

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Special Joint Board and Land-Use Committee meeting Minutes
Held at the Tujunga United Methodist Fellowship Hall
October 7, 2019 -

1. **Call to Order:** 7:03pm Committee members in attendance were: Bill Skiles, Pati Potter; Nina Royal; Vartan Keshish; Cindy Cleghorn; Betty Markowitz, Berj Zadoian and alternate Stephanie Mines. Debby Beck, Liliana Sanchez and Richard Marshalian came in after meeting was called to order.
2. **COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Verizon is replacing/repairing the 64ft cell tower at 10400 Sunland Blvd. No additional info at this time.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** non-agenda items None
4. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Announcement to remind STNC Board members to review the weekly Legislative Update from DONE to see if any are important and/or related to our area. Bring these to the board to put on the agenda.
5. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Announced Verdugo Hills Golf Course, 6433 La Tuna Cyn City Council PLUM (Planning & Land Use Management) hearing was rescheduled for October 22, 2019; Council File: 19-0794 – submit public comments at <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/?cfnumber=19-0794>
6. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** to recommend a Community Impact Statement on the signage proposed in CF-19-1051 for Commerce and Valmont intersection. City Council will vote Tuesday Oct 8.
 - a. The LUC reviews a CF; then the LUC makes a recommendation to the full STNC Board. That is the goal tonight.
 - b. Straw poll results of the stakeholders in the audience (Not LUC): 3/support as written; 18/opposed as written; 8/support but with amendments/changes.
 - c. Cindy moved and Pati 2nd the following CIS wording: **“The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council opposes placement of a permanent ceremonial sign at the intersection of Commerce Ave and Valmont St because this intersection is the cornerstone of the history of Sunland-Tujunga and no signage marker should be placed here.”** At this point the stakeholders clapped and cheered.
 - d. Eight stakeholders spoke, including the LUC members, about their concerns including: (1) why CM Rodriguez did not have her Field

Deputy announce this File at the STNC General Board meeting of 9/11; (2) who asked the CM to put this motion in; (3) why William Saroyan, who has no ties to the community; (4) there is no square but a park that already has the name of the founding group of Tujunga; Find another place to honor Mr. Saroyan, such as the corner of Foothill and Commerce where it would get much more visibility or make a square at the corner of Tujunga Canyon Blvd and Commerce or at the library; (5) Emotional comment from the a person that has studied the history of the pioneers and this corner/intersection is historical sacred ground; (6) very disappointed that this motion did not go through proper channels-- another example of the disconnect between the council office and the STNC and community in general; (7) there are many others that more deserving that actually had a tie to the community; (8) there are approx.. 2,000 intersections in S-T-- picking this location is a slap in the face to the pioneers and the history of this community.

- e. Discussed if any amendments should be made to the motion Cindy moved such as: no opposition to the Motion if moved to a different location, adding that no name change or signage of any type be placed at this location unless it pertains to a community member, or without public vetting, or related to the history of the community.
- f. The original CIS as read by Cindy stayed and voted on by the LUC. (The STNC can then discuss and make changes when they vote.)
 - 8 in favor; 1 opposed; 1 abstained. Motion passed

LUC meeting went into recess at 7:48pm and resumed 8:36:pm

At this point Liliana stepped out and Arsen filled in.

- 7. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Updates to Land Use Committee member roster. Postponed
- 8. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approve September 16, 2019 minutes
 - a. Cindy moved to accept with correction, Betty 2nd
 - All approved. Motion passed
- 9. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** 9945 Commerce Ave Day Care planning Dept. approved their application before the LUC was able to get a comment letter in of non-support or at least comment regarding the inadequate and dangerous parking. Postponed until 10/21 LUC meeting.

10. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** 10220 Fernglen – This application has not had a hearing yet with the Planning Dept. but since the Planning Dept. is pushing project through we want to get our comments in to the file ASAP.
 - a. Recommendation of changes to the draft letter in packet.
 - b. Changes will be made and a new draft for the 10/21 LUC.
11. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** 10274 Hillhaven -Another Density bonus project. This application has not had a hearing yet with the Planning Dept. but since the Planning Dept. is pushing project through we want to get our comments into the file ASAP.
 - a. Recommendation of changes to the draft letter in packet.
 - b. Changes will be made and a new draft for the 10/21 LUC.
12. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Community Impact Statement on Council File 19-0002-S159 AB 1198 = No CIS was written – Postponed or it possibly has been voted on already by the City Council. Also mentioned that the Mayor announced they were able to get rid CEQA for permanent support housing.
13. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Congress had great workshop on planning and land use. Will be an Audio online shortly. Suggest that 2 or 3 persons have a workgroup on a project then bring to the LUC. Planning is getting to project sooner than before so the LUC needs to get the application in the mail and we need to get the applicant in right away.
14. **FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - a. Status of previously approved projects that have come before the LUC
 - b. reCode / Community Plan Update sub-committee
15. **Adjourn** by 9:06pm