

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2018 -- DRAFT

1. **Meeting was** called to order at 7:18pm by Chairperson Cindy Cleghorn
 - a. Roll Call - Present
 - i. Cindy Cleghorn
 - ii. Bill Skiles
 - iii. Nina Royal
 - iv. David Barron
 - v. John Laue
 - vi. Liliana Sanchez
 - vii. Vartan Keshish
 - viii. Cathi Comras
 - ix. Pati Potter
 - b. Absent
 - i. Debby Beck
 - ii. Elektra Kruger
2. **Cindy explained and asked** if any LUC member needed to declare any conflicts of interest of ex parte communications to this agenda.
3. Approval of 5/21/18 minutes
 - a. Pati motioned to approve, 2nd by Nina
 - All approved
4. **STNC Budget & Strategic** - Draft for 2018-2019 passed out and asked that everyone to please participate, get involved, show how the STNC can speed their monies, what the goals are for the coming year. Etc.
5. **NC System Reform Motion**- Neighborhood councils will be weighing in on a reform motion put forward to the City Council to do with NC changes and/or recommendations, which Cindy read in full. One of the points is requiring planning and land use training. In the review stage and a number of surveys are out there. Some of these points were encouraged by the Neighborhood councils for the city to review and consider these changes.
6. **9938 Commerce Ave Corner of Tujunga Canyon Blvd.**- Building has been demolished. Roof clasped, now entire building being demolished. No info on what will be going in.
 - a. Suggestion made that the city buy the property and turn it into a parking lot for the business on Commerce and the lot across the street, however it is in Major Target Area of the FBCSP so there are extra restrictions for the area. The building can be re-built without FBCSP approval. Look forward to hearing about the future for this site, removal of the razor wire and new landscaping so the area will be significantly improved.
7. **Future presentations were announced**
 - a. Stakeholder asked/wondered why Verizon wants to come back, the community has already heard a full presentation and the community has already let it be known of their disapproval. At this time Pati Potter recused herself and left the

room, even though this was a discussion only and no action would be taken. Stakeholder found out there is something called a “Shot Clock”, which has to do with time limits, that they feel is to cell tower applicant’s favor. FCC now requires all local zoning authorities to decide Cell Tower applications within 150 days. The stakeholders feel Verizon is stalling in order to undermine LUC authority to make a decision or a ruling on behalf of the stakeholders. Asked that we put on the next agenda and move this forward this. (at this point Pati returned)

8. Comment letters reviewed:

- a. 6477 Foothill Blvd – Tentative letter read which gave bullet points. The letter will include copies of all the meetings with the LUC, signed petition submitted by the immediate neighbors plus any emails or letters given to the LUC. Went around the room and asked if any point missing, the applicant asked if he remembers anything could he send it in, answer was of course. All will be in the package for the Board at the General meeting this Wed. It was mentioned the City would schedule a public hearing on this project and the city will make the decision. This is a contentious issue and hope that we have engaged the applicant and our neighbors in an effective way. Please come to meeting on Wed.
- b. 7738 Foothill Blvd.- the most serious point is the question he was asked regarding his roof top signs. We cannot be sure they all have/had permits, but we don’t have to get into that we just have to make the comment. The uniform design is an advantage for the community.
- c. High Speed Train –Sylmar NC submitted 3 different comment letters, we only did one. Will be on future agenda to follow Sylmar’s comment letters.
- d. Process & Procedures – setting time limit days will be universal, also notifications is being limited on direct notifications, if over 1,000 homes are to be notified Planning wants to put in only newspapers. Newspapers is not a good idea, Sacramento is also weakening those ordinance.
 - Suggested that we issue a CIS in opposition to the notification policy.
 - i. Also can the scoping meeting schedule/dates avoid major holiday or other date that is hard for the public to attend.
- e. Opposition to SB 831 – recommendation of the LUC the STNC should oppose.
- f. CEQA Case #CPC-2018-2657-CA –
 - Recommend to oppose in current form.
- g. CF17-1311 – postponed to future meeting. Laila Alequresh gave an excellent presentation on this.
 - Will try to get her to come to a full Board meeting with her presentation.
- h. Left turn signals on Foothill –
 - will ask that it be put on the General meeting agenda to find out the progress for installation.

9. **Early Notification** of the property 7740-7770 McGroarty – conditional use for a school – Pati will be arranging a presentation.
10. **Determination letter received** – 1009 Leona, project has been approved to change the garage into a Livingroom.
11. **Public Comments** –
 - a. more info given on Cell towers was read regarding” ...local governments remain vested with both the power and the obligation, to enact and enforce local zoning laws in such a manner as to protect their citizens. ... It also included both the power and the obligation to accept and take into consideration objections from their citizens and nearby property owners and the power to deny wireless company’s applications where there is a legitimate and legally recognizable basis for such a denial.”
 - b. Very concerned regarding the 150 days previously mentioned, when did the 150 days start?
12. **Response to Public Comments** –
 - a. In response to the 150 days concern –Very important point. Question is does the 150 start after all the reports are in or the date the application was filed
 - b. If we had our CD7 Planning deputy attend our LUC meetings or had some participation from them, these are the types of questions they could help us with. They had the ability to make direct contact and get the answers, maybe in due time we can get that.
 - c. Would be nice if everyone would write to our Councilperson requesting that a planning deputy come to at least once a month to our LUC meeting with help and updates, hear comments from the community about projects. In the past, we had a planner at our LUC meeting as well as two staff representatives from the Council office.
 - d. Contaminated soil is being dumped in the Wash and Shadow Hills by cannabis growers. SHPOA has contacted Cat Packer for guidance but no reply yet.
13. Updates and Announcement – quick mention of each, please look into each. Seems June 25th will be better for the next LUC meeting. Then the next will be July 16th.

Adjourn 8:29pm