

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHORHOOD COUNCIL
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2015

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Interim Co-Chair Cindy Cleghorn
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present
 - i. Cindy Cleghorn
 - ii. Bill Skiles
 - iii. Debby Beck
 - iv. Nina Royal
 - v. Elektra Kruger
 - vi. Roberta Konrad
 - vii. David Barron
 - viii. Karen Zimmerman
 - ix. Cathi Comras
 - b. Absent
 - i. Chaz VanAalst
 - ii. Arsen Karamians
 - iii. John Laue
 - c. No public representatives present
- III. Self-Introductions of Board Members and Audience
- IV. Approval of the 6-1-15 STNC-LUC meeting minutes
 - a. **MOTION:** by Karen Zimmerman to approve the STNC-LUC Meeting Minutes of 6-1-15 as amended 2nd by Nina Royal Vote: Unanimously approved
- V. Public Comments
 - a. Sheri Smith – Little Landers Historical Society
 - i. Bolton Hall is finishing up its public programs before going dark for the months of July and August with a performance by the Randy Van Horne Singers (see attached flyer). Applications for tickets available on the back table
 - b. Nina Royal
 - i. There are petitions on the back table regarding no blank check
 - c. Debby Beck
 - i. On Sat. June 27, there will be a first-time artist’s studio tour in Sunland-Tujunga. There are 14 studios with 17 artists. Tickets = \$20. Self-Guided tour. (See attached postcard). This is a fund-raiser for the McGroarty Arts Center
 - d. Cindy Cleghorn
 - i. The Rotary Club is having a pancake breakfast at the McGroarty Arts Center this coming Saturday from 9:30am to 12:00pm. \$5. Proceeds go to help fund the 4th of July Parade
 - 1. Applications to enter the parade are available (see attached) with instructions of what one can and cannot do. Theme = Celebration of Our National Forest
 - e. Audience Member
 - i. On McGroarty/Vallejo there is a chained fire station sleep-over structure with dogs. They park their fire trucks 24/7/365 on McGroarty reducing it to a one-lane road which is particularly dangerous because it is on a curve.

1. Neither the Police Department nor the Fire Department will do anything about it. There is plenty of parking along Vallejo which would not be nearly as dangerous because that would not be on a curve
2. Possible that this may be a private collection. The vehicle in question is an old vintage fire truck not LAFD.

VI. Council District 7 Staff Up-Dates

- a. No staff present

VII. Committee Member Announcements

- a. Karen Z. has moved up from an alternate position to fill the vacant non-alternate position leaving the LUC with a vacant alternate position. The audience was invited to consider applying for this position
 - i. Cindy C. described the nature of, function of and qualifications for becoming a member of the LUC
 - ii. Application available on the STNC website under Documents
- b. There is an Early Notification for a beer/wine license at Foothill/Woodward at the current Jimmy Deans – 8005 Foothill Bl. They have confirmed they will present to the LUC on July 20
 - i. The audience was requested to assist in outreaching to the neighbors to encourage their attendance to the LUC meeting that evening

VIII. Great Streets Initiative Up-Date – Charlie Bradley

- a. The Great Streets Initiative was put forth by Mayor Garcetti to designate certain streets throughout the City as a “Great Street”. With that designation comes certain supportive assets from the City to make improvements along those designated streets
 - i. These improvements could include such things as economic improvements, items related to increased public safety, increased local public culture, etc
- b. The Great Streets Committee, formed with members of the community, has developed an overall vision with both long-term and short-term goals.
 - i. The ultimate goal is to bring business back into our community, improve some of the public spaces, entice more people to visit our community – to invest money here, buy property here – these are the long-term goals
 - ii. As part of a short-term goal, the Committee has designated 2 blocks as target locations where improvements will first be made – Foothill Bl. between Oro Vista and McVine.
 1. These two blocks would serve as something akin to a model home built and furnished in a proposed development which might be indicative of what the development may ultimately look like as a whole.
 2. The Great Streets Plan is to take those two blocks, make immediate improvements and up-grades eg applying a fresh coat of paint to the buildings, re-doing the sidewalks, adding sidewalk furniture, etc
 3. It is hoped that once improvements are done to these two blocks, the concept will become “contagious” and blocks to the east and west will want to up-grade their blocks in similar fashion.
 4. The next step is to contact the business owners along those 2 blks & have them put together a “business development plan” for those 2 blks and come up with things like color schemes to repaint the buildings, etc
 - iii. Charley B. will keep the LUC posted as the Great Streets Committee progresses. The Committee meets every 1st and 3rd Mon of the month at 6:00pm in room 104. All meetings are open to the public – the public is encouraged to attend

1. The Committee seeks input from the community because the entire community has a vested interest in the outcome of the Projects undertaken.
- IX. Request for the STNC to send a follow-up letter to the Council Office asking for an up-date on the status of letters sent to the Council Office well over a year ago relating to preservation of equine properties and neighborhood radius notification of Specific Plan Project Permit Compliance applications – Elektra K.
- a. Monthly requests for status up-dates by Elektra K. have either been ignored entirely or rarely, at best, answered with a curse “still under review”.
 - i. It appears as if up-date requests from an individual carry no weight and needs to come from a body with a greater voice such as an NC – especially since it was 2 NCs that generated the initial letters – the FTDNC and STNC.
 1. Elektra K. was requested to draft the follow-up letter to be reviewed at a future LUC meeting.
 - ii. Discussed contacting the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee for support
- X. 10211-15 Tujunga Canyon Bl./10034 Redmont – proposed 8-unit apartment building – Concerned neighbors
- a. Refer to 2 attached ZIMAS maps
 - b. Because Tujunga Canyon has been designated a Highway, code denies creating an ingress/egress driveway from Tujunga Canyon. Apparently the City has selected Redmont which is a poor alternative with major public safety issues
 - c. Road access to 3 single family residence driveways turns south off of Valmont onto Redmont which initially is a 20’ wide road due to an existing apartment structure on an irregular lot jutting into Redmont. Beyond the apartment lot are 3 single family residences and the 10034 Redmont vacant parcel at which Redmont widens to 40’. Redmont dead ends at the southmost property line of the single family residences and southern property line of the vacant 10034 Redmont parcel and the adjacent northern property line of the vacant 10213 Tujunga Canyon parcel. This apartment building has parking stalls in which cars are constantly coming in and out. There is a second existing apartment building across from the first at the narrow portion of Redmont that has street parking. This leaves Redmont between the two apartment buildings closest to the Valmont ingress/egress as a single lane road and only three street parking spaces for the single family residences which leaves no space for guest parking. Where Redmont first comes off of Valmont it is too narrow for emergency vehicles to enter. Sanitation trucks must back up if they enter to pick up residential trash now because there is no room to turn around at the dead end and frequently do not bother to enter to collect residential trash. Currently, the vacant lot 10213 has a driveway on Tujunga Canyon which is being used because it is too inconvenient to turn onto and access the lot from Redmont.
 - d. There was no notification of a proposed project on these lots – the only way the neighbors even learned of the Project was that a note was placed on the car of one of the single family residents parked in front of her house saying “Please move your car to avoid tow, you are parked in our driveway”. Neighbors began investigating at that point.
 - e. Redmont does not look like a street but more like an alley and tends to attract negative elements of society. The concern is that this will spread and there is a school and churches nearby.
 - f. Compilation of grievances/questions/actions
 - i. There is to be no access to the 8 new apartments from Tujunga Canyon – access will be from Redmont which is narrow and limited so there will be no

improvement to accommodate ingress/egress along this street leading to major issues of public safety

- ii. Impacts will be increased as a result of Redmont's dead end beyond which there is a drop to a parking lot below
- iii. Do pre-existing driveways exist on Tujung Canyon?
- iv. Ask the developer which address he is pulling his permits under.
- v. Need to reach out to:
 - 1. DOT
 - 2. BOE
 - 3. B&S
 - 4. The Council Office
- vi. Invitations to relevant parties/agencies will be made asking them to address these issues at the next or the July 20 LUC meeting.
- g. Several residents have limited English. Our bilingual Board Members/Guests assisted with translation. Cindy C. explained that translators can be provided at NC expense with sufficient notice of need.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm