

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Held at the Tujunga United Methodist Church
September 16, 2019

1. **Call to Order at 7:00pm** Committee members Present: Bill Skiles; Pati Potter; Nina Royal; Vartan Keshish; Cindy Cleghorn; Betty Markowitz; Berj Zadoian; Liliana Sanchez arrived 7:20 and Debby Beck arrived 7:45. Alternates Stephanie Mines
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - a. Tree Protection bill will be voted on by PLUM. If anyone is at that meeting please talk on this point
 - b. LA River project meeting 9/27
 - c. Apartments sneaking Parking into R1 single family parking. LA is allowing apartments and condos to have less parking than would be needed for the tenants and end up parking on the narrow city streets.
3. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Review Weekly Legislative Update from DONE and make recommendations to the STNC Board and Committees.
 - a. NC get a weekly Legislative Report from DONE to show the NC and community a change to weigh in on. Some are LUC issues. NC are supposed to bring these to the community.
 - b. Stakeholders/Public now can post their comments at <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment>
4. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Updates to Land Use Committee member roster were postponed
5. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approve August 19, 2019 minutes
 - a. Cindy moved to accept; Nina 2nd
 - All approve, motion passed
6. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Status on minutes posted on the stnc.org website, are we caught up? Assuming asking about LUC so yes 2019 and 2018 I think are ok.
7. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Finalize comment letter regarding new ARCO gas station at 6454 Foothill. Past contamination is not part of the reason the LUC/STNC is involved however, owner presented a letter dated 9/11/17 from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board showing that no further action is required and the case closure determination is appropriate. The reason for the project to come before the LUC/STNC is only because the 24/7 hours of operation request and the building of the convenience store. It was brought up that ARCO can or may require a minimum hours of operation per day. With comments from the Creemore residents and other stakeholders, the comment/support letter has been modified:
 - a. **The STNC approves of the general concept and design but does not support to the 24/7 hour of operation and instead would prefer hours of operation to be Sunday thru Thursday 5:00am to 11:00pm and Friday and Saturday from 5:00m to 12 midnight**
 - b. Cindy moved and Pati 2nd
 - 9 in favor and 1 opposed. Motion passed

8. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Mr. Morgan, resident of apartment on Samoa, talked about how the parking on Samoa Avenue between Valmont and Tujunga Canyon Blvd. needs to be looked at to allow more vehicle parking, possibly remove bicycle racks from the large apartment building, that are never used. His son is a special need child that has a medical person who comes a few times a week. She had trouble finding a parking place during the day, so had to leave without visiting her patient.
 - a. Mr. Morgan has 4-bedroom unit but only allowed 1 parking space. He was lucky enough to get one more parking space thru a raffle.
 - b. The past councilperson generated the no parking signs on both sides of the street between Apperson & Valmont and the Parking Enforcement became very active ticketing and towing, and still is.
 - c. On new builds the City is not requiring as many vehicle parking spaces in apartments and condominiums as in the past but does require bicycle racks. People are parking on Commerce because there is not enough parking for the population and vehicles on Samoa. Bikes are not an adequate means of transportation for this hilly area.
 - d. Mr. Morgan said the management of his apartment is looking into removing 6 bike racks to add a few more vehicle spaces. In addition, reconfigure some of the parking spots.
 - e. Mr. Morgan was asked to do a rendering/drawing of his idea of what it can be to share with the stakeholders and Councilperson. It was suggested that he also approach the Church on the corner of Samoa and Valmont, to work out the insurance issue they have for allowing the public to park. However, the church is thinking about building on that lot. Other possible suggestion that he look into the empty lot on the north side of TCB, which was or is owned by Spectrum who has moved their operation out of the area. That lot was originally in the Commerce plan to make that area more pedestrian.
 - f. Stakeholders feel it is wrong that new apartments and condominium are being built with inadequate parking. Safety factor? City and State mandating this. Be vocal and elect the correct people into office.
9. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** CF19-0998 has passed – CD7 \$45,000 funding to a contractor approved on 9/3/19 for community engagement campaign to gather input from Council District 7 residents on their needs and priorities. Be aware.
10. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** What can be built in the Foothill Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan area. Building, such as the 2 story wood framed building going up on north side of Foothill, west of Oro Vista is allowed per the Foothill Blvd Corridor Specific Plan (FBCSP) at 33 ft tall built By-Right and the STNC/LUC do not get notice. 90% of building permits issued are By-right. If you see something that does not look right bring it to the attention of the LUC. There is a video (3hr long) done with the LA Planning to show the intent of the FBCSP.

11. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Verdugo Hills Golf Course, 6433 La Tuna Cyn scheduled at PLUM (Planning & Land Use) Committee on Sept. 17 2:30pm City Hall downtown. Need people to come out to express again to the City this project is not appropriate traffic and safety with regards to fires.
12. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Finalize Non-support letter on 10132-10146 Commerce. (Pati and Nina recused themselves for this project)
 - a. Betty moved to accept, 2nd by Liliana to send on the STNC
 - All approved, motion accepted.
13. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** 9945 Commerce Day Care for as many as 40 children 2yr plus. This project came in front of the LUC August 5th, The City has already given a determination to approve this unit before the STNC was able to make comments/recommendation. The LUC feel that there is inadequate parking the Day Care is suggesting. They are depending on street parking for drop off which we feel would be dangerous at 7- 8 in the morning due to the traffic. Appeal has to be done by Sept 27 so there is no time to get a letter done and approved by the STNC Board, but everyone can send his or her own letter in. We feel that the City is not keeping with their own regulation. We know it is approved but let's draft a letter for the 10/7/19 LUC meeting. If the City finds they made an error they will modify their determination letter without an appeal.
14. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** CF 19-0002-S159 AB 1197 (to expand current CEQA exemptions) – Straw poll of the LUC and Stakeholders in attendance said we should oppose. Looks like it passed and is on the Governor's desk. We should weigh in and bring it to the next LUC meeting.
15. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** CF 17-0117. (Alcohol Restricted Use Sub-districts) A group is-requesting the NC's in support. Too many questions to do anything on. If anyone has an interest Cindy will look into have a speaker come out on this file motion. Discussion turned to a discussion on how many businesses in town are illegal and not property permitted by the City. Stakeholders need to learn what and what is not legal per LAMC and/or FBCSP and report them to B&S and ask help from our Councilperson. Topic of what is allowed by LAMC and FBCSO will be put on a future agenda.
16. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - a. ****6708 Foothill Blvd** Keep on list open project list.
 - b. ****10220 Fernglan** –Applicant and owner asked to come to the 7/17/19 meeting for the 2nd presentation but decided not to speak. A neighbor called very upset over this project due to the parking problem on the street. We need to communicate and addresses the issue by next meeting. The city is moving very fast so we need to get this done ASAP.
 - c. ****10247 Hillhaven** – Applicant and owner asked to come to the 7/17/19 meeting for the 2nd presentation but decided not to speak. We need to communicate and addresses the limited paring issue by next meeting. The city is moving very fast so we need to get this done ASAP.
 - d. **8100-8150 McGroarty** Keep on open project list.
 - e. **8842 Foothill Blvd -Sunhill Market Place** –Keep on open project list
17. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Scheduling separate meeting about economic development in Sunland-Tujunga – (Richard Marshalian) Item held over to next meeting

18. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Scheduling separate meeting about Land Use Committee Procedures –(Richard Marshalian) Item held over to next meeting
19. **Update/Discussion/Possible Action:** CF-19-0002-S157 removed (Medicare for all) – not a LUC item. Stakeholder said it should not be on the STNC. However, the good thing about the CIS is you can support, non-support or just make comments expressing neutral position. If the STNC does put in a CIS that now allows 5 to 10 extra minutes to talk at open council meetings.
20. **Update:** CF11-1705 (Citywide Sign Regulations) CIS in favor was voted on at the last STNC meeting.
21. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Were read as shown on the agenda
22. Future Meeting Agenda Items: as shown on the agenda
23. **Adjourn** 9:15pm