

**Design Advisory Committee
Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Minutes
January 12, 2004
Municipal Building, 7 PM**

In Attendance DAC Members: John LaRocca, Roberta Actor-Thomas, Debby Beck, Penny Blackwell, Lloyd Hitt, Ken McAlpine, Elaine Robinson, Tomi Lyn Bowling.. Others present: Cindy Cleghorn, Shelly Albert, Gina Tanner (all STNC Board Members), Charlotte Leu, Ed Rock, Chris Miles and Dale Thrush, Planning Deputy from Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office, Shannon Morelli from AT&T.

Meeting came to order at 7:15 PM and was chaired by John LaRocca.

Minutes approved as corrected.

Announcements:

Re: 7200 Foothill - Ford Property. Dale Thrush reports that the property is in escrow and is contingent upon approvals. Proposing 40,000 sq. ft mall shops arranged in a C with 2-level parking. Parking entrance mid-way between Commerce and Hillhaven. Actual 1-1/2 layers of parking. Enter lower on Hillhaven. Built in space will be big enough for a Trader Joe's. Prefer the Hillhaven entry. This is the most important property in Sunland-Tujunga. It will set the tone for the future and make a huge difference to the community. They need a Specific Plan exception for height, liquor license, etc. They are developers not a Realty Bank Corp who is sophisticated. Note: Merchant's Assn. has over 4,000 signatures for a Trader Joe's.

Presentation

AT&T Cell Phone Tower at Public Storage, Inc., 6400 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga

Shannon Morelli returned with more details regarding the move of a cell tower to this site and provided handouts. Discussed surveys with neighbors. Plan is to float the balloon Feb. 11 and present at STNC meeting on Feb. 11. DAC polled and unanimous OK for flagpole design. Shannon will proceed with application.

Dale Thrush offered to talk with Verizon and Albertson's regarding the Verizon cell sites as their lease is up within 3 months.

Open Discussion

Ken McAlpine: Elections for STNC board are complete. It is time to form the DAC Committee which the bylaws state shall have 11 members plus 4 alternates. Preference to existing DAC members. Ask for sign ups at January meeting. Make calls from the interest forms available from the past surveys taken. Provide recommendation list at February STNC meeting. Suggest DAC working group for more volunteers.

Ask Wendy to encourage Tom Rath to attend our meetings. Tom would like to be involved.

Discussion regarding Foothill Corridor Specific Plan type businesses. Suggest a mailing to all property owners.

Question regarding the new owners at the Jim Williamson Music store location on Commerce. John LaRocca offered to speak with the new owners and report back at a future meeting.

Discussion regarding Median Beautification (Adopt a Median Program). Roberta presented a vegetation palette. If we do a median type of work suggest: Get a City Grant, Use Native Plants. With minimal water Roberta presented some plants that are very nice. Placed in project file.

Discussion regarding Palette Project. Ask John Van Vliet to return to the DAC.

Cindy Cleghorn would like to step back as Secretary.

Future: DAC Policy, Design Palette for Commerce & Foothill, Logo for DAC, Projects (example bus benches, incentives for business to improve their frontages).

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Next meeting, February 9, 2003, 7 PM to be held at the Municipal Building.

Minutes Taken by:
Cindy Cleghorn