

Minutes of the
Design Advisory Committee – Special Meeting
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
March 6, 2006 – 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by Debby Beck. Committee members in attendance included Cindy Cleghorn, Lloyd Hitt, Tomi Lyn Bowling, Kathy Anthony, Joan Slater, Mark Seigel. Also, Dale Thrush, CD2, Dick Platkin, Anita Cerna and Katherine Peterson from City Planning and STNC Parliamentarian, Shirley Kellstrom. Absent: Deborah Ray, Charles Montgomery, Penny Blackwell. Chairman Victor Castro unable to attend due to illness. Approximately 35 people in the audience including board members John Blue and Nina Royal. Self introductions of committee.

Dick Platkin: The FAR/ICO is in the process of being amended to confirm what is included in all residential lots. Public input will take place prior to going to PLUM (Planning and Land Use Committee). Example: height limit of two stories and other questions.

Dale Thrush: re: 6155 Foothill Blvd. (Discount Tires formerly Weber's Millbrook bakery store). New tenant, Discount Tires, attempting to use a 20 year old Certificate of Occupancy which is now not allowed under the FBCSP. A zoning engineer at the L.A. Dept. of Building and Safety agrees that this site needs more scrutiny because the time has passed and that the Foothill Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan. Re: 10172 Tujunga Cyn. Blvd. (Alex's Tires) has been cited by LADBS for illegal use/prohibited use of FBCSP and will need a specific plan amendment. City Attorney says can't amend unless you amend the plan itself. Re: 8040 Foothill (proposed Home Depot) submitted their by right use consisting of 99 pages. Meeting held last week to make sure that LADBS and City Planning work together. Re: 9166 Tujunga Cyn. Blvd. – concurrent hearing to be held tomorrow 3/7 for subdivision. Current zone is A2 and not consistent with the General Plan. Requesting A2 to RD3 and it is consistent. There are other zones that are applicable. Due to CD2 and the DAC receiving this proposal so late in the process they have requested no decision be made until all zones are researched.

Public Comments: Announcement of new exhibit at Bolton Hall. Question about 6120-6124 Valmont, above Pinewood Elementary School. Property is

not adequately secured. Homeless in the area. Question about 10034 Samoa and that site would be great for a park. Request for clarification on A2 zone reminder to Dick Platkin. Suggestion that DAC follow-up on need for volunteer to follow-up on environmental notices that Abbey Greenspan sends out to the community.

8040 Foothill Blvd. (proposed Home Depot) – Joe Barrett of No2Home Depot campaign spoke about recent letter from that City doesn't accept traffic study. Update regarding upcoming plans for a town hall meeting that will be a joint venture with N2HD, DAC, CD2 and STNC to gather as much community input as possible to review scenarios. Cindy to present to the STNC when the time comes.

Briefing from Roberta Actor-Thomas on narrow streets ICO. Motion by Cindy Cleghorn that we hold a special meeting regarding the narrow streets ICO to revise the draft presented and specify streets. Motion passed unanimous. Further suggestion that ICO include single-family residences

Groundbreaking for old Ford Property will be Saturday, March 25, 2006. Parking will be on the west end of the lot open at 2:30 p.m. Event will take place on the east end with Wendy Greuel starting at 3 p.m. ending at 5 p.m.

Presentations:

10046 Samoa – 24 unit condo proposal. This presenter has presented before the DAC before and met with Debby Beck. Here to present new plans including colors. After comments by DAC and community, project still needs more design guidelines. Concern about density and design. Motion by Mark Seigel that plan as presented be categorically rejected. Motion passed unanimous. Suggestions requested. Courtyard pulled to the front of the project so seen from the street. Kathy Anthony, Joan Slater and Cindy Cleghorn to work with him on design. Presenter is anxious to move forward within a week.

7437 Kyle – Request for FAR/ICO hardship exemption. Presentation of 28' height, 1st floor 1,558 sq. ft. 420 sq. ft. garage and 1,192 second floor. Total 3,170 sq. ft. Lot is 5,600 sq. ft. According to the ICO the maximum house size should be 2,400. His proposal is exceeds by over 700 sq. ft. Motion by Tomi Lyn Bowling that STNC send a letter to City Council requesting they not permit this exemption. Motion passes. 6 in favor, 1 abstention.

10172 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. (Alex's Tires) – cited for non-allowed use. Wants to continue to run his business. He opened in a site that was previously a cabinet shop. Questions regarding site being zoned manufacturing (M-1). Motion by Mark Seigel that we send letter supporting Alex's Tire in any way we can at current location. Motion fails for lack of a quorum and vote count 5 in favor, 1 abstention.

Fernglen – request for clarification re: FAR/ICO. Building within FAR a 2,400 sq. ft. home on 4,000 square foot lot. Vick Chum would like to build a basement. DAC should review basements as a concept for SFR home construction as these will be presented in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tomi Lyn Bowling, DAC Recording Secretary