

SUNLUND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 2015

- I. Meeting was called to order by Interim Co-Chair Bill Skiles at 7:07pm
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present
 - i. Cindy Cleghorn
 - ii. Bill Skiles
 - iii. Debby Beck
 - iv. Nina Royal
 - v. Elektra Kruger
 - vi. Roberta Konrad
 - vii. David Barron
 - viii. Arsen Karamians
 - ix. Karen Zimmerman
 - x. Henry Hubert
 - b. Absent
 - i. Chas VanAalst
 - ii. John Laue
 - c. No public representative in attendance
- III. Approval of STNC-LUC Meeting Minutes of 7-20-15
 - a. **MOTION:** by Karen Zimmerman to approve the STNC-LUC Meeting Minutes of 7-20-15 as written 2nd by Henry Hubert Vote: Unanimously approved
- IV. Council District 7 Staff Up-Dates
 - a. No staff in attendance
- V. Citywide Up-Dates – Cindy Cleghorn
 - a. STNC received a determination letter approval re 8200 Verdugo Crestline Dr which has to do with a cell tower
 - b. STNC received a Hearing Notice for 10551 Pinewood re a Variance to allow an additional unit.
 - c. STNC received an Early Notification for 9668 Crystal View for a residential in the Scenic Corridor Specific Plan
- VI. Public Comments
 - a. Lilianna Sanchez
 - i. Presented a letter to the LUC re the 12400 Big Tujunga Cyn Development in regards to a letter obtained from the Fernandenno Pedenna Band of Mission Indians Group last week
 - 1. A copy of the letter was sent to LoGrande, Mayor Garcetti, etc letting them know that the proposed Project would create an unusually high risk to cultural and archeological tribal resources
 - b. Melissa Martin
 - i. Her first time in attendance at an LUC meeting. Since there is a lot of discussion about development, would it be possible to obtain a map indicating where each of these proposed developments are taking place?
 - 1. This to help us understand what the potential impacts of those developments may be.

- c. David Barron
 - i. Regarding development throughout the City of Los Angeles, pay attention to **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)** aka “The Great Experiment” that is going through Washington DC – it will result in an awful lot of development
 - ii. Also pay attention to AB2 introduced by Assemblymembers Eduardo Garcia and Louis Alejo – that too is related to furthering an enormous amount of development.
 - d. Nina Royal
 - i. Tomorrow is National Nite Out at Little Landers Park – there will be a live band, food, safety information and art projects for the kids in the street on Valmont between Commerce and Samoa, 6:00pm to 9:00pm
 - 1. Lilianna S. will be performing belly-dancing 😊
- VII. Committee Member changes – Cindy Cleghorn
- a. At the last LUC meeting, we invited Lilianna Sanchez to join the Land-Use Committee. There is one alternate position vacant. If approved it is this position that she will be filling. She has submitted an up-dated application at the request of the LUC
 - b. Chaz VanAalst has not attended LUC meetings for a very long time, nor has William Malouf. Cindy C. spoke to William M. who has expressed interest in serving on another committee and would possibly be willing to step down from the LUC at some time. William has been an asset to the committee regarding historical sites.
 - i. All Committee Members are regularly contacted by STNC Office Manager Ed Rock to remind them of scheduled Committee Meetings and all Committee Members receive agendas by E-Mail in advance
 - ii. By-Laws of the NC indicate that if a Bd/Committee Member has 3 sequential unexcused absences, that Member is subject to dismissal as it is taken to be an indication that the Member no longer has an interest in participating
 - iii. A Motion was presented at the last LUC meeting to recommend to the STNC Board that Chaz VanAalst be removed from the LUC. The STNC Executive Committee referred the issue back to the LUC
 - 1. Elektra K.: The final Motion at the last LUC meeting was to recommend removal of Chaz VanAalst from the LUC with the Friendly Amendment that he first be contacted to inform him of his pending dismissal to give him the opportunity to reaffirm his commitment to the Committee. Has this contact been made?
 - 2. Cindy C.: No, but he is on our communication list and should be aware that the issue is on the LUC radar
 - 3. Nina R.: As Committee Members we all have a responsibility to the LUC – Members are reminded of scheduled meetings and should not have to be led around by the hand – the By-Laws are clear.
 - 4. **MOTION REVISITED:** by Debby Beck to remove Chaz VanAalst from the LUC by reason of excessive unexcused absenteeism as defined by the STNC-LUC By-Laws 2nd by Elektra Kruger Vote: Unanimously approved
- VIII. Proposed series of community meetings outreach on the VHGC Project
- a. Proposed meeting dates = August 17, 24, 31
 - b. See proposed presentation agendas
 - c. Discussed changes to wording within the agendas
 - i. Number of homes proposed = 221
 - ii. Change “First EIR” to “First Draft EIR”

- iii. Be more specific about nature of the lawsuit (ie the Tuna Cyn Detention Station, Court Hearing scheduled for August 12, may already be resolved by the date of the first proposed VHGC Community Meeting)
 - iv. Janek Dombrowa does not feel qualified to speak to all subjects listed on the agendas. Went through the proposed agendas noting those items he felt personally qualified to speak to & who should be engaged to speak to those he did not.
 - 1. EIR Consultant – Chris Joseph and Associates
 - 2. Tuna Camp Detention Station lawsuit – the attorneys. Or a Stakeholder summary of what has taken place at the Court Hearing
 - 3. Creation of a Regional Park – someone from the SaveTheGolfCourse campaign
 - 4. Timelines – Developer and Consultants
 - v. Janek D. had envisioned the meetings to serve as an interaction w/the community to see how the Project could become more valuable, meaningful & acceptable to the community. He felt that this new agenda format steered away from that
 - 1. The third meeting was anticipated to be a presentation by the developer, but this proposed agenda format is structured differently
 - d. Discussed whether the meetings should be designed to be sequential w/differing subjects at each meeting or whether all 3 meetings should be structured the same w/the intent that a greater section of the community be reached w/all the info. No consensus reached.
 - i. Janek D.'s vision:
 - 1. Meeting 1, 2 & 3: Janek D. to make an appeal to the community of the various things that he believes need to be done that would enhance and modify the proposal
 - 2. Meeting 2: To be scheduled after the recirculated DEIR is released at which time it would be appropriate to invite the consultants to speak to the DEIR and to have questions related to the whole picture answered
 - 3. Meeting 3: A comprehensive summary – the meeting the community should concentrate on attending if they cannot make all three
 - e. DEIR to be delayed by another month
 - f. Finalization of the next meeting agenda to include VHGC presentation by Janek to be set by the LUC. Encourage the STNC Board to attend and meeting will be considered a joint meeting. May only hold this one meeting and the others spread out further. The meetings are informational only.
- IX. Motion to SUPPORT 8005 Foothill with recommended conditions
 - a. Nina R.: Went to the Link N Hops in Atwater Village, was very impressed. It was neat and clean - a restaurant, not a bar – very doable in a simple remodel of the current Jimmy Drans. They have a wine cellar, wine tasting, a meeting room – not at all the kind of place that would attract drunkards
 - b. **MOTION:** by Nina Royal to accept the draft support letter as written 2nd by Karen Zimmerman Discussion – to be limited only to the contents of the letter, applicant's representative is present to comment on the letter and answer any questions
 - i. Debby B.: Hours of operation in the application read 9am to 2am daily, the neighbors signed a petition requesting a closing time of 12am, objects to STNC

taking it upon themselves to recommend a closing time of 11pm if even the immediate neighbors are accepting of 12am

- ii. Peter Moen: Was surprised at the agenda item reading as “support”. His recollection from the last meeting was many neg remarks related to noise, traffic, parking, size of establishment vs proposed # of patrons
 - iii. Dan Rosales/Applicant’s representative/Lloyd Hitt: discussed issues of/possible remedies for parking eg rental of stalls from adjacent parking lots
 - iv. Elektra K.: While this applicant may be very responsible, do not open the Pandora’s Box of supporting a Code variation to one establishment as in so doing you have set the precedent that will be hard to argue against in the future and the next business may not be nearly as responsible.
 1. Applicant’s representative: Original hours of operation per the application was 9am to 2am daily. In speaking to the adjacent neighbors after the last LUC meeting we agreed on three things – 1.) Weekday hours of operation to be 9am to 12am 2.) Allow for weekend hours of operation of 9am to 2am and 3.) Patio to close at 11pm every night. Will be happy to comply with all recommendations noted in the letter except the recommended hours of operation
 2. **MOTION:** by Debby Beck to have the hours noted in the support letter match those being presented by the applicant’s representative this evening 2nd by Karen Zimmerman Vote: 9 Ayes, 1 No Motion passes
- X. Cindy C. distributed an informational flyer from the Code Compliance Unit about FAQ re changes to CUBs including monitoring, verification and inspection programs – just passed July 6
- XI. CIS to Support CFI 14-1150 (see attached Motion/draft CIS)
- a. Request for support came from FTDNC – the FTDNC has been dealing with numerous examples of unpermitted units increasing density otherwise not permitted by Zone
 - b. **MOTION:** by Roberta Konrad to approve the draft CIS supporting CFI 14-1150 2nd by David Barron Discussion: Does this have anything to do with CM Fuentes’ Motion on the Council floor to legalize all garage conversions – that has passed
 - i. **comment:** This seems like a backdoor way of degrading a zone’s density limitations
 - ii. Vote: Unanimously approved
- XII. LUC items will be forwarded to the STNC Board for their approval and distribution.
- XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm