

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

SPECIAL LAND USE COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 22, 2024

This meeting was held by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8(a)(2)(B).

1. Call to Order and Committee Roll Call
 - a. Welcome to everyone
 - b. Roll Call – Present: Richard Marshalian, Cindy Cleghorn, Liliana Sanchez, Vartan Keshish and Pati Potter. Absent: Nina Royal, Betty Markowitz, Cathi Comras, Stephanie Mines, Peter Darakjian, Arson Karamians
 - No Quorum so there will be no motions/voting.
 - c. Community Event announcements @ stnc.org
2. Motion to approve December 18, 2023 minutes – will address at next meeting; on STNC website for review at this time
3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
 - a. Richard voiced concern for LaTuna Canyon homeless residents and dangers they pose. Cindy said that the police were aware and working on it. Susan noted that people have to report on this, and other, problems to the Senior Officer (LAPD) – can text them.
 - b. Ross asked if someone wanted to keep people updated (about Appeals, etc.), is there a condensed version available. Cindy said it could be re-posted from a previous meeting. Cindy noted that if you plan to speak at a hearing for 9604 Hillhaven, be prepared with comments; time is very limited for how long you can talk. Cindy also provided information about Appeal number and websites to get additional information (Office of the City Clerk Public Comment Form, Council File Number, Appeal information, etc.). Cindy noted that Public Comment Form became public information so be aware of putting in personal information.
4. Committee Member Announcements and/or updates:
 - a. Verdugo Hills Golf Course site - Cindy – still in Superior Court, no updates at this time; the owners have appealed the decision the City made
 - b. 7577 Foothill (former Denny’s) – Comments from Cindy, Pati and Susan. Appeal filed by neighbors, hearing will be Tuesday, Feb 6, will be posted to the STNC website. You need to be present at City Hall to speak. There is a Council File where comments can be posted. Suggestion that Facebook be used for comments to get the word out but this didn’t work out. Offer made by Susan to bring neighbor’s comments to City Planners.
 - c. Other Foothill Blvd. / Commerce Avenue updates.

5. Discussion Only re: City Planning Website Information: Cindy – the websites below are good to stay current with city ordinances, processes and procedure ordinances including forms,
 - a. <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/proposed-land-use-regulations>
 - b. Processes and Procedures Ordinance goes into effect 1/22/24
<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/adopted-land-use-regulations>
 - c. <https://planning.lacity.org/about/email-sign-up>
6. Discussion regarding pending applications - Cindy has not heard any updates at this time for 9604 Hillhaven or Machrea (below). Liliana offered to do a follow up contact regarding doing a future meeting with LUC.
 - A. **UPDATE REGARDING IF RETURNING TO LUC** – 9604 Hillhaven ZA-2023-3187-ZAD-SPP and ENV-2023-3188-CE addition to house and waiver from street improvements. - Erick Marchena, LA City Planner. Application/Applicant Findings/Plans on ZIMAS at <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY3MTQ00>
 - a. Public comment – no change at 9604, attended criminal court last month and judge asked them to cease building but it appears they are not stopping. Another criminal court date is schedule for April 17th (8:30am) In Criminal Court Superior in Room 101. Entire project has been done without permits/exceptions. It will be two years they have been in Criminal Court at this point.
 - B. **UPDATE REGARDING IF RETURNING TO LUC** - 7665 Machrea - 2nd return visit requested by the LUC after strong objections from community in attendance.
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY4NTI50>
7. Discussion: Update to Land Use Committee members. Cindy – encouraged people to join LUC and participating in meetings. Rich suggested reaching out on our own social networks.
8. Discussion: LUC Committee tasks. Cindy – Patti is stepping back in LUC at this time. Efforts at this time include that need support:
 - a. Contact with applications (Liliana will help)
 - b. Draft Comment / Position letter and follow-through
 - c. LUC Outreach – VP of Outreach has been assisting
 - d. Other tasks – Comments from Cindy and Pati: Question about whether we mail or physically deliver notices to neighbors; planning future agendas; how to make an Appeal for 9604 Hillhaven.
9. Open Planning Applications for future meetings
 - a. 6915 Foothill – CUB and extended hours of operation – application not yet completed.
10. Public Discussion: Should LUC meetings be held only in person, only on Zoom or combination of in person and Zoom (Hybrid). *To be continued. No discussion.*
11. Next meeting Monday, Feb. 26 @ 7:30 PM due to February holiday.
12. Adjourn 8:32pm