

“DRAFT”

Minutes of the
Design Advisory Committee
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
April 17, 2006 – 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by DAC Chairman, Victor Castro. Committee members in attendance included Cindy Cleghorn, Charles Montgomery, Mark Seigel, Joan Slater, Lloyd Hitt, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Deborah Ray, Penny Blackwell. Absent were: Ed Rock, Shelly Albert. Dale Thrush, Planning Deputy CD2, Dick Platkin and Katherine Peterson from City Planning also in attendance. Approximately _____ people in the audience.

Introductions of DAC and CD2 and City Planning.

Mark Seigel – ICO project meeting update/brief. (Meeting was held 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.). Need input on “at risk” streets. Sheet passed around so that members of community can identify them.

City Planning Update - Dick Platkin gave Home Depot update. CD2, Dale Thrush spoke about Canyon Hills Development Agreement will be at PLUM on May 30th. Development Agreement changes will be available to the public for response within the next few days. Public may attend PLUM committee hearing on May 30th.

Cindy Cleghorn reported site of 1-800-Autopsy is going to be a photo studio. Just FYI. Alex’s Tires received approval that existing zoning approves his type of business within FBCSP.

DAC Chair update first

No2Home Depot campaign update. Reference to write up provided by Mr. Barrett, acknowledgement to Mr. Barrett. 2nd update from Mr. Barrett: Study on traffic impact is warranted. Asking that DAC and STNC support their document.

Public Comment: Responses to Home Depot's PR firm mailing that some received. Asking DAC support of document and second letter regarding traffic study. Also, looking for a committee from the STNC/DAC to propose alternatives to what could go in this location. Suggestion of a new survey is made. Cindy suggested putting this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Motion by Deborah Ray that the DAC support the document and write a letter in support of the No 2 Home Depot campaign to the STNC and all applicable City entities. Motion seconded. Due to the Brown Act, this motion could not be voted on due to not being posted. Straw vote can be taken. Place on to next STNC meeting agenda. Therefore, motion withdrawn.

DAC Style Guide team update from Debby Beck. Marketing campaign suggested by Deborah Ray. Chair asks that this be done to get new memberships in general. Dick Platkin points out there is already a Design guideline that's approved by the City of L. A. so we do not have to reinvent the wheel.

Presentations

Verdugo Hills Golf Course - MWH Housing Developers. Early thoughts include preservation of some of the Golf Course and townhouse and condos (269 units 4.3 per acre) on 63 acre site. 46 acres are dedicated "open space". Drawing provided and all given time to look at this drawing. Committee questions and comments, then public questions and comments. Much discussion about traffic study. 9 hole golf course does remain throughout the complex. One resident suggested keeping the driving range. Street would be widened at the site and the developer is attempting to buy the adjacent property so that the street can be widened further. Contact info: Mark Handel (818) 222-1945, cell (310) 720-4001, Adelle (Architect) (626) 448-9698.

Motion by Tomi that the DAC appoint a team to work with the developer to ensure the property conforms to our environmental and community desires. Motion seconded by Mark and carries with one abstention, 8 votes in favor.

7502 Foothill Blvd. (cross street McClellmont). Originally approved by DAC last year but now has elevator – classification change – original approval. Anita showed a copy of DAC letter signed by Cindy Cleghorn dated Feb. 2004 referencing meeting with DAC in November 2003. Only needs DAC approval. Questions and comments from board members regarding height and parking. Cindy Cleghorn, Penny Blackwell and Debby Beck to work with the presenter. Penny suggests Charles Montgomery in her stead.

Motion that the DAC appoint a team to work with him regarding the color and appearance so he does not have to return. Motion carries: 7 ayes, 1 abstention.

Minutes of April 3, 2006 approved as presented.

Cindy asked Dale Thrush about submitting a community impact statement from the STNC regarding the 7437 Kyle ICO/FAR hardship request.

DAC Meeting dates confirmed for May 1 and May 15 (first and third Monday).

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary