

Design Advisory Committee
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
October 16, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall

Present: Tomi Lyn Bowling, Recording Secretary; Lloyd Hitt; Cindy Cleghorn; Debby Beck; Ed Rock; Victor Castro; Deborah Ray (8:05 p.m.) Quorum now present. Mark Seigel arrived. Saro Minassian voted on to DAC committee. Also, Anita Cerna from City Planning and Dale Thrush from CD 2. Approximately 62 in the audience.

Introductions of DAC and audience.

Dale Thrush update: 1. Home Depot – by Friday (Oct. 20) actual appeal must be taken to City Planning. Another appeal can be filed if community not happy with appeal response. 2. Golf Course – trying to buy it. 3. 6501 Foothill/Tujunga Cyn. Place – meeting to discuss with community – owner has permits to build.

Questions for Dale: Verdugo Mtn. Park – purchase made by CD2. Dale explains will be the largest park in the City. Should close escrow within next two weeks. How to fast track purchase of Verdugo Hills Golf Course? Antonovich / Greuel connecting – believed to be a key point to making this occur. Oro Vista Park may become part of Prop O monies. Prop O has been suspended for two months. Otherwise looking aggressively for funds. Could amend motion to direct DOT to add La Tuna Cyn to their traffic study. Look for update at next DAC meeting. Popeye's – City made a mistake – no check cashing place will go there. Discount Tires – Anita Cerna to brief. Audience questions. Many public comments and questions.

DAC Chair reads letter from Antonovich to Wendy Greuel (attach letter to minutes) stating his opposition to Verdugo Hills Golf Course development as Mayor of L.A. County. Letter dated May 2, 2006.

Resident 9516 Tujunga Canyon spoke about traffic problems along Tujunga Canyon Blvd.

Police Officer Grant came by to visit the meeting. Suggests speed bumps on Tujunga Canyon Blvd. Dale looking into solutions for speed on Tujunga Cyn. Blvd.

Anita Cerna updates – Sterlings – 1. 8746 Fenwick submitted proposal for 49 condos. 2. Left messages w/inspector re: Discount Tires. Heard they are going to challenge. 3. 10443 Commerce – 5 unit townhouse project 4. 8330 McGroarty – there is no hearing scheduled – notice sent in error. Neighborhood Character Study – will have 4 workshops. Proposal on how to deal with mansionization. Will update us as to times and dates and locations.

8330 McGroarty project public questions and comments taken. Check web site for hearings www.cityplanning department and check under hearing notices. Anita Cerna contact info: 818-374-5042 – e-mail: anita.cerna@lacity.org

New Projects: 6621 Foothill Blvd. – pole sign, 7101 Foothill – sign program “pre na”; 7545 Foothill – use of land – six lots, 4 have auto repair permit for use of land.

NHDC report – Joe Barrett – Preparing appeal to City Planning to submit by Oct. 20.

Ford Property – still waiting for final permit. Meeting 25th October between architect and plan checker. Expect to get permits at that time.

Permit received for small lot next to Burger King to proceed.

Mr. Luke Vella owner of 8330 McGroarty not in pursit of subdivision. They’ve fenced it in and cleaned it up. The gas line broke for neighbor with easement so that was repaired. Exploring option to build one house.

Elaine asked if he’d sell if community wanted to buy it and he said they would consider it. Much discussion about this property from community members present.

Photos and photocopies provided by Debby Beck.

Deborah Ray assigned to 8330 McGroarty to follow-up and update.

Public Comments: Elaine Brown – cell tower. Cindy Cleghorn – Neighborhood Council Review Commission Public Hearing and Kiwanis Duck Splash. Nina Royal – Park possibilities.

Meeting recess. Restart at 9:17 p.m.
Announce welcoming of new superintendent of LAUSD.

Motion by Cindy Cleghorn that Saro Minassian be appointed to the DAC. Seconded by Mark Seigel. Discussion. Motion carried unanimous.

Presentation: 10516 Redmont Ave. – addition would exceed FAR/ICO by 800 sq. ft. This is an exemption request. Explains difficulties with not being able to expand to size he wants. Asked to come back with letters of support from neighbors.

7117 Apperson – duplex. Zone change from R1 to R2. Much discussion proposed renditions provided samples of architecture brought. Tomi moved that DAC support. Seconded by Cindy Cleghorn. Straw vote: 2 opposed, 9 in favor, 1 abstention. 7 approvals in favor by DAC. Motion passes.

7010 Greeley. Zoning RD1.5-1 zoning 4 unit townhomes. Very small lot, substandard size street and neighboring properties are single family. Parking is on one side only due to narrowness of street. Motion by Tomi that DAC not support this project and a letter be sent to Planning Dept. requesting downzoning in this area. Lloyd Hitt seconded. Stakeholder straw vote 5 in favor, no opposed. DAC vote 7 in favor, 1 abstention.

Request for letter of support for Tierra del Sol. Motion to support this as presented. Vote unanimous.

Motion re: Watershed sub-committee by Cindy Cleghorn, seconded by Lloyd Hitt. No objections to the motion. Motion carried unanimous.

Re: 8667 LeBerthon – dealing with Danielson.

Re: 10024 Commerce – complies with FBCSP

Re: 8828 Foothill Blvd. – to be on next meeting agenda re: signage

Motion Cindy – regarding memberships. Cindy to provide.

STNC/DAC combined meeting with Wendy Greuel coming to our meeting to discuss Home Depot for a community meeting.

7437 Kyle – add into letter

Future DAC meetings in 2006 will be as follows:

October 23, 2006

November 6, 2006

November 13, 2006

December 4, 2006

December 11, 2006

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary