

**DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUNLAND-TUJUNGA**

MEETING 5/12/2003 REPORT

Meeting began at 7:00PM. John LaRocca, John Van Vliet, Lloyd Hitt, Elaine Robinson, Charlotte Leu, Elaine Brown, and Tomi Lyn Bowling were in attendance at the start of the meeting. Penny Blackwell, Cindy Cleghorn, and Ken McAlpine came later in the meeting. Minutes were taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling.

Prior to arrival of any guests the agenda was gone over including addressing concerns that Mr. Herrera be given courtesy despite the past record he has with the community.

First guest:

**Jackie Satizo
Coffee n' Cruise
6390 Foothill Blvd.
Tujunga, CA. 91042
818 353-3321**

Jackie brought a drawing, a model and photos were provided (by Lloyd Hitt) of the existing building and lot. Jackie is applying for permits to do an addition and remodel including extending the existing building in the back and offices/storage on top and will include (a major purpose for the addition) having her own baking facility on site so that she can offer freshly baked goods to her clientele. The style is an Italian style building and includes a name change to Café Viaggio.

The changes proposed were met with unanimous approval and enthusiasm. Jackie also proposes to do murals along the cinder block walls that enclose the property that will blend in the with scenery and accent the Italian Villa styling. It was pointed out by Elaine that the Specific Plan calls for approval of any murals, via the Municipal Arts Council. John LaRocca is to contact Tom Rath today to find out who that is and where Jackie needs to go (or to appoint a council from within our group if possible).

Jackie was warmly welcomed and asked if she would become an active member of the DAC. Jackie in turn offered to assist us with future applicants design issues as she is very good as a designer and holds her masters in the field.

Second Guest scheduled was Jerry Hovsepien, who was running late, and our third guest was already there so we went ahead with Mr. Herrera.

Second Guest:

**Mr. Vidal Herrera
1-800-Autopsy
7245 Foothill Blvd.
Tujunga, CA. 91042**

Mr. Herrera is proposing to make some changes to the exterior of his building and open for business as a retail shop 4 hours per week (initially). If it is successful he will extend the hours. He will continue to use the location as well for office space on the second floor and museum space as well as his rental to movie sets and internet sales. He provided brochures of his products for sale, a drawing of the proposed site after the modifications have been made.

His proposal includes a Toe Tag sign. The dimensions are 4'X 8' and it is an aluminum sign with the letters etched into the aluminum. The dimensions meet with the guidelines of the Target Area #3 specifications of the FB Corridor Specific Plan.

Mr. Herrera will stucco the outside a light beige with a kind of burgundy trim. He will bring or send a final on the colors to us later. The windows in the store front will be clear glass framed with the same dark frame in the upstairs windows. No changes to the door. He is also happy to have a new tree planted in the front. He voiced his own disapproval of the phone pole which he was required to have in the front but conceded that there is no choice in the matter with that. He has one parking space required of him in the back. A brief discussion regarding the gargoyles on the roof ensued and Mr. Herrera was asked to not have those there. Nothing specifically violated though he did agree to remove them from the roof. Some committee members like the gargoyles.

Mr. Herrera was asked a lot of questions and the committee satisfied all concerns save only a final look at the colors chosen.

Third guest:

**Jerry Hovsepian
Deli and Market
10047-51 Commerce Ave.
Tujunga, CA. 91042
818 400-6312 Cell**

Jerry proposed a change in the handicap ramp from his last presentation. This will enable him to keep the trees at the side while meeting the CDA requirements. He is still considering colors but was very willing to accommodate what the community wants and keep it a light earth tone color. He was strongly encouraged to see if he could put some seating someplace. The new store will include the sale of fresh produce. The nearest store for that is in Sun Valley so that is a welcome addition. The committee asked about the arches and the windows being brought back out to them. He is only doing that to two of the three arches. The window will come out to the back of the arch only. This will provide some variations in depth to the front of the store. He will have signage on the side/corner. He was asked if he could keep in mind the style of the signage that Mr. Papps has (an attorney in the 9900 block of Commerce) which is a hand painted, old fashioned looking wooden sign. He was very amicable and agreed to the DAC requests whole heartedly.

Mr. Hovsepian's project is approved and he will follow up with us regarding the color of the store front. Mr. Hovsepian was thanked.

Conclusion:

The committee briefly clarified PO Box being used by DAC and that the mail is being picked up by Cindy Cleghorn.

Elaine Brown voiced concern that there was a laxness about allowing projects because "it's better than nothing" so a brief discussion regarding the committee sticking to the Specific Plan guidelines only ensued. Despite such comments all projects reviewed at this meeting met with the guidelines in the Specific Plan fully, save only the murals which is a matter of further approval from another entity. Two of these projects are in Target Area #3 and the specifications were checked, read aloud in some cases, and confirmed by several members including Elaine, Charlotte, John V., Tomi and Lloyd.

Meeting adjourned 9:10pm.