

# “DRAFT”

Minutes of the  
Design Advisory Committee  
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council  
May 15, 2006 – 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:17 PM by DAC Chairman, Victor Castro. Committee members in attendance included Mark Seigel, Vic Agakhanian, Tomi Lyn Bowling (Recording Sec), Lloyd Hitt, Cindy Cleghorn, Kathy Anthony, Ed Rock. Absent were: Deborah Ray, Joan Slater, Charles Montgomery, Penny Blackwell, Shelly Albert. Dale Thrush, Planning Deputy CD2, Dick Platkin and Katherine Peterson and Anita Cerna from City Planning also in attendance. Approximately 25 people in the audience.

Introduction of audience, DAC and CD2 and City Planning.

Update: Dick Platkin gave Home Depot review of existing applications including current “remodel” application. Both qualify as “projects”. Home Depot wanted to know “why” both were considered a “project” by Building and Safety. Home Depot is reviewing with their own architects and attorneys. City officials waiting to see what they do with this action by Building and Safety. Dick presented a second point.

Penny Blackwell arrived briefly just to leave a written memo regarding our minutes from the last DAC meeting. Memo will be placed on file.

Dick Platkin’s third point: He suggests training for DAC members with a formal request coming from the DAC/STNC. Saturday suggested. Much of this would be to explain the Foothill Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan. Comments: Mark Seigel thinks we should do the training. Mark was asked by chair to look into this further and get dates and times, costs, possibility for “mandatory” if needed and then it would require a motion. Mark agrees to look into this further.

Dale Thrush spoke regarding four projects:

- 1) 9166 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. – 3 acres across from Verdugo Hills Golf Course. 25 townhomes. Their office will hold a meeting with homeowners Thursday night here at the Municipal Bldg.

- 2) 9717 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. – Joy Fellowship Church – wants to build a chapel and parking lot. Much information was missing and City is requiring a presentation to DAC.
- 3) 6511 Foothill Blvd. – Discount Tire. Not part of the FBCSP but still within a residential district so it will require a Conditional Use Permit which means public hearings. They have the option to pack up and leave. They have been cited. Building and Safety does not shut down business if the business is attempting to resolve cited issue.
- 4) Home Depot is revising drawings that were part of the application and drafting letter with their attorneys arguing the point of whether or not the proposed applications' actions make it a project.

Chair asked for update on Canyon Hills Development. May 30<sup>th</sup> is date for PLUM hearing next at City Hall, 2 p.m. with full City Council one week later.

10030-60 Oro Vista – Dale reports no new updates.

Mark Seigel spoke regarding Narrow Streets ICO. Possible solutions currently being discussed by this committee. Also looking for volunteers. Contact Mark at [marks@keyway.net](mailto:marks@keyway.net) or [scoutingrep@stnc.org](mailto:scoutingrep@stnc.org)

Among audience is Robert Lamishaw. Also, 9531 Inspiration Way architect to build on substandard street.

Reports:

9531 Inspiration Way will present at June 5 DAC meeting. It connects lots that make it a key lot for approval as others could follow.

10425 Plainview – Vic Agakhanian reports no news.

10189 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. – Cindy Cleghorn reports this was previously seen at DAC at least twice with plans for Verizon Wireless cell equipment with alternatives suggested. Cindy reports Kevin Jordan has submitted plans as originally proposed (monopine) and it will be two months before it goes to hearing.

9344 N. Reverie – no news

10024 Pinewood – colors submitted, project approved per Anita Cerna.

7502 Foothill Blvd. – colors submitted, project approved per Anita Cerna.

Public Comments: Debbie Stevens regarding City Council motion to change zoning in our neighborhoods from RA to R1. RA would be eliminated by this motion. This would include Sun Valley, Sunland-Tujunga including Shadow Hills. Recording Secretary asks for her comment in writing. She will provide written statement. This motion was not known about. Dale Thrush's response in general is that the change proposed is intended to make sure the new homes don't claim to be horsekeeping (complying with current zoning) when there really is no way to keep horses on that property. This item should be put on future DAC agenda (Cindy). Thursday at 7 p.m., Village Christian School for Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council. All are invited. This issue will be discussed. Dale Thrush will be at that meeting.

10525 Las Lunitas – Presentation by Robert Lamishaw of JPL Zoning Consultants. Applicant is Mrs. Chum. Existing 10,560 sq. ft. lot to be split into two lots. This would give a 40' frontage which requires a variance. 40' street dedication required on Las Lunitas. This would result in smaller than 5,000 sq. ft for each lot. Two homes would be built here in \_\_\_\_\_ to demolition of existing old house. There is a flag lot attached where a large house was built in back of these two proposed lots. Front lot was subdivided from the back lot some time in 1972. Lots would be very small. Widening of street would only occur in front of this development. Would create a zig-zag on the street. Motion by Tomi Lyn Bowling that the DAC recommend to the STNC that this project not be supported and a letter to the Planning Dept. be sent clearly stating that this project would do the opposite of what the community wants by creating substandard lots. Motion seconded by Lloyd Hitt. Straw vote taken of the audience. No one opposed and unanimously passed by the DAC.

8404 Foothill Blvd. – Sign change application. Nina Durell. Gas station will change from Rod 77 to Valerio. Motion by Lloyd Hitt that the DAC support this project as presented contingent upon the City verifying existing signage permits. Motion seconded by Vic Agakhanian. Vote taken unanimous.

Forms passed out by Lloyd Hitt – Cover form for applicants. Suggestions given as to improvements to the form. Should only be a follow-up presentation one time.

Minutes of April 17, 2006 and May 1, 2006 approved as presented.

No DAC expenses presented.

Future DAC agenda items –

1. Review current status and effectiveness of Education and Outreach committee.
2. Penny Blackwell left a request for a motion to be added to the next DAC agenda regarding additional sign inspectors for our area.
3. New Oak Tree ordinance was supposed to be sent out – it is available on the STNC web site.

Final Public Comment:

1. 8668 Foothill (Popeye's Chicken) now vacated and is to become a check cashing place.
2. 10642 Commerce – what kind of design? Not required to come before the DAC. Is a “by-right”. Applications filed prior to FAR/ICO.
3. Crescenta Valley Town Council meets Thursday – “Save Montrose” theme.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

*Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary*