

Minutes of the
Design Advisory Committee
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
February 6, 2006 – 6:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM by DAC Chairman, Richard Pozzo. Committee members in attendance included Cindy Cleghorn, Lloyd Hitt, Deborah Ray, Mark Seigel, Debby Beck, Ed Rock. Also in attendance, Dick Platkin, Anita Cerna from City Planning and Abbey Greenspan and Jackie Keene from Wendy Greuel's office. Approximately 25 people in the audience.

Public Comments:

A neighbor read a statement regarding the building of large homes on small lots and the safety and privacy problems he and his neighbors are having now during construction and will have after construction. Several neighbors surrounding this site also attended and statements were read. Neighbors concerned that statements are being read and nothing being done. This is a frustration the DAC is having. Referred to CD2. Each community should be allowed to design its own design standards. Dick Platkin commented that a team within City Planning is working on the FAR ICO amendments. There will be public hearings on the amendments.

Unfinished Business:

1. DAC Vacancies – submit a statement of interest with what you can do for the committee.
2. Street Resurfacing – City pulled the least costly area from the recommendations STNC submitted. Hopefully DOT funds Laura Chick found can supplement.
3. Ford Property – Debby says groundbreaking late March. Asked for consensus on date. Abbey Greenspan said March 18 or 25 looks OK. Will be a celebration for the community and developer.
4. 11130-60 Oro Vista – Hadar Plafkin is researching the habitat for Santa Ana sucker. Could trigger the EIR process.
5. Home Depot – No2HD group have sample letters and discussion points available. Anita asked for info on No2HD traffic count they did. Anna Vidal is the contact for Home Depot at City Planning.

Community is still waiting to hear from Wendy regarding her letter requesting full EIR. Nina Royal commented on Crime statistics information being researched.

6. Style Guide – no report

Presentations – 7:35 p.m.

Von's – Interior décor remodel is almost completed and is beautiful. Architectural enhancements including paneling, river rock, heavy timber beams with more craftsman style. Keeping existing red tile. Comment: Request Von's ask Wells Fargo Bank to change sign to be like other new signs instead of the box sign. Motion to approve plans as presented by Cindy Cleghorn. Motion passed 6 in favor, 1 opposed.

7861 Foothill Blvd. – Old Mertz Building. Due to vandalism, no open windows. Only windows at top. Artwork of early American cars. Canopies will be painted. Existing roof sign is coming down. Comment: Request changing fluorescent lights (now in boxes) to can lights so they will project onto artwork. Siding will be Indian peach. Entire building will be painted. Motion by Cindy Cleghorn to approve plans as presented. Motion passed unanimous.

8152 Sister Elsie – Single Family Residence. Home will start at 130' elevation from Day Street, 2nd story level. Will be 3,500 sq. ft. house with mid-century modern design. Project not really in purview of DAC, no vote taken.

10244 Hillhaven – cross street Apperson. 9-unit Condo project. Kris Grigorian presenter. Landscaping in rear. Concrete in center. Underground parking. Patio 6' wide with 6' fence. Zoning has been upzoned. Subdivision already completed. Comments: needs more architectural features, more details. Debby Beck to work with him. They want to start project as plans are about to expire. No determination letter received yet. This is a project that came to the DAC late. It falls within the FBCSP, is on a narrow street. No motion as project is way past anything DAC can do. Mr. Krikorian will work with Debby Beck and Deborah Ray regarding colors and window details. Debby Beck will report back to DAC at Feb. 20 meeting.

7123 Greeley – Condominium project. He met with Julianne Maurseth and Debby Beck in early December 2005 and had brought 10 variations of front elevation. Julianne met with him again when Debby was out of town. Color discussed was pale green. Now doesn't want wood siding, prefers stucco. Motion by Cindy Cleghorn to approve as presented passed 6 to 1.

10024 Pinewood – Not able to attend.

10344 Leolang – This item not on posted agenda. Presenters had requested time after speaking with Richard Pozzo, contacted Cindy Cleghorn but it was missed being put on the agenda. Request is for a hardship exemption regarding the Floor Area Ratio (FAR). Plans already in and drawn with all permits completed up to a point. Since project submitted after start of FAR an exemption is needed. Project is oversize by just under 400 square feet. Due to not being on our agenda, asked presenters to return on Feb. 20.

Deborah Ray requested approval of \$158.00 for Jan. 21 Education and Outreach event (\$8 over budget). Ok'd by DAC Chairman with request to submit all receipts with documentation in advance.

Public Comments – 1. City needs to regulate two stories. 2. Neighbor concerned that we should ask other people about colors and not rely on one person.

Minutes taken by Deborah Ray