

Minutes of the  
Design Advisory Committee  
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council  
Held at North Valley City Hall, Tujunga  
January 21, 2008

DAC members present: Lloyd Hitt; Tomi Lyn Bowling; Vic Aghakhanian; Deborah Ray; Mark Seigel; Cindy Cleghorn; Victor Castro, IV; Debby Beck, Ed Rock. Absent: Saro Minassian (work); Bill Manning (other meeting). No City staff due to Martin Luther King Holiday this date.

Introductions audience and DAC. Approximately 25 in the audience plus committee.

Public Comments: Sunland-Tujunga Alliance will hold a fundraiser on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> – Yard and Bake Sale. Elaine Brown (COBRA's acting president) reported that the Historic Street Lights for Commerce are not on schedule due to problem with the contractor's order for the lights; there is a commitment to fully repave street and sidewalks of Commerce Avenue. Elaine also spoke about the 11130-60 Oro Vista appeal response. Deborah Ray objects to meeting today. Cindy Cleghorn announced Redmont Pump Station proposal by the DWP comment period to MND ends Feb. 13.

Presentations:

10013 Commerce – reschedule for 2/4/08

10337 Commerce – Small Lot subdivision – asked to bring his tentative design at previous meeting so this was passed out with color samples. Determined to be in the FBCSP area (not major activity area). Asked to return to City to review entire project for compliance to FBCSP including required colors. Each unit being different color goes along way to take detail and personality.

10231 Sherman Grove – Robert Lamishaw present for the owner. Request to subdivide 13,007 sq. ft. lot into two lots at 6,500 sq. ft. each. One house exists on the property which will remain. The request is consistent with other lots in the neighborhood, no variance or anything special being requested. Audience comments: neighbor directly next door spoke in opposition to the huge house there now. Says it is 4 feet from her property line and had to be reset to 6 feet from her property line. She is very upset regarding this property. Originally 13,000 sq. ft. and a 2,800 sf 2-story house built. If it is subdivided into two lots it will create a 6,500 sf lot that has a 2,800 sf house which is outside the FAR/ICO ratio. Recommended Mr. Lamishaw return when Dale Thrush is here to advise on legality of doing this in view of the existing home of 2,800 sf. One other neighbor from across the street voiced his approval and thinks the house they built is gorgeous. He and his wife both like it. There is also a fence issue with the existing lot and house being on the neighbors' lot. Asked to resolve the fence issue somehow before bring items back to the DAC.

8737 Fenwick - This is site of Mario's Sterling restaurant/banquet site. Robert Lamishaw present for the owner. Proposal is to build 49 condominiums. Requesting zone change to RAS3 and change to condos, townhouse style (2-story) on top of semi subterranean parking (1/2 above ground). Height to be 41-42'. Providing above code requirements, over 2-1/2 parking spaces per unit; open space exceeds minimum code. Much discussion. Mr. Lamishaw asked to do a presentation at the STNC meeting so all in the community can have input on the proposal. He agreed to schedule with Cindy for a future STNC meeting. Mr. Lamishaw expressed interest to work with DAC regarding architectural design and color, etc.

Early notifications announced including 7018 Greeley, 6 units.

Verdugo Hills Golf Course update on Scoping Meeting held. Discussion about cumulative traffic study on Tujunga Canyon and all main arteries in Sunland Tujunga.

Motion: Write letter to David Somers re: NOP/EIR for VHGC and include the Motion to City Council by Wendy Greuel and subsequent reports of the Department of Transportation (ref: CF 06-2413) be reviewed as part of the DEIR emphasizing that the traffic study be all inclusive of all arteries in Sunland-Tujunga and is cumulative of all proposed projects. Vote taken: Unanimous

Reports: Turtle Bay Café still open. Is in default with the property manager and their lease. Problems have been affecting other tenants.

Angeles National Golf Course – Update re: the South Side Trail. City Planning requires a new application be filed. Email from Dwight Steinert to be resent to all on the DAC.

Victor Castro asked for update on City interpretation of the answer of which is senior when a land use (szoning) question arises – i.e., general plan should be guiding factor.

10247049 Hillhaven – Complaints from neighbors regarding construction issues.

Baseline Mansionization ordinance did not get votes so it now goes to full City Council.

STNC Elections – Run for a position on the STNC Board. Candidate info on STNC web site. Attendance at at least one candidate information session required. Next one is Feb. 13, 2008.

Next STNC meeting is 2/13/08.

DAC Meeting schedule: Feb. 4, Feb. 25, March 10 and March 24. Resume first and third Mondays in April. March 24 will also be a forum for candidates so DAC meeting will have a limited agenda.

Minutes are available – not approved yet.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

*Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary*