

Minutes of the
Design Advisory Committee
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
April 3, 2006 – 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by DAC Chairman, Victor Castro. Committee members in attendance included Cindy Cleghorn, Mark Seigel, Penny Blackwell, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Debby Beck, Kathy Anthony, Joan Slater, Ed Rock,. Absent were: Charles Montgomery, Deborah Ray (ill), Shelly Albert. Dale Thrush, Planning Deputy CD2, Dick Platkin and Katherine Peterson from City Planning also in attendance. Anita Cerna from City Planning unable to attend due to illness. Approximately 30 people in the audience.

Introductions of DAC and CD2 and City Planning. Several in attendance regarding 7437 Kyle property.

Updates: Dick Platkin – re: Home Depot. Putting together detailed response to applicant which will be ready within a week and available to the public at that time. Dale Thrush comments regarding five items. Home Depot is following two tracks to move into the former K-Mart site. One is to move in as it is and the other calls for changes. Verdugo Hills Golf Course – nothing new. (Note: representatives have requested time on the April 17 agenda for a new presentation.) Discount Tires at 6511 Foothill Blvd. (formerly old Weber's Bakery) have received an Order to Comply. To stay they will need an amendment to the FBCSP or close their doors. FAR/ICO hardship cases: two have come through so far, Kyle and Leolang. One more tonight, France. Kyle was found to be a hardship per PLUM committee. Leolang changed garage to a car port so they can move forward. Kyle was said to be "caught" in the middle of circumstances they did not know about and cannot change. Questions taken from the audience. Several audience members were upset over the Kyle "hardship" approval. Dale said next meeting will be before the City Council in a week or so. Much discussion with the audience. Some audience members left at this point.

Hillhaven update asked for by chairman. Dick Platkin was asked for more info by Debby Beck.

Public Comments: Vic Agakhanian here to see who is right regarding the FAR/ICO hardship. Cindy Cleghorn announced next STNC meeting will be April 12th and the topic will be “traffic”. Elaine Brown – lost dog in the area. Also, letter to Congressman McKeon still needed regarding Rim of the Valley. Nina Royal regarding questions for LAPD at next STNC meeting and to submit in advance. Penny Blackwell has letter from stakeholder regarding potholes.

Unfinished Business: 10024 Pinewood Avenue, Tujunga proposed condos returning because of colors and materials. Will be a fourplex with two units in the front and two in the back. Showed changes in color and materials only. Presenter thanked for returning to DAC with his proposal. 11130-60 Oro Vista project = no news. Still under consideration for EIR. Style Guide – Debby Beck reported no updates yet.

DAC committee members and alternates: Vic Agakhanian expresses interest in joining DAC. Motion by Cindy Cleghorn that he be recommended to the STNC for appointment to the DAC. Vic spoke to the motion. Vote 7 in favor and 1 abstention. Motion passes. Further discussion about other members to the DAC (Saro Minassian interested) and missing members (Deborah Ray) status still pending. Victor Castro spoke to the resignation of Lloyd Hitt on the DAC.

New Business: 9930 France – FAR/ICO hardship exemption. Mrs. Dien explained the circumstances of their hardship application. They were originally the first applicant for an exemption in December. They originally started their plans in December 2003. Motion by Kathy Anthony that DAC support the couple in their hardship exemption application. Seconded by Penny Blackwell. Vote unanimous. Joy Fellowship Church at 9729 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. – applicant not present. CD 2 reports no information about it. Cindy read from the upcoming hearing notice. Letters suggested if can't attend hearing on April 7th at 9 a.m. in Van Nuys Marvin Braude building. Victor Castro plans to attend hearing as well as other stakeholders. Discussion regarding parking and history of parking issues with All Nations Church in Lakeview Terrace area. Tabled til next meeting. 10525 Las

Lunitas first seen on City's early notificatin report is for a lot split after home built. Tabled til next meeting.

Discussion regarding Narrow Streets ICO proposal. Team to meet and come up with list of streets and solutions. Also to consult with Dale Thrush and City Planning reps. Victor Castro suggests Cindy Cleghorn, Lloyd Hitt, Elaine Brown, Roberta Actor-Thomas. Tabled til April 17th to confer with parliamentarian so this can progress. Debby Beck willing to be a member as well. Lloyd and Mark asked to continue measurements. Volunteers: Darci, Elaine, Roberta, Mark and Debby Beck. Mark Seigel to be team leader and report back at future meetings. Meetings to be coordinated with Ed Rock for STNC.

Discussion regarding Code of Conduct – distributed at last meeting draft of code of conduct. Discussion from DAC chair and members. Chair suggests this be done in coordination with Elsa Waters to make it a code of conduct with STNC. Table this til next meeting.

Quorum of DAC lost and meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary