

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 25, 2016

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- I. Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Cindy Cleghorn at 7:04pm
- 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. Karenn Zimmerman
    - xi. Cathi Comras
  - b. No public representative present
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. **MOTION:** by Bill Skiles to approved the STNC-LUC Meeting Minutes of Dec. 7, 2015 as presented 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Zimmerman Voted: Unanimously approved
- IV. High Speed Rail – See attached response letter from S.A.F.E. to the Mineta Transportation Institute
  - a. Accuracy of studies are being challenged esp as they relate to equestrian issues – those that did the equine studies were not from an “equine-knowledgeable” source – did a “desk-top” study and did not go to eg Pierce College
  - b. Conflict of interest – several people on Mineta’s Board are also on the CHSRA Board and one BOARD Member is also on the Board of a company that has been granted \$130 million in contracts from the CHSRA.
  - c. Check links in the letter for information/up-dates
  - d. Q: Why is the route not planned for the existing fwy right-of-way A: Public disapproval
  - e. Q: There is a reference to Dave DePinto narrating a walk – is that recorded somewhere?  
A: Yes, on the S.A.F.E. Web-Site
- V. Director of Planning stepping down
  - a. Director of Planning Michael LoGrande is stepping down for a position outside the City. The new Director of Planning will be Vince Bertoni. He is currently with the City of Pasadena and was previously on staff in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills.
- VI. Citywide Ordinance Up-Dates – See attached
- VII. 10043 Commerce Determination Letter – see attached
- VIII. Approval of storage/office application.
- IX. STNC Board Elections
  - a. Outreach postcards have been mailed
  - b. Audience encouraged to run for a position on the Board
  - c. Cut-Off date for Candidate Filing = Feb 2 (extended to Feb. 5)
  - d. Elections = Sat Apr 2, 1pm-6pm. If elections are certified in time for the following Board Meeting, the new Board will be installed Apr. 13 otherwise May 11

- X. Public Comments
  - a. Nina Royal
    - i. We are going to get our Mission College Satellite Campus. Contact me. Go to the Mission College Web-Site to see what kind of classes they offer. Contact me at [nroyal9259@aol.com](mailto:nroyal9259@aol.com) with a list of the kind of classes you would like to see in S/T
      - 1. Hoping to start classes Mar 1. Will be in a temporary site – 2 possibilities: 1.) TownCenter at Foothill/Commerce. Space available 2.) Empty stores across from Sunland Mall at Foothill/Scoville
    - ii. Attended a training session for Planners presented by attorneys from the City Attorney’s Office hosted by the NVAPC on “Findings” (see attached). Had we known any of these facts, it would not have taken 4 years to defeat Home Depot
    - iii. There will be a Townhall meeting in Sunland-Tujunga with Operations of Valley Bureau in March. Community will be able to speak directly with officers and Capt. Eskridge
  - b. Neighbor question
    - i. 2-3 story building behind the Post Office is being framed
    - ii. Backdoor bakery has been open for about 2 weeks
  - c. Cindy Cleghorn
    - i. Received a note from Donna Lauber regarding the presentation of the equestrian museum/hospital in Big Tujunga Canyon at the last Meeting. Will send her a copy of the minutes
  - d. John Laue
    - i. Expressed concern over a notice of the development of 150 acres of the “Tujunga Spreading Grounds” Did not know where they are to be located. Elektra K.: Below Hansen Dam
- XI. Discussion/possible action to support draft STNC comment letter to VHGC recirculated DEIR
  - a. Hope to support comments of other organizations
  - b. Dean Sherer is drafting the STNC comment letter. It is a letter in progress – input or recommendations for amendment welcome.
    - i. Send copy of any letters being sent directly to Planning for Dean’s review [dean.sherer@ca.rr.com](mailto:dean.sherer@ca.rr.com)
  - c. For direct comments to Planning, don’t have to write a dissertation – a simple statement regarding items of particular interest is sufficient. Every comment sent in is important. Can be brief.
  - d. LLHS has letter going in – just awaiting signature. TCDS Coalition has already sent in their comment letter. VOICE is working on one.
    - i. Dean S.: Would like to have copies of these to attach to STNC comment letter. The STNC refers to issues of cultural/historical resources but the TCDS Coalition would have a more substantive history & meaningfulness behind the memorial
      - 1. Cindy C.: Comment letters have come into the NC, mostly short comments, will forward copies, mostly deal with loss of recreation
      - 2. Karen Z.: Recreation is a particularly interesting subject because that section of the Original DEIR was not recirculated – it is good that people are going ahead and addressing it anyway – it is a significant issue
      - 3. Whatever recreation is to be offered the gated development is not going to benefit people outside the development, so any recreation currently available with nothing replacing it for the public is a loss.

4. Q: Since recreation was not a re-issued section, will the City even consider those comments? A: Yes, they have to. Comments to both the 2009 DEIR and the recirculated DEIR will be responded to.
5. In the 2009 Draft, there were 2 significant and unavoidable, unmitigatable impacts = 1.) loss of recreation to the community at large 2.) aesthetics
  - ii. The City must review comments and determine whether benefits of the Project would outweigh negative impacts – eg Project will provide housing in an area that does not have a sufficient housing supply
- e. Dean S.: The review process started in 2009, then stopped with nothing happening for a number of years – is now starting up again and start-up is incomplete because the recirculated DEIR does not capture all that has happened since 2009
  - i. Only 3 sections are being brought forth. A lot of residents were not around in 2009 so will not be able to review the earlier DEIR to comment on it – the STNC comment letter states that the City was wrong not to recirculate the entire DEIR.
- f. Dean S.: My question to the City of Los Angeles as the lead agency is why is the Preferred Project (221 small lot subdivision) being presented as an “Alternative”? It should have been treated as the primary Project for a whole new recirculated DEIR
- g. Dean S.: Would like to have the STNC Comment Letter available for review by the whole community for input/amendments. What is the “drop-dead” date for the LUC?
  - i. Cindy C.: Deadline for submission to the City = Feb 3, could have a special joint LUC/Board meeting Mon Feb 1 for Comment letter approval. Will arrange for room availability with the Elks. Meeting will be a single item agenda.
- XII. 7656 Foothill – Early notification for new convenience market/car wash
  - a. Located at Apperson/Foothill. Representative = Robert Lamishaw. Cindy C. will attempt to contact him for a presentation.
  - b. There was a hearing on this once before – drainage was a major issue
- XIII. 8812 Yates – Specific Plan Compliance Permit for a lot line adjustment
  - a. A Novachek project. It is a lot line adjustment from 3 parcels to 2 leaving addresses 8812 Yates & 8818 Yates losing 8814 Yates. Purpose = to allow for larger houses. While not unsightly, Novachek houses are always oversized for the neighborhood.
    - i. Cindy C.: Should we try to get Novachek to give us a presentation? Elektra K.: Yes
- XIV. Discussed calendar of meeting changes due to up-coming Holidays – See attached
  - a. Feb 1 & 22
  - b. Mar 2 & 23
  - c. Apr 4 & 18
  - d. May 2 & 16
- XV. Meeting adjourned 8:08pm