

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Land Use Committee Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
held at North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga

7:10 PM - Call to order – Tomi Lyn Bowling, LUC Chairwoman. Committee Members present: Debby Beck, Cindy Cleghorn, Mark Seigel, Elaine Brown, Lloyd Hitt, Karen Zimmerman, Olina Lowe, Chaz. van Aalst, David Long (alt), Bill Skiles (alt)

1. Introductions - STNC Land Use Committee, Councilman Paul Krekorian and Commissioner Andrea Alarcon were introduced. Also new CD2 staff Karo Torossian. Audience introductions.
2. Discussion re: Aftermath of the rainstorms, debris, evacuations, city services and future. Sunland-Tujunga will not have Station 74 open all the time. Other stations will need to respond to Sunland-Tujunga emergencies. This will be a delay in service to our community. CD2 was asked to look into this. The S-T community is limited geographically and it takes longer to get services here. Our Station 74 should always be available.
3. Public Comments – non agenda items and community announcements:
 - a. Candidate filing deadline for STNC board elections is tomorrow, Tuesday 1-26-10 at 5 p.m.
 - b. STNC Education Committee meeting will be on 2-8-10.
 - c. 7404 Foothill has opened as a Thrift store. Thrift stores are not allowed in the FBCSP area.
 - d. Cindy Cleghorn asked Mr. Krekorian and staff for assistance with better communication between the STNC and our Community Planner, Noah McCoy at City Planning. It is as if we are being ignored.
 - e. Marlene Radar said that the Lopez Cyn Truck Driving Academy determination will be appealed and asks for support. Appeal is due by Feb. 8th.
 - f. Concerns about 18 wheel trucks parked overnight at Tujunga Cyn and Commerce. Difficult to see.
 - g. Anel Malik, new owner of property at 7484 Foothill Blvd. has been an auto body shop use but the tenant closed. He's unable to get anyone to rent or lease the property as an auto body use due to the upgrades needed and limit on the number of body shops in Los Angeles. He would like to know what the community would like to see at the site.
 - h. Elaine Brown asked CM Krekorian about high DWP bills since the Station Fire and that the DWP has not adjusted billing as promised.
4. LUC Chair comments – Tomi Lyn Bowling
 - a. 8330 McGroarty – status re: BPW hearing, oak trees, street widening. Discussion with Commissioner Alarcon and Councilman Krekorian regarding the burms recommended by Public Works on McGroarty and Scoville. Copies of maps and concerns about adding burms reviewed. The street will not be widened and no oak trees will be removed. 55 letters were received from the community as well as neighbors appearing at the hearing. It was left that CM Krekorian will confirm the definitive statement from Public Works of what work needs to be done and nothing more.
 - b. 2010 Best of Business Awards – STNC meeting had a large turnout and successful 2009 Best of Business Awards. Looking forward to 2010.
5. Early Notification Announcements, Public Hearings for Sunland-Tujunga
 - a. 6433 La Tuna Cyn (Verdugo Hills Golf Course) – early notice for VTT 69976. CD2 does not have any info on this. After next week they will check into it and let us know.

b. Cindy Cleghorn reported two new applications received for Cell Tower equipment in the community: 10051 Pinewood - Clearwire rooftop WTF on existing apartment building. This site is next door to the American Legion. Also, 11370 N. Alethea Dr., Sunland – Clearwire request for 80 ft. hillside WTF where 45 ft. allowed. This site would be the first of its kind in our community. Presentations will be scheduled with Clearwire at a future LUC meeting.

6. Status updates on:

a. 7217 Foothill – Cindy reported ongoing improvements for a 99 cent store and that no FBCSP application has been filed as has been the case for new uses in this Target and Major Activity Area of the FBCSP. Some permits have been pulled for some work but not all.

b. 8348 Foothill – Tattoo shop business owner said that he has agreed to change the nature of his business and will no longer do tattoo work at the site but instead will do the work at his home a couple blocks away. He will see customers for the tattoo artwork and he will also do piercing. He does house calls and also works at other tattoo shops in Los Angeles. Tenant provided a copy of a letter he wrote. He hopes to move to a new location so he can be open as a tattoo shop.

c. 7937 Foothill – Recycling center / Market – property has a new For Lease sign up. It appears that the tenant who visited the LUC last time has abandoned his project.

d. 10045 Commerce – wine & beer application – so far no notice to the surrounding property owners/businesses has been received and no new updates other than the applicant provided extra copies to the city for distribution.

e. 7235 Foothill – development progress – no updates

f. Angeles National Golf Club – conditions will be at PLUM in March.

g. Valley Village SB1818 at PLUM Tuesday 1-26 and then at City Council on Friday. (UPDATE: CEQA portion approved but new information pushed the remaining portions to City Council on Tuesday 2-2-10).

h. ADU Ordinance draft – other NCs are working on a draft ordinance to be presented to NCs in the future. Elaine Brown commented that the environmental impacts are too great.

7. Discussion/Action to approve draft recommendations to the proposed Community Care Facilities Ordinance. Due to extensive comments, the 1-28-10 CPC hearing has been postponed so the City Planning Dept. can update their staff report.

8. Discussion: Future LUC agenda items/presentations: CDBG, auto uses. Berj Zadoian reported that his auto uses in S-T report was sent to the City. We asked him for a copy.

9. Committee member reports, updates and comments: Lloyd Hitt showed various copies of flyers posted on street lights and poles, especially along Commerce Avenue. He said that business owners need to remove these types of posters. They are not allowed per LA Municipal code and really make the community ugly. Some churches put up these kinds of flyers and they should be contacted to stop.

10. Announcements: Next STNC Board meeting is Wednesday, February 10, 2010 starting at 7:00 p.m. at North Valley Neighborhood City Hall.

11. Adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Mintues taken by Cindy Cleghorn, LUC Committee Member