

Minutes of the
Design Advisory Committee
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
March 20, 2006 – 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:18 PM by DAC Chairman, Victor Castro. Committee members in attendance included Cindy Cleghorn, Mark Seigel, Penny Blackwell, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Debby Beck, Charles Montgomery. Absent were: Lloyd Hitt (out of town), Deborah Ray (working), Kathy Anthony, Joan Slater (out of town), Ed Rock, Shelly Albert. Abbey Greenspan, Assistant Planning Deputy CD2 also in attendance. Approximately 25 people in the audience.

Introductions of DAC and audience.

Many in attendance regarding 7437 Kyle property. Debby Beck spoke regarding setbacks of Kyle property. Abbey Greenspan gave specifics on allowable setbacks. Debby drew this on the board for the audience.

Public Comments regarding Kyle property. First question clarification, second question as to why it could not be required to stay within the norm of the neighborhood, third question as to how we know that is what he is seeking, fourth as to narrow street on Kyle and Mountair and this is part of the concern. It is a high fire hazard area and this is the only access in and out. Question about construction laws that regulate hours and so forth during construction; another disgruntled neighbor feels he should comply to the ICO. More comments and clarification regarding 2,400 square feet, including garage. Further discussion about front setback. One question about exactly what is “hardship exemption”. Abby read the exact verbage of the “hardship exemption”. Case by case determination of hardship is made by PLUM. Clarification from DAC member Mark Seigel that DAC already voted on recommending this application for hardship exemption not be approved. More similar comments from the DAC.

Comments by Abbey Greenspan regarding 6155 Foothill Blvd. (Discount Tires). Several LADBS inspectors have gone out. Was a bakery for approximately 15 years and opened as “auto related” in violation of the

FBCSP. Order to cease and desist will be issued tomorrow. Abbey was asked about update regarding 11130-60 Oro Vista. No new news. Elaine Brown commented to continue to write letters to Wendy Greuel.

Debby Beck announced upcoming groundbreaking of old Ford property will be March 25th at 3 p.m. Wendy Greuel will be there briefly. Also, 11 a.m. Ribbon Cutting to reopen Little Landers/Bolton Hall.

Tomi Bowling advised neighbors in the audience to get together and coordinate their comments for the PLUM hearing regarding 7437 Kyle ICO hardship exemption which has been rescheduled to March 28th.

Mr. Charles Montgomery gave a presentation regarding Effective Community Input. Give conditions of approval as opposed to saying no completely. Credibility is necessary to be considered by City officials.

Debby Beck presented a handout with her draft "DAC Code of Conduct" and conversation notes from Anita Cerna written just after the last DAC meeting. Only enough copies for the DAC. Anyone wishing a copy to contact the STNC office. Each DAC member is asked to read and respond at next DAC meeting.

Debby Beck presented timeline of events for Ford groundbreaking which will include a bulldozer, Wendy to make the first shovel. There will be comments by the developer and representatives of the developer and Wendy. Refreshments and parking will be available. Question regarding haul route. Debby says Lowell exit off 210 freeway and then up Tujunga Cyn Blvd. left onto Foothill, left onto Commerce and right into property and back. Motion by Tomi Bowling that Debby formulate team authorized to develop words for the certificates for the developer and others to be presented by STNC/DAC). Vote taken unanimous.

DAC Alternates and Appointments. Vic Agakhanian is interested in a position on the DAC. Mark suggested a membership chair for filling DAC vacancies.

Confirm point of contact list at next meeting. Proposal or draft provided by Cindy Cleghorn.

Suggested e-mail go out informing everyone that a review of who will be possible DAC members and / or alternates by the next DAC meeting.

Debby Beck regarding Style Guide. Not much has occurred as Debby has been concentrating on old Ford property groundbreaking.

Minutes of 2/6, 2/27 and 3/6 approved as presented.

Narrow Streets ICO discussion regarding special meeting dedicated to this discussion recommended be held on April 17 providing Dick Platkin and Dale Thrush can attend as they are instrumental in wording and liaison. Need people to measure. Also recommend including single family residences as well as multiple family dwellings. To prepare for meeting need to measure streets. Elaine Brown and Darcy offered to assist. Also Mark Seigel. Charles Montgomery will review the draft and comment.

Public Comments: Cindy asked about 11122 McVine. No news. Nina spoke about Integrated Resource Planning meeting next week. Darcy asked Mr. Montgomery about his possible conflict of interest. He said he would resign at such time he decides to develop his property. She also asked about Vision 2020 and Commerce Avenue. Discussion about code of conduct when conflict of interest.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary