

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
March 4, 2019

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1. **Called to order** at 7:18pm by Pati Potter and Introductions:
  - a. Present: Debby Beck; Bill Skiles; Pati Potter; Nina Royal; Richard Marshalian Vartan Keshish, Cindy Cleghorn Liliana Sanchez.
  - b. Excused Absent: Elektra Kruger and Arsen Karamians.
  - c. Bill Skiles mentioned he will recuse himself agenda item #7 and Pati Potter will recuse herself for agenda item #6
2. **In Memoriam:** John La Rocca and Dale Thrush
  - a. Memories and tributes to how much respect on the good things done for the community by our first LUC chair John LaRocca and Planning Deputy for then Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Dale Thrush. Dale Thrush had City planners at each LUC meeting which is as it should be.
3. **Approval of Minutes = Feb 4, 2019**
  - a. Moved to approve by Bill Skiles, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vartan Keshish
    - 7 approved and 1 abstained = Motion passed
4. **LUC Committee Procedures**
  - a. Richard Marshalian: We do have procedures that are followed when a project is brought to the LUC attention. Some thoughts were shared at the last meeting as to current procedures, including how to share info to the public/stakeholders. More work is needed on this before having a full presentation and outline is completed. We will continue this item on a future agenda.
5. **Sunland-Tujunga Mission College:**
  - a. President Perez unable to make the meeting but sent a message via email to Liliana as a precursor to a more extensive discussion at a future LUC that she read:
    - i. Apple Corp and Mission Collage are launching a pilot program at Verdugo Hills High this spring, to teach Apple coding.
    - ii. S-T satellite center doing quite well.
    - iii. Additional space by fall 2019 to offer more than 1 location looking into additional locations.
    - iv. Metro is open to the recommendation for a line from S/T to the college.
    - v. Continuing to explore the acquisition of the former KMart location.
6. **10638 Oro Vista Conditional Use (CUP) for a Verizon Wireless Facility.**
  - a. All the LUC knows is the CUP application is on hold.
  - b. Cindy gave a brief history on other cell tower applications that the LUC and community have had in the community. As in the past, the stakeholders will continue to show up at the meetings regarding all cell towers.
  - c. A resident asked that the LUC alerts to a more extended area/distance noticing of cell towers when in or close to a residential area.

**7. Discussion/Action re: 6433 La Tuna Canyon aka Verdugo Hills Golf Course**

- a. Appeal to the final EIR has been filed by group “Protecting Our Foothill Community”, of which Yvonne, Barbara and Sean spoke giving a re-cap of the appeal, including the tentative tract map and not changing the zoning, to not allow the small lot sub-division and fire/public safety issues which follows their presentation at the February 13, 2019 General Meeting.
  - b. City Planning suggested they talk to Councilperson Monica Rodriguez to make sure she is aware of the community’s feelings. Monica Rodriguez has not yet given a meeting nor has she replied to the many emails sent to her on this matter.
  - c. Very important the community shows up at the March 28, 2019 public hearing (This appeal might push the public meeting out) which will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 hearings to take place.
  - d. To help and keep informed email to [protectingourfoothillcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:protectingourfoothillcommunity@gmail.com).
  - e. Sean asked how they can get hold of someone in Monica’s office to assure she has received all this information because no one has had any reply from her. It seems that she has never read anything. Sean was told he could ask for Calif. Public Record Act for every email in and out to the Councilperson to include any correspondence regarding this subject.
  - f. They are seeking support of the Appeal from the STNC at their March 13 meeting.
  - g. Motion: LUC recommends that the STNC support of the Appeal by Protecting Our Foothill Community dated February 28, 2019 and to object to the small lot sub-division approval. In addition, to reaffirm its opposition stated back in 2016.
    - i. Pati motioned; Nina 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 6 yes and 1 abstain and 1 recused = Motion passed

**8. Discussion/Action: re: Sunhill Marketplace Signage**

- a. LUC previously voted to recommend that the STNC support the plans as presented at the Feb 2019 LUC meeting.
- Support letter will be written and presented to the STNC board for the 3/13/19 meeting.

**9. Discussion/Action re: New Restaurant Beverage draft ordinance**

- a. Some NCs, such as the community of Arleta, are not happy with some of the points and some are against the whole thing. Others feel many of the points will be good.
- b. LUC asked to re-read the ordinance and bring their suggestions of points to be removed or added or leave as is to the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for a fuller discussion. Passing the ordinance could help bring the businesses the community wants and still protect the residents. The draft ordinance is in circulation and going into Hearings.
- c. The STNC still has time to put in a CIS, so should we weigh in on it?

- d. We need to make the community aware of this, monitoring program needs to be explored so that it is done. Example: the Auto monitoring is not being done so needs to make sure it would be under this ordinance.

**10. Discussion/Action SB50 should the LUC draft a position:**

- a. This will remove City/Local control of some land use projects
- b. It is now a Council File and going to committee this month.
- c. Motion moved by Pati, Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> LUC recommends the STNC issue a CIS in support of Paul Koretz motion opposing SB50. Land use should be left to local government.
  - 8 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

**11. Discussion/Action: 6443 W Blanchard Cyn Rd**

- a. Hearing not set yet and we, the LUC, need to revisit the San Gabriel Verdugo Mountains Specific Plan (SGVMSP) to confirm the 29ft height is allowed.
- b. Study more then ask the applicant to return to the LUC.

**12. Committee Project Updates:**

- a. 6708 Foothill Blvd –
  - i. Need outreach for the next presentation after application is complete.
  - ii. Changing from Office to Retail could change the dynamics of office conditions. It's not just about the firearms but the use of the building as retail instead of office.
  - iii. Parking requirements might be changed/involved. It is important to get the word out to the neighbors.
- b. 6454 Foothill Blvd –
  - i. No confirmation yet if the land has entitlement to being a gas station or if a school now being next door would have any effect on the application.
  - ii. Will have to wait until the application is completed and received by the LUC.
- c. 7656-7660 Foothill Blvd. –
  - i. no new info

**13. Status of LUC missing minutes on the STNC website**

- i. Committee expressed preference that all correction to the LUC area be done and that all LUC minutes be up to date on the stnc.org website.
- ii. Sevada assured the adjustments will be done.

**14. Status of LUC Project and Pages that were on the STNC website**

- a. Sevada is working with Web Corner on this.

**15. Status of LUC recommendation that Pati Potter assist with website updates**

- a. No response from the board
- b. More discussion needed on this
- c. Committee meetings minutes to be posted; they are inconsistent
- d. Other committees seem to be getting better response
- e. Need to get this standardized.
- f. Video link needs to be on the new website, its only accessible on the old site
- g. It is up to the Exec. Committee (board) to establish how documents should be posted.

- 16. Status of prior meeting LUC/Board Recommendations;**
  - a. No report
- 17. Pending Projects that will return to the LUC-**
  - a. No report
- 18. Public Comments non agenda items:**
  - a. Vartan would like to see everyone get along, no fighting
- 19. Future agenda items:**
  - a. None
- 20. Final Announcements / Early notification:**
  - a. Moved to future meetings
- 21. Adjourn 9:30pm**

Approved at the 3/4/19 meeting