindy Cleghorn; Anita Cerna from Planning. Several community members: Elaine Brown, Pat Kramer, Sherry Smith, Electra Kruger.

8:10 p.m. - Call to order (still awaiting quorum) - Formal meeting at Municipal Building Above DAC members and Vic Agakhanian. Refreshments at this meeting.

Introductions: Victor introduced DAC, Anita Cerna from City Planning and Jim Dantona from CD2. Audience introduced themselves.

Public Comment:

Chris and Laurie Baer – New owners of building at Foothill and Plainview and wants to work with City to beautify the corner at Foothill. City would not issue permits. On Agenda for August 6th to take action based on follow up report from Mr. Dantona. They do not need funds; they, ll pay for it themselves.

Kjell Roger Soderlund - Tujunga resident 6647 Elmhurst Drive for over 25 years. Attended Home Depot hearing commented that John Lett, NVAPC Commissioner doesn't have priorities right. Also asked about traffic study for Tujunga Canyon Blvd. Told that it is now a full study of entire area. Then heard about additional construction of Verdugo Hills Golf Course and Oak View convalescent home.

8040 Foothill - Jim Dantona gave brief comments on Wendy's Charter Section 245 motion with full explanation of how the 245 motion works. Much discussion about 245.

Deborah Ray – commented on speaking in public hearings.

Cindy commented on the designation of this space (Kmart space) as “community center” in our Community Plan. Announced upcoming meetings August 6th, 20th at 7:00 p.m. at NVCH. STNC meeting is August 8th at Mt. Gleason. Outreach event planned will be pancake breakfast in September.

Commerce/Foothill Town Center - Debby Beck - excavating and grading to start. Timeline 16-18 months from now. Building next to Burger King in Sunland should be finished in approximately three (3) months.

Vic Agakhanian talked about Robert Hall construction issues at 8747 Apperson address including Oak trees house has been demolished already. Robert Hall says he is going to remove the oak tree. Anita Cerna recommends reporting to Urban Forestry.

Victor asked about forming a committee to investigate and indentify substandard lots i.e., Robert Hall homes or such construction like that.

Anita Cerna notifies DAC and audience that there will no longer be a staff here at these meetings. Her last meeting will be next meeting.

Public Hearing announcements:

August 2 - 10441 McVine tentative tract map hearing.; 7101 Foothill Blvd. beer and wine license: 6511 Foothill Blvd.-appeal from Discount Tires; 10206 Samoa-subdivision hearing; tomorrow Baseline Mansionization ordinance goes to PLUM; Thursday new ICO proposal six (6) months with six (6) month extension or until Community Plan or Citywide gets adopted. Is at City Planning Commission on Thursday VN City Hall- last item on agenda; afternoon possible; time uncertain. It starts at 8:30 a.m. Bring lunch.

Dale Thrush arrived for DAC meeting.

Debby Beck - Briefing on Baseline Mansionization being completely useless as it allows houses up to 3,000 sq. ft. plus bonus 600, plus garage 400=4,000 on 6,000 sq ft. lot. Dale Thrush explains the generic nature and need due to city wide. The idea is to use local ordinances for each area.

We have a quorum now with Ed Rock.

10:12 p.m. – Presentation - Design Architects presenting 10041-45 Samoa; 7650 Day Street-R3 Zone-subterranean garage and three-story building on top; two (2) spaces per unit, three (3) unit first floor, four (4) second and four (4) third floor=11 units total. Wooden balconies. Swatches and material provided. All “by right” courtesy visit-not seeking any approvals, as is in compliance and not needing project permits compliance. 7-2 bedrooms; four one (1) bedrooms; street is 40 ft. wide. Motion made by Debby Beck: Approve it pending a deeper cream color on the stucco. Seconded by Cindy. Vote: two abstain; six in favor. Motion passes.

10041-45 Samoa Avenue - Discussion: Deborah Ray asked about Riverrock-changes architecture-proposed amendment subject to Debby Beck’s approval. Thank you by both Cindy and Deborah Ray. Call the question.

Cindy points out all of the projects that have been submitted recently on Samoa; 10026 was recently here; a condo conversion 10056 and others 10040. Recommends no decision till all have been cumulatively reviewed. Deborah Ray agrees with Cindy, most condensed area in Sunland Tujunga, etc. Motion made by Tomi that: DAC recommend to STNC that a letter be submitted to the Planning Department, Wendy Greuel and DOT, pointing out the number of projects on this street and ask for some kind of review process for the cumulative impact in this and other areas. Seconded by Ms. Ray. Vote: unanimous, motion passes.

Reminder from Anita Cerna that her position here at DAC meetings will change after next meeting. Katie Peterson will take over Community Plan and no rep will be at DAC meetings after next meeting.

Adjourned 11:28 p.m.