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Re: ENV-2018-4721-CE, DIR-2018-4720-SPP
6360 Foothill Blvd. Tujunga, Ca 91042

ADDITION OF RECYCLING BUYBACK IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXISTING MARKET,
PURSUANT TO 11.5.7., TO MEET CONFORMANCE WITH FOOTHILL BOULEVARD CORRIDOR
SPECIFIC PLAN

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee has met with Maria Khachiyian, applicant /owner of CRV Only Stores, Inc three times, twice at regular LUC meetings and once on-site. At all three meetings there were immediate residents present.

If this application is approved, the STNC recommends the following:

- CRV Only Stores, Inc. installing a 6-foot fence and landscaping along the Foothill Blvd side.
- CRV Only Stores, Inc. Recycle Buyback Center is to be on the property owned by the Foothill Foot Mart and not on the used shared lot space, which can continue to then be used for car parking.
- CRV Only Stores, Inc. is to be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness and up keep of the entire area as shown in the below diagram.

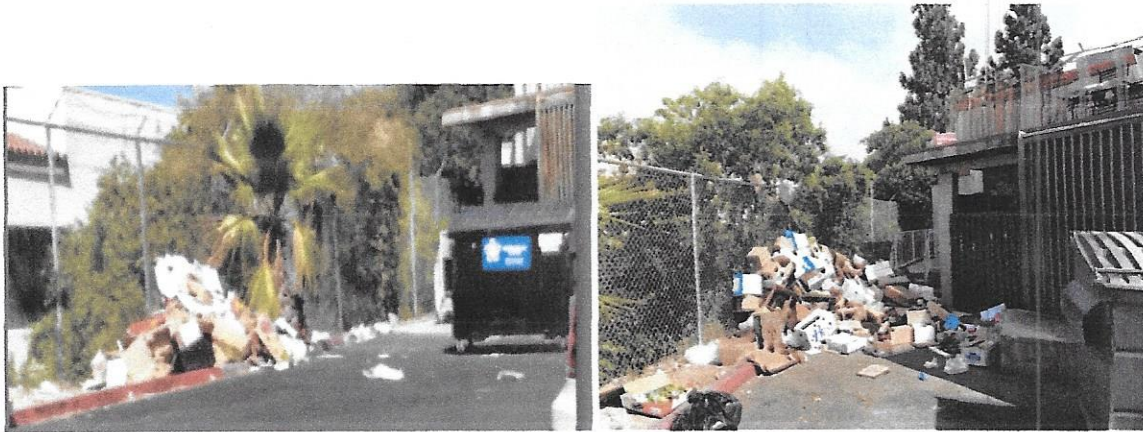


The applicant did not include any signage plans in their proposal and the STNC / LUC would like to see those plans should they exist.

Ms. Khachiyian is proposing that CRV Only Store put in a Recycle Buyback Center operation next to and on Foothill Food Market property at 6360 Foothill Blvd. She explained that it would be for "Members Only", which the residents seem to appreciate. The applicant explained that it would be open to the public, however; they must first register and become a member in order to return their recycle items. This is the first time the STNC has heard of such an operation and are not sure how this limits the public?

At the November 19, 2018 LUC, meeting Ms Khachiyian advised that the plans for the entrance to the recycle location has changed. The previous plan had the Entrance Path of Travel along east side of the building in full view of Foothill Blvd. At the on-site meeting, the local residents felt this would ruin the aesthetic view along Foothill Blvd. The current plan is to now have the Entrance Path of Travel to start west of the market at the parking lot, where the market keeps their trash bins and is shown in the below pictures.

From the start, there were concerns over the cleanliness and aesthetics of the immediate surroundings. It is quite clear the trash/garbage is from the market and not by any homeless or the other businesses in that center.



Aesthetics is a high priority for this community. The overall community complaints are how awful Foothill Blvd. looks. The picture above shows the location of new proposed Entrance to the Path of Travel. This area is not seen from Foothill Blvd or from the market's front door however, it is in full view of employees and customers of Harbor Freight and Petsmart.


Because of these concerns expressed by the residents and adjacent businesses, CRV Only Store, Inc has stated they are committed to taking over the responsibility of maintaining the cleanliness and up keep the areas pictured here. They have also agreed to put a 6-foot fence and landscaping along the Foothill Blvd. side area so the actual storage container will not be seen from Foothill Blvd.

It has also been brought to the LUC attention that the Foothill Market is in violation of the Foothill Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan: Section 6 item A3:

3. Trash/garbage areas shall be screened by a wall enclosure and/or landscape materials.

It is the hope that the Foothill Market's owner will correct this issue in addition to the current signage along Foothill Blvd. is repaired to improve the area and be a good neighbor.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments and considering the community. If you have any questions, please contact us by email at secretary@stnc.org or phone.


Dana Stangel, STNC President

Attachment of the store frontage along the Foothill Blvd. side
cc: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, CD7
Humberto Quintana, CD7 Planning Deputy
Maria Khachiyani, Applicant/owner of the project

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