

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2015

- I. Meeting was called to order by interim co-chair Cindy Cleghorn at 7:00pm
- 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. John Laue
 - ix. Arsen Karamians
 - x. Karen Zimmerman
 - xi. Cathi Comras
 - xii. Henry Hubert
 - xiii. Liliana Sanchez
 - b. No public representative present
- III. Self-Introductions of Committee and audience members present
- IV. Re: STNC eviction from the NVCH
 - a. This evening's meeting must end by 8:30pm per CD7
 - b. There will be some changes regarding STNC meeting venues. STNC representatives met with Councilmember Fuentes to see if a compromise could be reached with respect to STNC office and meetings at NVCH facilities:
 - i. The STNC may have access to NVCH for meetings twice/month probably for the Bd Meeting & 1 LUC meeting, but the facility must be vacated by 8:30pm. Mr. Fuentes prefers 8 pm as he stated his other Neighborhood Councils end their meetings by 8 pm. Mr. Fuentes is requiring that his Council office staff must remain on-site at all times and to lock up. As a City entity, STNC used to have their own keys but this will no longer be the case.
 - c. A petition is being circulated requesting that the STNC eviction from the NVCH be reconsidered
 - d. The proposal is to lease the facility to two non-profits which must be approved by City Council which gives us an opportunity to weigh in. Cindy C. will inform us when the hearing will be scheduled.
- V. Public Comments
 - a. Cindy Cleghorn
 - i. A Community Workshop has been scheduled for Wed (wrong "day" indicated on flyer) Nov 4, 2015 on the strategy for sustainability and prosperity in the NE San Fernando Valley with respect to transportation, zoning, etc. See attached flyer
 - ii. All NCs have liaisons with different City Departments eg DWP, Animal Services, Planning and Land Use – NCs are requested to identify two Public Works liaisons – Public Works includes issues related to: sanitation, streets, infrastructure etc.

Contact Cindy C. if you are interested. This will be on the next STNC meeting agenda.

- b. Nina Royal
 - i. A meeting has been scheduled for November 25, tentatively to take place at Mission College re the S/T Mission College Satellite Campus to discuss the nature of classes to be offered, campus location, etc
 - 1. Two potential sites – the 7200 Foothill Commerce Center and 8318 Foothill.
- VI. Approval of STNC-LUC meeting minutes of October 19, 2015
 - a. Copies had not been distributed for review. On Continuance.
- VII. 11104 Oro Vista
 - a. John Laue spoke with the owner – will attend the next LUC meeting
- VIII. Up-Dates re FBCSP sites on Foothill and Commerce that have changed use without permits
 - a. Commerce has very strict rules requiring a minimum of 70% retail – any change of use must go through a Project Permit Compliance review
 - b. 9938 Commerce – see attached STNC comment letter
 - i. Appears to be a hydroponics garden center – whether a permitted use or not, STNC has seen no evidence of a Project Permit Compliance review. The City has been alerted to this.
 - c. At the very least, the tarps and razor wire should come down and signage should be updated with windows being “open”, etc and in compliance with the FBCSP Design Guidelines.
 - d. 7739 Foothill at Foothill/Elmo
 - i. Structure has been vacant for some time and is being vandalized on a regular basis – needs to be secured
 - e. 10105 Commerce (across from Bolton Hall)/10207 Commerce
 - i. Both structures have broken windows. This tends to invite crime when not taken care of in a timely manner
- IX. Up-Dates re STNC-LUC Outreach Plans for the VHGC DEIR – Karen Zimmerman
 - a. Recirculated DEIR is anticipated to be released later in November for public comments
 - b. Among items to be recirculated include traffic to account for up-dated data and 2 additional alternatives, one being Janek Dombrowski’s 221 unit subdivision and one being an 86 unit equestrian parcel alternative
 - c. Most preferable choice would be to secure the property as is which would require a multiple joint funding source which has not jelled. Do not want to see 100s of houses packed along foothills nor care to deal w/the impact of +/-400 add’l cars at peak hours.
 - d. It is important to send comments not only to City Planning but also to our Councilmember so that he can see that it is not just a small pocket of people opposing a large 221 unit Project, but that it is a valley-wide opposition
 - e. Robin Meares: It is often not that people do not want to write, but feel as if they themselves can’t write well or that what they have to say has no bearing. It would be helpful if STNC provided a bullet-point list for the community to work with
 - f. There is no intent to make it “one-sided”. Those in support of the project should also be encouraged to comment
 - g. If the re-circulated DEIR is released on Nov. 12 there will be a 45-day comment period right through the middle of the holiday period, a difficult time for the community to focus on an issue such as this. It is unlikely that CM Fuentes will support an effort to obtain an extension but with the holidays and NC elections it would be good if he would.

- h. The community might benefit from creating “teams”, each concentrating on a given aspect of interest
 - i. Might be to the community’s benefit to hold a meeting dedicated solely to the issue of the VHGC DEIR given that most residents do not regularly attend STNC/LUC meetings and lack a solid informational background related to the proposed project
- X. 11030-60 Oro Vista – Liliana Sanchez
 - a. No up-dates
 - b. Edge of Oro Vista/Big T is supposed to be kept free of activity/construction – so designated in the Project Plan – this is a wildlife corridor. If any activity is noted, report it immediately. B/s indicated any further grading violations would result in need to re-apply.
 - c. Large amounts of dirt has been brought on-site and needs to be compacted. The site is located on a flood plain and building grade level must be raised
 - d. Heavy truck traffic has severely damaged Oro Vista and sidewalks along the Project – developers should be held accountable for repair. Cindy C.: This is an example of a job for a Public Works liaison.
- XI. ENS: homes on Hillrose at a location at a cross-over between FTDNC/STNC (Novachek)
 - a. 2 homes ¾ built, never received Project Permit Compliance permit application packet at FTDNC. Just received an application at FTDNC for a lot-line adjustment for a third house.
- XII. Up-Date on reCodeLA
 - a. See attached proposal for R1 zone
 - b. See attached picture packet of dos and don’ts
 - c. See attached proposed amendment to Baseline Mansionization Ordinance
 - d. Citywide workshops will begin in March 2016 again
- XIII. Presentation of proposed Backdoor Bakery CUB – David Weissglass, consultant
 - a. See attached application
 - b. Cindy C. recapped conditions STNC requested for a recent application for Link n’ Hops to see if all the same conditions would be acceptable to Backdoor Bakery. All acceptable.
 - c. Tentative hearing date set for Dec 9, 2015 – moving very fast possibly due to “luck” or possibly due to strong community support
 - d. **MOTION:** by Karen Zimmerman that the STNC support the Backdoor Bakery and its application for the on-site sale of beer/wine 2nd by Nina Royal Vote: Unanimous approval
- XIV. CIS for STNC Board approval re Clothing Donation Boxes
 - a. A plethora of variable clothing donation boxes have been appearing in parkways, parking lots and recently even on the sidewalk adjacent to the old Sizzler on Fenwick. Many of these are for-profit, not charity donation bins
 - i. Merchandize gets shipped overseas. In 2011 a \$605 million profit was reported. Donators do not get tax write-offs as they would with eg Goodwill. The only advantage is to retain a recycle loop as opposed to discarding in landfills
 - b. There is an active Council File in which the City is seeking to develop rules/ordinances relative to these donation bins. STNC is considering submitting a CIS – see attached draft CIS. Current draft contains suggestion for opt-in. Discussion: why not an outright ban
 - i. Draft to be modified for review at next LUC meeting
- XV. CIS for STNC Board approval re Street Vending – on continuance
- XVI. 7018 Valmont
 - a. See attached interdepartmental correspondence from BOE/B&S/Bureau of Lighting

- b. Subdivision Hearing held last Thurs – applicant not present – several S/T residents were present. Applicant to address LUC at next meeting. City will allow only 7 of 8 requested units
 - c. Elektra K.: Greater than 50% of property has greater than 15% slope. Must have Slope Density Ordinance calculation. Owner has been bringing in dirt without permit to level slope.
- XVII. See attached History of LA Planning and Zoning
- XVIII. Location of next LUC meeting to be announced
- XIX. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm