

**Design Advisory Committee
Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Minutes of September 6, 2005
North Valley City Hall - 6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM by Debby Beck, Acting DAC Chairman.

DAC Committee Members Present: Debby Beck, Acting Chair; Tomi Lyn Bowling, Recording Secretary; Lloyd Hitt; Don Breeding; Deborah Ray; Cindy Cleghorn (quorum); Mark Seigel; Penny Blackwell; Roberta Actor-Thomas; and Julianne Maurseth. Also present: Shelly Albert, Nina Royal; Peter Babaian.

Minutes were reviewed and approved as follows: Motion by Cindy Cleghorn to approve minutes of August 8, 2005 - seconded, vote taken. 1 abstention, 8 in favor.

Motion by Cindy Cleghorn to approve the August 22, 2005 Minutes. Vote taken - unanimous.

CD2 - Dale Thrush could not make it to the meeting.

Announcement: Wendy's meeting Monday, September 12th at 6:30 PM.

Public Comments:

Cindy Cleghorn - Kiwanis Duck Splash is Sept. 10, 2005 - adopt a duck, win \$1,000,000 or a Ford truck. \$5.00 starting rate per duck.

Lloyd Hitt – Hearing will be on 9/21 for Weatherwolde Castle. They have arranged for a bus to take all to the hearing. See Lloyd to sign up.

Steve Crouch reminded all that the Canyon Hills/Whitebird PLUM hearing is next Tuesday, 9/13 at 1:00 PM. Steve asked about RLUC report being presented at the hearing. Recommends that this report needs to be presented to the City again and entered and recorded with the City Clerk. Four copies will be required. These reports already approved by STNC per Cindy Cleghorn. Louise Stone asked where reports should be sent. Steve's reply: One to City Clerk, one to each PLUM member. Louise can have them messengered to City Hall for \$10.00. Cindy will get the binders to Louise who will distribute. Steve also commented that each issue must be brought up new or no lawsuit can ever be filed. Therefore, all issues that we poured over in our meetings must be brought up again. He also gave a brief history on why a PLUM hearing came about. Julianne Maurseth confirmed how important it is to reintroduce all issues again. All letters from public should be written again. Louise said another way to bring it in and get on record is make reference to the page and paragraph of the report while speaking to PLUM and it draws interest to the report on file.

Mark Seigel – Announced ham radio classes being held weekly and that ham radios are playing a key role in the recovery efforts in the New Orleans' disaster.

Louise Stone commented that neighborhood councils have collected \$20,000 toward New Orleans disaster.

Roberta Actor-Thomas asked Steve Crouch about a CD he had with him. The CD illustrates problems with emergency exit related to Canyon Hills/Whitebird at Inspiration Way exit.

Comment: Regarding disaster planning: Plan on having 5 days of food and water in case of disaster.

End public comments at 7:25 PM.

Agenda item: Possible Speaker. Debby explained that her idea for a speaker did not come together so she was going to attempt to speak on it.

Frequently asked questions taken over by developers?

Vision 2020? vs. 2020 Vision - not the same.

Strategic Plan?

Debby wants to clarify these points. Proactive clarified. At this time, Cindy Cleghorn commented that she did not want this discussion to occur on DAC time and says it is not on the agenda. Cindy requested to “move the agenda” and proceed with the items on the agenda, seconded by Debbie Ray.

Robert Actor-Thomas - wants Debby to finish and is offended by personal attack on Debby. Julianne agrees with Roberta. Ask audience - Steve says to keep to the point.

Penny Blackwell - procedural correction. Vote taken to move the agenda - 4 for, 4 against, 1 abstention. Chair can break the tie.

Debby Beck continued with her presentation and defines Strategic Plan. There is a committee for working out the Strategic Plan. She presented samples of other projects called “Vision 2020”. Lists other places where projects are called V2020. Our V2020 has nothing to do with any other V2020 anywhere else. Concepts have been introduced that are wrong regarding V2020. Asking questions can get the information corrected.

Point of order - Debbie Ray - off agenda - responded to by Debby Beck - manners covered in meetings. Debbie Ray reiterates disagreement with what Debby is saying as facts - of who said what, when and where has not been given. Debby Beck covers more, a bit. One more definition. Penny Blackwell asks if this is directed at anyone here. Inspired by questions asked to her - just giving definitions to answer these frequently asked questions. Last definition - constructive criticism process of offering . . . definition read. Presenters have complained about this point because sometimes seems more insulting. Nina suggests Art of Communication class that was offered by Rosalind Stewart. Penny Blackwell suggests prior meetings with teams to be told what to bring. Roberta - cannot have private meetings. Lloyd always sees the site beforehand. Mark - training session on Specific Plan. Roberta read the plan, then read it again. Have meeting to do this.

ICO needs to have s/g in place at end of one year.

Dick Platkin recommended we work on the building envelope - diagram a sample of "building envelope". Motion by Tomi Bowling. Roberta to head up a team to liaise with Dick Platkin to come up with a long term solution that picks up where the ICO ends. Seconded by Mark Seigel (Mark offers to be on that team). Mark thinks more people should be involved. Elaine commented that we should look at Chevy Chase moratorium in Glendale. Roberta, Debby and Mark re lot splits, cutting down to 4K lots. Not allowed any longer. Debbie Ray - call the question. Unanimous passed.

Density - been a real problem. City said we can make a moratorium on building multi family units on streets that are too narrow - faster solution - second option is to downzone which takes longer. Moratorium can take up to one year. Roberta - need for someone who does not work during the day to survey road sizes. Lloyd will do it. Needs a couple of people to help. Thinks moratorium will take less time as Health & Safety is at stake. Nina - do both - moratorium and downzone.

Motion - Nina to be (already is) IRP team leader.

Motion - Elaine to be in charge of further - she doesn't want to do it. No second.

Roberta - Tree ordinance has been dead for 2 ½ years in some offshoot of PLUM. Can we get a volunteer to unearth this ordinance?

Julianne - parks view trees as a liability. Person needs to address that.

Lloyd asks about condos on Hillhaven. DAC did not approve - what happens next. Per Debby they have not gone back.

Agenda Item #2 & #3. DAC leadership and vacancies. Debby Beck talks of her qualifications and desires, architecture, design and color for the community. Speaks to nomination, does not want to chair the DAC and is over committed. We need more help. Asks Roberta to withdraw motion. New motion recommending Richard Pozzo to be Chair. Debby Beck - stick to agenda. Vacancy of alternates. There was a misunderstanding about the appointments. Cannot be more than 5 STNC board members on the DAC. There are already 5. Vacancy of one alternate and Chair. Motion #5 wording for DAC to recommend to STNC. Richard Pozzo is willing. Speaks to his qualifications, engineer, military background, goals for the group. Cindy has copy of his resume - call question. Vote taken - unanimous.

Penny suggests we look at the qualifications. Nina points out board (STNC) will change soon and may make someone eligible.

Mark - regarding vacancies of alternates. Designed to always have eleven people - knowledgeable about DAC business. Nina suggested seating up front. Don - more education of alternate's roles. Cindy commented on the qualifications for stakeholder status in STNC. Live, work or own property within S-T.

Motion: That DAC recommends STNC send a letter in opposition to the subdivision request at 10053 Samoa in Tujunga. Lloyd Hitt seconded. Cindy spoke to the motion making the following points: there is not enough parking, too much congestion. Lloyd Hitt commented that street is estimated at only 23' wide. Cindy proposed a sample letter for STNC to send that includes the following:

September 7, 2005

Emily Gabel-Luddy
Deputy Advisory Agency
City of Los Angeles
Department of City Planning
Subdivision Unit, 7th Floor (Main City Hall)
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: 10053-55 N. Samoa Avenue
Tentative Tract Map No. 62095
ENV-2005-0926-CE

Dear Ms. Luddy:

At the September 14, 2005 meeting of the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council the board voted to oppose the applicant's request for subdivision for an 11-unit residential condominium conversion for the following reasons:

1. The density in this area exceeds the capacity at the present time.
2. Parking is insufficient at the present time.
3. The narrowness of the existing public street is only 23' which is not in agreement with the application.
4. Existing building is not to condominium standards.
5. The proximity of this site to Commerce Avenue's retail area will exacerbate an already dense area.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely,

cc:
Dale Thrush, Planning Deputy, Councilmember Wendy Greuel

Since the hearing is next day after the 9/14 STNC meeting it will need to be sent right away on 9/15. **Vote taken - unanimous.**

Team Leader Updates:

Home Depot - Don Breeding. Target is very interested but HD hasn't changed their mind and would not discuss lease of the property to them. Home Depot strategy team meets with Wendy September 14th for one hour before the STNC meeting. A No2HD protest is planned for Sept. 7, all day.

Golf Course – Dale Thrush called Debby Beck to arrange meeting with Golf Course people. Ideas need to be given to Dale. Debbie Ray has surveys to tabulate, which is supposed to show ideas of what they do want. Results to be brought to the next meeting (9-19).

Jerry Poppink comments: There can be a perception that community organizations can't get it together.

Residential Land Development - update (Tomi). 9401 Tujunga Valley St. Tim - Bonner Rentals has for sale again - promotes church/retreat and development. Will talk to Dale.

Ford Property – Plans for a haul route for dirt excavation held up with the City but will move forward as “dirt brokers” have been found.

8330 McGroarty - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) posted to web site and trying to nail down hearing date. Possibly in October. Sandra - comments due by September 14th. Discussion about no notice to send in comments. Anita Cerna thinks the hearing is in March. Dale says it is in October. Sandra to keep monitoring this development. Fire Department difficulties discussed.

Should be put on the agenda for next meeting, September 19th.

Signage sweep is occurring but no official report.

Auto Parts is now a tile place (8350 Foothill Blvd.)

Cindy asked about two other properties and if anyone knows any development plans for them: old Bonners location on Foothill and the gas station across the street, next to the Mekhitarist School.

Closing Comments:

Public comments regarding the McGroarty property: Would like to know about the meetings. Julianne suggests a letter writing campaign and get neighbors involved to require (Wendy's office) to force an EIR. Requested to send out e-mail to community for September 14th deadline. Cindy Cleghorn recommends a community-wide e-mail regarding the 8330 McGroarty property letting the public know the MND is available on the STNC web site and to submit comments to Wendy Greuel. Vote taken - unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary