

Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 1, 2010
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga

7:00 PM - Call to order - Tomi Lyn Bowling, LUC Chairwoman. Committee Members present: Debby Beck, Cindy Cleghorn, Mark Seigel, Elaine Brown, Lloyd Hitt, Dean Sherer, Karen Zimmerman, Olina Lowe, Chaz. van Aalst, Nina Royal. Alternates: David Long, William Malouf (absent), Bill Skiles, Bob Douglas (absent).

1. Introductions of the STNC Land Use Committee members and alternates, neighbors & guests. No CD2 staff present.
2. LUC Chair comments - Tomi Lyn Bowling
 - 2010 Best of Business Awards - 2010 has begun. Please participate by distributing copies of the surveys to local businesses.
 - STNC Candidates for the 2010 STNC Elections were acknowledged and that the write-in deadline is Feb. 25.
3. Discussion: Los Angeles City Budget

4. Public Comments - non agenda items and community announcements: Representatives from Tees on the Green at Verdugo Hills Golf Course came to the LUC for assistance with their expired CUP for beer and wine. The license expired and no one noticed. The LUC will seek assistance from CD2. Neighbors and committee present were supportive of their request.

A new 99 cent store is opening on Foothill next to the Adult Friendly Day Care Center. They have been making many improvements and a new huge sign was recently installed. No change of use has been applied for. Site sits within Target Area 3/Major Activity Area 3 of the FBCSP.

Athens Services EIR has been certified. Permitting will be through the LEA (Local Enforcement Agency). This site was for construction waste but will now be used for all municipal waste which is within 900 feet of a residence.

Comments regarding mobile food trucks now operating selling food at night in Sunland. Also 18-wheel semi trucks.

10031 Commerce has opened a smoke shop and paraphernalia business. No change of use has been applied for. Site sits within Target Area 3/Major Activity Area 3 of the FBCSP.

7505 Foothill has graffiti on the roof. Suggested they report to LAPD Sr. Lead on 3rd Tuesday.

Lopez Canyon Truck Driving School - Appeal filed today.

8330 McGroarty, Sunland has one more hearing. Owner has no plans for lot division. Will stay as is, one lot, 42 acres. Debby Beck would like to add to the next agenda that we support Mrs. Sandra Poppink's letter.

5. Discussion/Recommendation: Presentation of Cell Tower Proliferation/Regulation by Barbara Kohn, President and Chris Spitz of the Pacific Palisades Residents Assn. an all volunteer organization concerned with issues of environmental protection and community preservation. They showed photos of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities on telephone poles in the public right of way and talked about how little to no community notice takes place. See attached information provided by the presenters. Motion/LUC recommendation (Cleghorn/Zimmerman): The Board of Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that:

a. With the City attorney's guidance and consistent with his recommendations, the City enact a comprehensive new ordinance with clear and consistent standards and procedures regulating all wireless telecommunications facilities in the City, authorizing regulation of aesthetics and providing protection to communities and residential neighborhoods to the full extent of the law.

b. The City immediately impose a moratorium on all wireless telecommunications facility installations in the public right of way in the City and/or applications for approval of such installations in the City until such time that effective regulation of aesthetics and provisions protecting residential neighborhoods.

6. Discussion/Possible Action re: Presentation of AT&T Co-Location at 10189 Tujunga Cyn. (Community Christian Church) cell tower on private property by Margaret Chang representing AT&T (Noah McCoy, Dept. City Planning invited but was not present. It was noted that Noah said AT&T must tie in to T-Mobile's existing application or wait until the current application is finished.). NOTE: The LUC recommended approval for the T-Mobile redesign of the existing Verizon tower with increased height on 10/5/09. Addition of AT&T changes the overall design. Representatives Tiffany Casper and Ryan Shields from T-Mobile were present and participated in the discussion.

Ms. Chang presented proposed plans for a co-location of AT&T equipment on T-Mobile's new design for the site. T-Mobile has not yet submitted their application to the city. Verizon reps were not present. The sequence of the site will be T-Mobile at the top, Verizon and then AT&T should all parties agree and the design is compatible with the community. Several questions regarding the design changes and ground equipment location were discussed. Overall, the committee and neighbors present did not like the design of AT&T's addition and recommended all return at a later date with a better design. One tree will need to be removed to accommodate AT&T. Copies of AT&T's proposal on file. Ms. Chang will contact us when they are ready to return to the LUC with the design and landscaping.

7. Early Notification Announcements, Public Hearings for Sunland-Tujunga. The following early notification packets have been received:

a. 6433 La Tuna Cyn (Verdugo Hills Golf Course) - early notice for VTT 69976. LUC has requested a digital copy of the maps included with this application.

b. 10051 Pinewood - Clearwire rooftop WTF on existing apartment building.

c. 11370 N. Alethea Dr., Sunland - Clearwire request for 80 ft. hillside WTF where 45 ft. allowed.

8. Status updates on:

a. Angeles National Golf Club - Status on conditions. Next PLUM hearing will be 3/23/10.

c. Valley Village SB1818 at City Council was defeated. See attached update from the Valley Village community.

d. ADU Ordinance draft - Nothing new.

e. Community Care Facilities ordinance - Nothing new.

f. Medical Marijuana Ordinance - Awaiting city enforcement of the ordinance.

9. Discussion: Future LUC agenda items/presentations: Dean Sherer auto use / CUP presentation will be 2/22/10.

10. Committee member reports, updates and comments.

11. Announcements:

b. Education committee meeting on 2-8-10

c. Next STNC Board meeting is Wednesday, February 10, 2010 starting at 7:00 p.m. at North Valley Neighborhood City Hall.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Minutes taken by Cindy Cleghorn, Committee Member