

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: NVCH = 7747 Foothill Blvd, Tujunga, CA 91042

May 20, 2019

1. **Call to Order by Pati Potter 7:39pm**
 - a. Present: Pati Potter; Bill Skiles, Nina Royal, Richard Marshalian; Arsen Karamians, Vartan Keshish, Cindy Cleghorn
 - b. Excused: Debby Beck, Cathi Comras
 - c. Liliana Sanchez arrived 7:45pm and remained in the audience and did not participate except to give a public comment.
2. **Public Comment:**
 - a. Stephanie Mines - ST Chamber of Commerce Mixer May 29 at the Hub.
 - b. Cindy - Joint Outreach and Board meeting May 21 being chaired by Nina Royal
 - c. Liliana - City Planning External Affairs asked that the LUC submit dates to arrange meeting in June.
3. **Announcements:** LUC vacancies; 6433 La Tuna Canyon City Planning Commission Meeting on 5/23; SB 50 did not get voted out of the Appropriations Committee shutting it down for this year.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** May 6, 2019 - Moved to approve by Bill, 2nd by Nina, motion carried unanimous.
5. **Resignations, new applications and reconfirm LUC members:** **Committee discussion: the current LUC members including board and stakeholders with updates and asterisks * indicating board members. It is noted that tonight's agenda listed Cindy Cleghorn as Treasurer should have been listed as Secretary.** Per the STNC By-Laws the LUC is limited to 5 Board members. Because of the recent board elections there are now 6 Board members noted on the LUC. The LUC discussed various options:
 - a. One committee member should step down from the LUC
 - b. Hold Special Joint Meeting of the LUC and STNC Board, that person could attend the meeting and participate in the discussions but would not be able to vote on any issue(s) during the LUC meeting.
 - c. Any board member can attend the LUC meeting but not participate in any discussions, as Liliana Sanchez **has demonstrated** at this meeting **by remaining silent.**
 - d. Because we want all the region reps to attend the meeting having the Joint Meeting would be the best way to go.
 - e. We need to confirm that a Joint Meeting does not require a quorum of the STNC Board only of the LUC.
 - f. **Having a joint Board and LUC meeting would be a go-around that would compromise the objectivity of the whole board when LUC matters go before it.**
 - g. **Applications Submitted:** Betty Markowitz, Stephanie Mines; John Clausen (who is a board member).
 - h. **Submittal to Board:** No decision on who may step down; will bring to the next LUC meeting and then submit recommendations to the STNC Board.
6. **Meeting dates** - reconfirmed 1st and 3rd Mondays for LUC Meetings. Next LUC will be June 3rd here at NVCH but June 17th and after TBD.

7. **Budget Requests:** LUC needs to submit any budget requests for things such as parking reimbursement; mailers to notify the surrounding residents on projects to be considered; water for meetings; copies when unable to get to the office. In addition, what category would all these go into, Outreach or other? Not a budget item but very important that the LUC have use of the projector. **Strategic Plan** –FY2019-20 Funding Program Packet does not include a Strategic plan. **Web Site** – please look at the LUC area on the STNC website at stnc.org and give suggestions for updates to the LUC pages.
8. **New Locations for meetings** – any suggestions on locations for LUC meetings and/or storage please submit.
9. **Urban Design Guidelines** – The City has combined their three design guidelines: commercial, industrial, and residential together into one. Public comment open until May 24th, no time for the STNC to comment but everyone can do it on their own. They want to have pictures of design you would like to see. Then another draft will come out before it goes to the City Council for final approval.
10. **Economic Development and LUC Procedures:** Richard Marshalian recommends postponement to future date.
11. **Public Comment on Non-agenda items**
 - a. Nina - AB 516 Passed the Assembly now going to the State Senate. You can send your comment to our State Senator Anthony Portantino recommending to OPPOSE.
 - b. Pati – 210 west bound just before Sunland Blvd exit, looks like posts / fencing are being put up so the big rigs unable to park. Let us hope they do not decide to park more onto Foothill Blvd.
12. **Future Agenda items to be scheduled:**
 - a. 7740-7770 McGroarty, Remnant University, unknown status with City Planning Dept.
 - b. City Planning External Affair Dept. (EAD) – will visit a LUC meeting – see public comments for update
 - c. 6708 Foothill Blvd.-Change of Use from Office to Retail & sale of Firearms
 - d. 10247 N. Hillhaven - Demolish of single-family home & construction of 14 units, 3 stories
 - e. 10220 Fernglen - Demolish single family home for a 10 unit apartment
 - f. 6454 Foothill Blvd– Reopen former Gas station with a convenience store
 - g. 10030 Commerce Ave_– 3 story mixed use (commercial/residential)
 - h. 7259 Hillrose St. Tujunga – Parcel Map to Subdivide one Lot into 2 Parcels.
 - i. 8100-8150 McGroarty_13-lot Subdivision for 11 single-family homes
 - j. 10132-10146 Commerce Ave. – Density Bonus - Demolition of existing 8 units for 3 story
 - k. 7361 Foothill Blvd. – Change of Use from Boarding home to Retail Plumbing Supplies
 - l. 9945 Commerce Ave – Change of Use from Office to Day Care
 - m. 10240 Commerce Ave–2007 determination for 18 units; new permit for 36 units
 - n. Review Council File 19-00400 -for a possible draft Community Impact Statement (CIS) for the STNC Board approval.http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0400_mot_04-16-2019.pdf
13. **Announcements:**

- a. Planning 101 training classes will be held through LA the month of May. Closest location is May 22nd Pacoima City Hall 6pm to 8pm 13520 Van Nuys Blvd. You MUST RSVP <http://bit.ly/P101Env>.
- b. https://planning.lacity.org/documents/ExternalAffairs/Planning101_Planning_for_the_Environment.pdf
- c. Updates on various City Planning processes/ordinances pending: City Planning has released the 90+ page staff report regarding the recode Processes and Procedures ordinance.
- d. PLANNING & LAND USE OUTREACH: City Planning has a YouTube Channel with Planning 101, ZIMAS, Planner Spotlights and Los Angeles Landmarks. You can view these at this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChl2PmRhAzUf158o0vZjnHw?pbjreload=10>
- e. PROJECT STATUS for reCodeLA – The City is Updating the Zoning Code. See the latest update released on April 10, 2019 here:
<https://recode.la/updates/news/where-weve-been-where-were-going>

14. Meeting Adjourned 8:36 pm

Approved at 7-1-19 meeting