

SPECIAL LAND USE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday June 17, 2024, 7:30pm
Elks Lodge - 10137 Commerce Avenue, Tujunga

In person and via zoom (Hybrid meeting).

1. Call to Order and Committee Roll Call
 - a. Welcome to everyone. Cindy Cleghorn, 7:38pm. Please sign in to our e-mailing list at stnc.org
 - i. Roll Call – Present (members): Cindy Cleghorn, Nina Royal, Pati Potter, Vartan Keshish, Berj Zadoian, Peter Darakjian, David Jenkins, Richard Marshlian, Cathy Comras (alt). Absent: Liliana Sanchez, Betty Markowitz, Stephanie Mines, Arsen Karamians (alt). Present (Non-members): Susan Denning, Leny Freeman, Jorge Martinez, Mary Ellen Eltgroth, Paul
 - b. Please see community event announcements @ stnc.org
2. Motion made to approve outstanding minutes - May 20, 2024, approved (no discussion)
3. STNC Land Use Committee Vacant Seats
 - a. Introduced David Jenkins – David gave some background about his interests and concerns for property development. Motion made, and passed, for David to join LUC. (Pati, Cindy, Nina, Vartan, Berj, Cathy, Peter, Richard – yes.)
 - b. Introduce any other potential new committee members - Leny and Jorge expressed interest in joining.
 - c. Cindy noted that the Application (for joining) is at <https://www.stnc.org/committees/viewCommittee/land-use-committee->
4. **Discussion:** New Code of Conduct Stakeholder members of STNC Committees for new (2/20/2024) Code of Conduct Policy training requirement - extended to July 1.
 - a. Cindy collected some additional signed forms.
5. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. Cindy noted Saturday (June 22nd) is Movie Night.
 - b. Cindy noted high speed rail Board Meeting next week will be held at the Burbank Marriott, a 2-day meeting to approve the EIR. STNC.org has additional information (with a link to the HRS website). The high speed rail is not coming through Shadow Hills/Angeles Crest Country Club, but taking an alternate route; it will be going through parts of Sun Valley.
 - c. Nina said there was a Beach Party at the Elks, 11am, June 22nd, open to the Public.

- d. Pati – the local The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon Church) (Hillrose St, Sunland) is having a movie night Saturday, June 22nd also, and will have additional movies into the summer.
 - e. Nina mentioned that he Verdugo Hills Cemetery will host a movie night also June 22nd at 8:30pm.
 - f. Peter went to first budget day and expressed frustration that the budget is already approved, about 80 people present, and the City was justifying what their budget was; the meeting was just a formality only because decisions were already made.
 - g. Nina said about 3 weeks ago, she and some others had a meeting with Ricardo; they expressed frustration with not having North City Hall for meetings without an \$800 charge and other limitations. Nina feels it will take more meetings and more pressure to be successful if we are able to return to this location for our meetings. Nina feels we should have a list of items we need to work on that are realistic.
 - h. Vartan expressed frustration with Monica Rodriguez not allowing STNC to return to the North Valley City Hall as had been promised pre-covid and suggested getting media attention to the plight. Peter agreed and voiced his own frustration. Susan suggested that Carmen Chang, the newly appointed General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, might be able to help.
6. Discussion/Action: 9604 Hillhaven - (New Notice) Public Hearing July 17, 2024 @ 9am on Zoom – [ZA-2023-3187-CU1-SPCC](#)
- a. Cindy said that we got a hearing notice for Wednesday, July 17th, for this site which has done a lot of work without permits. Pati said they modified the case number. Peter commented that the time (9am) will discourage people from showing up. Zoom should make it more convenient, per Pati. Cindy said in the meantime we can submit comments to the Zoning Administrator. Cindy recapped the project for Peter. Cindy noted LUC will meet July 15th before the meeting if there is more info available. Jorge asked if plans had been submitted; Cindy said they were available on STNC.org and welcomed his review.
7. **DISCUSSION: LSAN Oro Vista Corridor Project** - <https://www.stnc.org/page/viewNews/7626#>
- a. Cindy noted that the LSAN staff gave a presentation during the STNC General Board meeting. They plan to put in sidewalks on one side and plant trees in addition to the well work planned. This is in the early stages, they are looking for community feedback; there is a survey that can be filled out on the STNC website, and Cindy encouraged people to fill it out. LSAN will participate in different STNC and local events for more feed-back from the community. Pati wanted to know the locations; Cindy gave general information as known (Oro Vista to Hillrose). Jorge gave additional insight regarding locations and water diversion/dry wells from his own experience. LA Sanitation is the driving force.

Andrea from LSAN provided her contact information which is on the STNC website.

8. **INFORMATION ONLY:** LUC follow up reports and updates:

- a. **6456 W. Olcott St.** (Parcel Map Application Case No. AA-2020-3222-PMLA) -Scheduled for STNC Board meeting July 10, 2024 – August 1st it will go for board approval. Mary Ellen commented on land/dirt redistribution/removal and the time will take to complete.
- b. **6736 Foothill** - Construction in progress
- c. **6454 Foothill** - New ARCO gas station (Tujunga) - appears nearing completion. Pati commented on neighbor's dissatisfaction with the project.
- d. **6670 Foothill** - Premises to Premises & Person to Person Transfer Type 21 - Off site sale wine, beer, spirits. Target Area 4 - Foothill Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan area. Cindy noted there was a transfer of the liquor license.

9. **Discussion Only resources on City Planning Website Information:**

- a. Cindy provided websites for people to be able to get information directly (below). Cindy commented that Kevin Keller, Deputy Mayor of Housing, is interested in engaging with the community directly. Mr Keller said that there are 50 units ready to be occupied and 800 units in a rehabilitative status. They also have an affordable housing expediting team. Pati suggested the Chamber of Commerce should be involved also.
 - <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/proposed-land-use-regulations>
 - <https://planning.lacity.org/about/email-sign-up>
- b. Cindy said that there is a restaurant express program that has a program to help people interested in starting a restaurant or food related business. There is no cost for this service.
- c. Cindy said she heard that re: homeowners insurance, USAA is pulling out of California; Karen commented that USAA didn't drop current customers when they pulled out of Florida. Pati commented about Farmer's Insurance and their renewal policy.
- d. Cindy said there was a North Valley Neighborhood Council Summit that is September 21st at Saint Euphrasia; this event is hosted by the North Valley BONC Commissioner.
- e. Reminder from Cindy about Taco with a Cop tomorrow (June 18) at 10:30am at Joselito's Restaurant.

10. Discussion: **Council File Number:** 24-0548 - **Council File Title:** 8461 West Grand View Drive / Protected Tree and Shrub / Illegal Removal / Property Owner / Protected Tree Ordinance / Vital Urban Canopy

- a. Cindy said there are no updates on the trees that were illegally removed.

11. Discussion/Update regarding **Mayor's Executive Directive 1 [ED1] Draft Ordinance**
 - a. Cindy said this is not supposed to affect R1 zoned properties
12. Next meeting Monday, July 15 @ 7:30 PM on Zoom.
13. Adjourn 8:47pm