

Design Advisory Committee
Minutes of January 24, 2005 - 7 PM
S-T Municipal Bldg.

Meeting called to order by Chairman John LaRocca at 7:33 PM. DAC members in attendance: John La Rocca (chairman), Richard Pozzo (Vice Chair), Tomi Lyn Bowling, Recording Secty, Cindy Cleghorn, Debby Beck, Lloyd Hitt, Penny Blackwell. Alternate DAC Members present Shelly Albert. Self-introductions of approximately 20 in the audience. Committee members absent: Mark Seigel, Ed Rock, Roberta Actor-Thomas, Robin Meares, Jerry Hovsepian and alternate Julianne Maurseth. Also in attendance: Vicki Kirakosian (presenter), Don Breeding, Ed Duke, Peter Babaian (STNC District 3 rep), Deborah Ray (STNC District 3 rep).

Purpose of this meeting was to discuss administrative functions of the Design Advisory Committee. However, one presentation was requested.

Project Presentation

10160 Fernglen, Tujunga. - Vicki Kirakosian for Ken Khoudikian presented a 7-unit apartment building. Plans and color swatches presented, basics of each unit of the project. There will be 14 parking spaces for the 7 units with 2 spaces plus three guest spaces. There will be a gym and storage. John LaRocca explained that there must be a gym or there is a parks and recreation fee. Ms. Kirakosian said the developer will pay the fee. Landscaping will be within 25' set back in front plus some in the back and potted plants in the middle. More open space than required. Landscaping proposes new trees. John LaRocca explained that 3 unit apartments often are rented by multiple families in one unit and that this is a common problem here. Would they possibly consider doing condos instead of apartments? Ms. Kirakosian will take the idea back to the developer.

Status: Plans have been submitted to building and safety and they have plan checker approval. Need only to do clearances and pay fees to start construction. We are too late receiving this presentation to change anything on the plans. These plans have been on the lines for one year and have only 6 months left of the 18 months to use these permits.

DAC Comments: Design is a mess. Box look to the max! Motion by Richard Pozzo and seconded that DAC to send a letter of disapproval for the design - a complete disregard for the Foothill Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan and that a covenant be imposed on the project that the occupancy permit not be given until a subdivision for townhouses or condominiums is approved and that the front elevation be changed to be more appropriate to the area as per the FBCSP. Motion carried unanimously.

Also requested that the DAC would appreciate receiving projects at inception -- much earlier in the process.

Minutes postponed to a future meeting date.

DAC Committee Discussion

How can we get these projects earlier in the process. This should be a goal for this year to somehow get in the process earlier. Outreach efforts are not enough so far. Ideas submitted from several on the committee. Target is to get key City officials/representatives to be enlightened about what we are doing with STNC and the DAC.

Cindy Cleghorn reported that the PACE teams were out and some notices to comply were issued. Would like to see a report from the City on the progress of this effort at a future DAC meeting.

Deborah Ray and Peter Babaian, STNC District 3 Reps stopped by the DAC and asked several informational questions of the DAC members regarding Commerce Avenue improvements and what the status of DAC involvement is at this time. They will be visiting each business along Commerce and also the residents in the area with their outreach efforts.

Working Team Reports

John LaRocca would like a report of what was done, what plans are there to be done this year for all working teams so it can be presented to the STNC board.

Residential Land Use Team to take over the Residential Land Development and will be led by Tomi Lyn Bowling.

Penny Blackwell talked about her goals and plans for the signage team.

Suggestion to invite specific City departments to attend our meetings.

Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary