

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

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- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:12pm by Committee Vice-Chairperson Bill Skiles
- II. Introduction of LUC Members
- III. Roll Call
  - a. Present
    - i. Bill Skiles
    - ii. Cindy Cleghorn
    - iii. Debby Beck
    - iv. Chaz VanAalst
    - v. David Barron
    - vi. Elektra Kruger
    - vii. Arsen Karamians
    - viii. Karen Zimmerman
  - b. Absent
    - i. Dean Sherer
    - ii. Nina Royal
    - iii. John Laue
  - c. No CD7 Representative Present
- IV. Approval of September 8, 2014 LUC Meeting Minutes
  - a. **MOTION:** by Cindy Cleghorn to approve the September 8, 2014 LUC Meeting Minutes as amended 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Zimmerman Vote: Unanimous approval
- V. CD7 Staff Up-Dates – Cindy Cleghorn for Claudia Robriguez
  - a. Claudia R. attended the Amanita Hearing. The case has been taken under advisement because the Bureau of Engineering and the soils reports had not yet been submitted. Any possible changes to the site plan would be related to BoE
    - i. There is a new planner assigned to the case.
    - ii. This is an expedited case
    - iii. Karen Z: The rep presenting the case to the LUC (Mr. Lamishaw) stated that there was a 500 ft radius Public Hearing notification. Neighbors claim never to have rec'd notification & knew of the Hearing based solely on the small on-site posting
- VI. LUC Vacancies
  - a. There is one regular vacancy and one alternate vacancy on the LUC. Any current alternate member could move up to fill the vacant regular position. Audience was invited to consider joining the LUC. One attendee expressed interest.
- VII. No Committee Member Communications
- VIII. Boardmember Committee Activities
  - a. The Congress is meeting this Saturday at City Hall. There will be two planning related workshops which are the busiest for Land-Use Committees.
    - i. Morning workshop is geared for Committees just starting up or as a refresher course
    - ii. The afternoon Workshop will be a little more advanced getting into visioning and marketing for community improvement
    - iii. Open to all. Free admission. All day event. Information can be obtained on-line at [nccongressla.com](http://nccongressla.com) for all workshops being held, speakers, registration, etc
- IX. Public Comment
  - a. Elektra Kruger
    - i. Invited all to consider becoming members of the Little Landers Historical Society

- b. Audience member
  - i. Noted that a lot of landscape maintenance has taken place recently at Bolton Hall. An oak tree branch over-hanging Bolton Hall's roof has been cut down
- X. Motion to support Draft Letter to Councilmember Fuentes regarding moratorium on construction on equestrian set-asides in equestrian capable land
  - a. History: The San Gabriel et al Specific Plan states that *in new subdivisions* there must be a 2,288 sq ft equestrian set-aside maintained on K-Overlay land. Unfortunately this does not protect equestrian set-asides for infills, construction on a single vacant parcels etc.
    - i. This has resulted in on-going loss of equestrian capable parcels despite being in K-Overlay Districts
    - ii. Councilmember Fuentes recognizes this and has himself stated this must be addressed in ReCodeLA
      - 1. ReCodeLA is predicted to take 5+ years to effectuate. To place a hold on loss of equestrian capable land in the meantime, a draft letter has been prepared and presented to the LUC for approval to send to Councilmember Fuentes asking that he present a Motion to City Council requesting a moratorium on any construction encroaching on equestrian set-asides pending ReCodeLA.
      - 2. **MOTION:** by Elektra Kruger to approve the Draft Letter for STNC to submit to Councilmember Fuentes requesting his action to have a moratorium placed on construction encroaching on equestrian set-asides on equestrian capable properties. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arsen Karamians Vote: Unanimously approved.
- XI. Big Tujunga Canyon Sediment Removal Up-Date – Cindy Cleghorn
  - a. All trucks will be making one trip to the site and will stay there for the duration of the Project. There will not be driving on-site/off-site through the community on a daily basis. The conveyor option has been selected for sediment removal
    - i. Sediment will be deposited in nearby Maple and Cooper Canyons
  - b. Project will not begin until late 2016 or 2017. This will be at the end of Supervisor Antonovich's tenure in office.
  - c. The Representative who presented the Up-Date on the Sedimentation Removal Project at the STNC Board Meeting recommended STNC still send the STNC-approved letter listing concerns re truck traffic, heavy truck routes throughout the community, disruption of infrastructure, etc
- XII. Scheduling future actions by the LUC re major projects in the community/how should the LUC approach these Projects in LUC meetings as they move forward
  - a. Proposed Canyon Park Project in Big Tujunga Canyon
    - i. Project is proposed for 242 homes
    - ii. Neighbors have noticed soils testing activity
    - iii. Canyon Parks has filed their EAF 8-29-14 ENV-2014-3225-EAF 12400 N Big Tujunga Cyn Rd 91042. The LUC needs to get a copy of their assessment ASAP
      - 1. Have all potential impacts been covered? Does the LUC agree with their impact level assessments, etc
    - iv. A Draft Letter needs to be prepared and presented to the LUC at the Oct 6 meeting for approval urging the City to require a full EIR whether based on generalized points or specific points as determined by review of their EAF.
  - b. Day St/Pali
    - i. STNC should submit a communication requesting a full EIR – there is a lot of sensitivity to that property. The LUC should schedule discussions about how to provide related comments to the City
    - ii. Discussed need for extensive and engineering-intensive retaining walls

- XIII. Land-Use Committee Activities – Cindy Cleghorn
  - a. Because the LUC is very busy, everyone needs to participate whether in reviewing applications, making calls to prospective applicants inviting them to make a presentation to the LUC
    - i. Perhaps assign these duties on a rotating basis. Split up the responsibilities among committee members rather than have it all lie on the shoulders of one or two people
  - b. Re: Attendance/Participation – the STNC-LUC does not really have an attendance problem but reviewed the STNC bylaws regarding attendance: Miss six meetings within a year constitutes a statement of resignation whether excused or not.
    - 1. Missing any three meetings in a row constitutes a statement of resignation
    - ii. Being an LUC Member is a big responsibility, all the more so because it meets twice/month. Failure to attend/participate puts that much more pressure on other committee members or leaves the door closed for new members to step in
      - 1. DONE and Board of Neighborhood Commissioners are placing great emphasis on these points and also are urging increase in CIS submissions which do not all have to be tied to a Council File
- XIV. Announcements (refer to the agenda)
  - a. VANC Planning Forum, Dec 11 – Cindy Cleghorn
    - i. Cindy C. encouraged everyone to attend. The Forum will be broken up into basic/intermediate/advanced sessions. Some of the presenters will be the expeditors for Projects we know.
    - ii. Will be treated as a “chat-setting” and a panel.
  - b. The STNC has a new Clean-Up and Beautification Committee (CUB). A clean-up is scheduled along Foothill Bl Saturday September 27. Meet at NVACH at 8:00am
    - i. The Committee has a strong interest in engaging business owners and property owners along the area to try to clean things up – plant trees, improve signage, etc things to improve appearance of the community
    - ii. Committee will meet here Wednesday night. Encouraged community to attend
  - c. Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held tomorrow night here at 6:30pm. It is generally attended by +/- 40 people
  - d. Chamber of Commerce has a mixer scheduled for Wednesday, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, at Century 21 to share what is going on with your business/organization.
- XV. Audience was asked how they heard about the LUC meeting and what brought them here tonight to participate
  - a. ICO letter – Canyon Parks – Palmdale Meeting re HSR
  - b. Resident of Seven Hills interested in Canyon Parks
  - c. A lady attended the last STNC Board Meeting where it was recommended she attend the LUC meeting when she expressed an interest in keeping abreast of things happening in the community. Expressed interest in joining LUC
  - d. A gentleman who has attended several STNC Board Meetings but never attended an LUC meeting before was encouraged by Debby Beck to attend
- XVI. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm