

July 31, 2006
DAC/STNC Combined Meeting
North Valley City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga

DAC – Victor Castro, Mark Seigel, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Deborah Ray, Joan Slater, Lloyd Hitt, Penny Blackwell, Debby Beck, Kathy Anthony.

STNC – Cindy Cleghorn, Nina Royal, David Cain, David DeMulle, Janet Linsalato, Jeannine Crowley, Penny Barcena.

City – Anita Cerna, Dick Platkin

CD2 – Dale Thrush, Planning Deputy, Wendy Greuel's office.

Call to order at 7:16 p.m.

Audience introductions, board introductions. Show of hands for No Home Depot in Sunland-Tujunga was a vast majority of those in attendance. Dale Thrush gave an update that permits for remodel-redo of interior and move-in issued. Same day, Wendy Greuel sent a letter to the City Attorney asking to review approval against FBCSP. Issues – use if not the same use involves FBCSP would require an amendment to the specific plan. Otherwise must not be a project under FBCSP. Was not found to be so and permits issued. Tuesday met with DAC, STNC, and NHDC and asked to relay the appeal process to meet with planning director or Ms. Greuel. Ms. Goldberg felt she would not be able to meet in advance because appeal would come to her. Rebuttal: Mr. Barrett very disappointed with Daniel Scott at City Planning. NHDC is filing an appeal. No meetings are advised until the appeal process is done.

Dale Thrush spoke about Tujunga Canyon traffic issues with developments (3 projects) that are being proposed. DAC meeting Monday, Aug. 7 with DOT rep to attend. Also, more updates re: Home Depot.

Victor opens Q&A regarding Home Depot. Asked Dale if he discussed with HD a trade of locations to Sun Valley instead. Dale says no 10 acre parcels available in Sun Valley at the time he approached the subject with the other Council office there.

Public Comments: Sister Elsie opposition – will be on next Monday's agenda. Steps to the Library from behind the North Valley City Hall. Several attending in opposition to Home Depot. Several attending in opposition to Hope Gardens.

Minutes of July 17 approved as corrected.

Agenda Item 5 b. – Kagel Canyon – Opposition to Hope Gardens. 27 similar facilities in the area already. Fire and safety is a concern with this project. Fire in this area would be catastrophic. Starts with 300 children including teenagers (that smoke). Oak trees already chopped down. Failed project in Pasadena. Three year transition of a mother with a seventeen year old means he will turn twenty while she's there.

RN – Too large and not successful and rate of recovery is very small. Most difficult to keep in recovery are women and children. The women can and do leave at will with their children. Six year olds are the most

difficult age as they are already well versed in how to live with life of prostitution. Drug problem is very severe up here. Needle exchange program is up here not because there were no needles. Most of these women and children have mental health issues. They should be given apartments and jobs (map provided does not indicate one in Sunland-Tujunga).

Abby Diamond – Is Home Depot pursuing (still) demolition (track 2) plan as well? Dale explains the two track application submitted by HD. They are still pursuing both applications. Board questions taken. Deborah Ray what other actions has Wendy Greuel's office taken to support the community and stop this development. Dale outlines what has been done and what actions have been taken. Dr. DeMulle said three reporters assigned to ask HD questions and they did not respond. HD representative from Latham and Watkins responds that she does not know why. Penny Blackwell would like to see new mayor send a letter to HD. Mr. Barrett has asked several times. Mayor declined. Don't count on the Mayor. Others voiced disapproval. Appeal process is ongoing and this is not over. Scott Svonkin (representing Home Depot through Dakota Communications) is new PR firm for HD. David Cain – Planning codes on what premise HD is a retailer but majority are industrial. Dept. of Building and Safety made the call on whether or not use was changed. Wants name of person to talk to. More voices in opposition. Chair asks about decision made by Mr. Scott and any involvement by Mr. Platkin and Ms. Cerna. They presented plans, reports, opinions. Check web sites: no2homedepot.com and stnc.org Mr. Barrett invites more letters and comments to HD before the next DAC meeting.

Other Agenda Items

Dick Platkin inquired about the FBCSP training for DAC. Anita Cerna will followup on Robert Hall question. His children on tractors and bulldozers not an issue for L.A. City. Refer to OSHA.

Karen McDivitt – Hope Gardens Union Rescue opposition. Concerns included that program not monitored by the state, public safety: Kagel Canyon fires, drugs and other safety issues, children. Requesting STNC/DAC support in opposition to this project. Mr. Bales from Union Rescue addressed issues and answered previous questions put forth. Also no men or two parent facilities. Will be reducing number of residents. Thanks to both Hope Gardens and Union Rescue.

No new items for next meeting.

Inspiration Way should be on agenda – project was approved.

DAC Adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with recess til STNC meeting begins.

--Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary