

**Design Advisory Committee  
Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
July 1, 2004  
McGroarty Arts Center, 7:30 pm**

In attendance DAC members: John LaRocca, Debby Beck, Lloyd Hitt, Cindy Cleghorn, Tomi Lynn Bowling, Penny Blackwell, Roberta Actor-Thomas and Mark Seigel, Ed Rock, Lloyd Hitt. Others in attendance: Robin Meares, Barbara Higgins, Julianne Maurseth, Ken McAlpine, Tom Rath, Dale Thrush, Wendy Greuel. There were approximately 50 people, in total, in attendance (see sign-in sheet).

Meeting came to order at 7:30 pm and was chaired by John LaRocca and then turned over to Wendy Greuel who gave several comments: Our meeting tonight came about out of the result of STNC's Strategic Planning. Moving forward using the City's resources is important to help achieve what the community wants. Success on Hillhaven - City denied application for 5 homes. Introduced new staff member: Kristin Asadourian. Currently working on the Interim Control ordinance to be put in place. Acknowledged the DAC & RLUC accomplishments. We have 79,000 residents in Sunland Tujunga. Asked attendees "where do you see, what do you want to see?" John points out the group that worked with the survey from the Community and we will be hearing about what the recommendations are shortly.

Public Comments: Elaine Brown - Parking is majorly important. Craig Higgins - Overhead billboards are too many. Wendy commented that some are legal and some are being reviewed. Wendy would like to relaunch the city enforcement of sign regulations. Marie Kennedy - would like to see the small business given incentives to improve the looks of their buildings.

KMart - Discussion regarding the rumors that KMart may be selling to Home Depot. Confirmed information not yet available. Discussed possibly improving the site with similar general merchandise store, movie theaters, drive-in.

Julianne Maurseth explained what has been established by the Urban Design Consultants that STNC has hired to help form the plan. Gave a brief summary and introduced MDA Johnson Favaro. MDA then gave an extensive power point presentation outlining what they are doing and encouraged all to attend the July 14 community-wide meeting to hear more. There will be a steering committee consisting of 10-12 members for them to meet with occasionally as the over sight committee. Discussion on who is to be on this committee is yet to be determined. Encouraged Commerce Ave. owners. Julianne confirmed that while there will be a core group of 10-12, there will also be a larger advisory group of 20.

Reminder to attend Monday, July 12 DAC meeting and also Wednesday, July 14 STNC meeting. Also, ST SERVS meeting is Tuesday, July 6.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary