

Minutes of the
Design Advisory Committee
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
May 1, 2006 – 7:00 PM

Committee members in attendance (arrival order): Tomi Lyn Bowling, Mark Seigel, Debby Beck, Lloyd Hitt, Joan Slater, Cindy Cleghorn, Victor Castro, Chair, Penny Blackwell, Shelly Albert. Absent were: Ed Rock, Kathy Anthony and Deborah Ray. Dale Thrush, Planning Deputy CD2, Abbey Greenspan, Asst. Planning Deputy and Katherine Peterson from City Planning also in attendance. Approximately 25 people in the audience.

Call to order at 7:20 p.m. Roll Call taken. Introductions of DAC and CD2 and City Planning and audience.

City Planning update – Kathy Peterson stated that their office is no longer accepting “walk-in” applicants for exemption of FAR/ICO. No longer making copies for applicants (set of site plans). Applicants need to provide copies to Planning as opposed to the past procedure of Planning making copies for them.

Debby Beck concerned DBS (Dept. Building and Safety) staff doesn't know and won't send ICO exemption applicants to Planning. Response: Zoning counter will give them a “clearance sheet” and ICO is on this sheet so they must get that cleared from Planning. A copy is to be provided on a recent project to show that the ICO is on the sheet. The concern being projects slipping through. Those exemptions were timed. They were in the middle when the ordinance came out. They are done and gone. No new ones expected.

Dale Thrush gave the following updates:

- #1 – Declaration by Scott Anderson provided by Dale Thrush regarding his construction of homes at the adjacent Weatherwolde lots.
- #2 – Home Depot meeting with DBS is this week on the remodel idea. Second meeting scheduled with staff and Home Depot representatives. They will determine after that. New reports to be forwarded. Dale Thrush will be at this meeting.
- #3 – Verdugo Hills Golf Course update – Subcommittee working with them. Has not met with applicant yet.

Statistics regarding FAR/ICO from Abbey Greenspan since ICO in effect: 59 were affected by ICO. 35 were small scale. 34 had to scale down to comply to the ICO = (less McMansions).

#4 – Kyle Street project. Dale read letter from Wendy and copies distributed.

Questions regarding Wendy Greuel's letter. Specific to size – about 2,925 square feet.

Elaine asked about Verdugo Hills Golf Course presentation that she missed and asked if State Legislation would keep it recreational? During WWII the site was an internment camp that may have resulted in this restriction. Dale Thrush will look into this with staff.

Joe Barrett asked which staff will meet with Home Depot reps? One man in audience supports Home Depot and wanted to know Dale's gut feeling. Dale doesn't have one. If they can operate under existing zone and footprint then yes. Otherwise, there are some questions about whether or not they can.

More questions from audience regarding Home Depot, Weatherwolde site and Home Depot again. Response from Dale regarding these questions. Explanation about whether or not it's a "project". Project is a traffic issue. Questions for Dale from DAC.

Mark Seigel reported on the Narrow Streets ICO with list of streets distributed. Options and ideas offered (one way streets, changing parking requirements, etc.) Specifically what is considered a "narrow" street. City says anything less than 20' is considered narrow. Needs more volunteers to name, measure, photograph and research. Send info to scoutingrep@stnc.org or call him at 818-951-7411. Streets, condos and apartments per city staff should be 50' wide. Lloyd Hitt originated discussion about whether or not the ICO regarding narrow streets should include SFR streets. Currently just multi-family dwellings.

Style Guide – Debby Beck gave an update that she has more photos and stucco information. Victor Castro asked that a written report be presented at next meeting.

Outreach & Education – Deborah Ray (not present tonight). Meetings promoted by chair.

Valley Alliance of NCs – Cindy Cleghorn reported that the forum coming up on Thursday, May 11th. List of topics read by Abby Diamond. Anyone interested in attending should RSVP as soon as possible.

Public Hearing for 9531 Inspiration Way will be Friday, May 12th t 9:30 a.m. at Marvin Braude building.

Discount Tires (6511 Foothill Blvd.) – Building and Safety gave them a two week extension. No final determination yet. Violates FBCSP and can only be allowed by a Specific Plan amendment.

9717 – 9729 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. (Joy Fellowship Church). Victor Castro and Cindy attended hearing. No updates to date. Dale is meeting with them and will get them to meet with the DAC.

8040 Foothill Blvd. – proposed Home Depot – Joe Barrett asked for any additional info. Announced activities for this weekend. La Tuna Cyn. Family Fair, N2HD has a booth there. It will be held at 10335 La Tuna Cyn at Faith Baptist Church. Committee being formed for options of other possibilities to be operating at that site. Volunteers being sought. Contact Victor Castro, vmciv@helloworld.com or (818) 822-2074.

10425 Plainview – lot split – no info

10189 N. Tujunga Cyn. Blvd. – Wireless Communications pole

9344 Reverie – new residence – 2 store SFR, no specific info

7921 Denivelle Rd. – Shelly Albert says no specific info.

7502 Foothill Blvd. – Per Debby Beck, architect brought new stucco info but its not what he's supposed to get so needs to get the correct one. Penny Blackwell has a specific concern. Recording Secretary asks her for a specific statement in writing. Penny says her statement is missing from the last meeting's minutes. Penny to e-mail her concern for noting in these minutes.

Debby Beck asked for a specific report on 7502 Foothill.

10024 Pinewood – Vic Agakhanian to look into 10425 Plainview Avenue for more detail.

Announcements: STNC meeting will be May 10th (Wed.) at Mt. Gleason

Middle School. Large crowd expected.

Canyon Hills Development – Letter given to chair and paragraph read as received from Rhonda Herbel. Cindy read that PLUM hearing will be May 30th at 200 N. Spring and City Council hearing will be June 7th at 10 a.m. also at 200 N. Spring.

Oro Vista – status update that there is no new news.

Alternate DAC position open. Sevada Hemelians gave a short statement on himself and his desire to work as an alternate on the DAC. Written statement has been submitted to Victor.

Presentation of 10427 Samoa Ave. – Lot split only. Street plus two 7,300 square foot lots. Questions and answers regarding the project.

Cindy commented on the FAR/ICO position of the STNC.

Form suggested by Anita Cerna as a tool for the DAC announced. Will distribute copies to DAC so can discuss next meeting.

Cindy passed out a copy of a motion that was made by Councilman Greig Smith (12th District) to find out what happened to it. Building and Safety does not do this currently. Dale will look into it.

Effective date of the FAR/ICO is 9/25/05. Comment from Dale regarding changes. Dale says they are cleanup changes. Debby suggests DAC and community may want to review and comment on those changes. Mark suggests putting it on next meeting agenda. There will be a request to extend for six months, twice.

How to make it a more permanent ordinance could be discussed when on agenda.

Public Comment – Abbey Greenspan speaks to new more stringent regulation of Oak Tree ordinance. New size is no longer. It is one acre more – its all lots regulated.

Elaine Brown spoke regarding signage violations. Request for sign sweep. Elaine suggests DAC letter requesting more inspectors at B&S as this is

given as reason why the sweep cannot be scheduled right now.

Nina Royal asks about whether or not DAC will investigate Lopez/Kagel Cyn. Homeless shelter. Nina volunteers to do this. Chair, Victor, speaks to some needed organizing of the DAC.

Penny Blackwell suggests that the homeless shelter is more of an STNC issue.

Promoted Historic Home Tour and Mayor's Day, May 7th, Sunday.
Efficiency requested in many e-mails.

Penny Blackwell disputes DAC minutes from April 17th so no vote taken.
She'll request change by e-mail.

Next DAC meeting will be May 15th at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary