

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 21, 2016

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- I. Meeting was called to order by interim co-chair Cindy Cleghorn
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Present – no quorum present
    - i. Cindy Cleghorn
    - ii. Bill Skiles
    - iii. Elektra Kruger
    - iv. David Barron
    - v. Karen Zimmerman
    - vi. Lilianna Sanchez
  - b. Absent
    - i. Debby Beck
    - ii. Nina Royal
    - iii. John Laue
    - iv. Arsen Karamians
  - c. No public representatives present
- III. Self-Introductions of Board Members and Audience
  - a. Majority of audience present came to speak in opposition to the proposed Foothill/Apperson 7-11/Car Wash. Presenter cancelled at 5:00pm this evening. Reconfirmed for April 4.
- IV. Approval of March 7, 2016 STNC-LUC Meeting Minutes
  - a. On continuance – no quorum.
- V. Two vacancies on the STNC-LUC
  - a. Audience was invited to consider becoming committee members. Cindy C. described the committee, its function, responsibilities of committee members, etc. There is an application process
  - b. Because there are now vacancies of the regular committee Board, those currently identified as “alternate committee members” will shift to regular LUC membership status at the next LUC meeting.
  - c. It is important not to vote on personal preferences, but as representatives of the community though remaining in compliance with City Ordinances/regulations/codes
- VI. Public Comments
  - a. Cindy Cleghorn
    - i. This Wed at the NVCH, there will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Candidate Forum for the up-coming STNC elections. There are 39 candidates running for 21 Board seats. This is an opportunity for stakeholders to get to know the candidates and their interests
    - ii. Elections will be held on April 2 in the Von’s parking lot at Mt. Gleason/Foothill between 1:00pm and 6:00pm. Identification will be needed to prove stakeholder status
      - 1. Registration forms are available on the STNC Web-Site so stakeholders can arrive with forms already filled out
  - b. Maryellen
    - i. If a property is less than one acre, is it ok to cut down oak trees?
      - 1. Cindy C./Bill S.: It can be cut down, but requires a permit to do so

- ii. There are three small lots on St, Estaban that have recently been sold that have numerous oaks on them
  - c. Audience member – did not record name
    - i. I have a petition for a ballot initiative called a Neighborhood Integrity Initiative which is intended to avoid spot zoning and put a two year moratorium on zone changes until the General Plan is up-dated
      - 1. It will also prohibit developers from writing their own EIRs – they will have to hire a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to prepare them
      - 2. Cindy C.: The Initiative has been pushed off this year’s ballot, will be revisited on the next ballot cycle.
  - d. David Barron
    - i. The Department of Transportation will be citing/towing vehicles parked on Samoa – see attached
- VII. Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance - Cindy Cleghorn
  - a. Comment period has been extended because LA is in the process of redesigning its zoning code
- VIII. High Speed Rail – Cindy Cleghorn
  - a. Last Thursday there was a meeting of the Council of Governance at which the Director of the HSR Authority released a revised map of proposed HSR routes. The entire route through San Fernando is now underground
  - b. E2 still exists, but has been moved a little westward and is still partially above ground. The E3 route, the route nearest Sunland-Tujunga, has been eliminated. There is still a major issue in that they still want to tunnel through the Angeles National Forest
    - i. This is a major issue with respect to water and the environment, so it is still important to keep up-to-date
- IX. Oro Vista/Big Tujunga Canyon – Cindy Cleghorn
  - a. 18 home development
  - b. Lilianna S.: They have now paved a road inside the development. Looks like they removed the wildlife corridor. Has attempted to contact the Building and Safety inspector several times with no success
- X. DWP Governance/Reform Outreach – Cindy Cleghorn
  - a. The City is looking to Neighborhood Councils to outreach with regard to what happens with contracts DWP makes, what happens to the money the City gets from DWP, the future of infrastructure up-grades, issues regarding the commission, etc
- XI. Traffic Safety on Tujunga Canyon Pl – Cindy Cleghorn
  - a. No up-dates
  - b. Karen Z.: LAPD is having a townhall meeting Thursday night (see attached flyer) at which this issue can be brought up. Officer Flores, head of Valley Traffic Division will be there. I have also been contacting people on Tujunga Canyon BI because of their traffic issues
- XII. 7656 Foothill Bl (Foothill/Apperson), proposed 24-hr 7-11 plus drive-through car wash
  - a. Presenter cancelled at 5:00pm this evening, has re-confirmed for April 4
  - b. Application is for:
    - i. CUB for 24/7 off-site sale of beer/wine
    - ii. CUP for a car wash on a commercial corner mini-shopping center
    - iii. CUP for public parking in an R3 zone
    - iv. Variances to allow a portion of the car wash to intrude in the R3 zone as well as movement of vehicles into a more restrictive zone
    - v. ZAA for reduced rear yard set-back of 0 ft in an R3 zone

- c. There will be a Zoning Administrative Hearing in Van Nuys at which we must give feedback to the City as to whether this Project should be allowed to go forward and why/why not. A staff report will be presented in advance
  - i. Lilianna S.: Our community is already oversaturated (per census) with establishments dealing with alcohol sales
  - ii. The Shell Station across the street from Roe Zee Market has been trying to get a permit for alcohol sales but has been unable to do so because there are too many nearby sources of alcohol sales:
    - 1. Roe Zee – off site, full alcohol
    - 2. City 21 - off site, full alcohol
    - 3. Vons - off site, full alcohol
    - 4. Rattler – on site, full alcohol
    - 5. Corner Market next to Rattler - off site, full alcohol
    - 6. Carusos - on site, full alcohol
    - 7. Stan’s – off site, full alcohol
- XIII. 8812/8818 Yates
  - a. Elektra K.: We have been continually postponing this. One day we are going to get an automatic determination letter for conditional approval without Hearing because there is no apparent opposition. These homes will be oversized for the neighborhood
- XIV. Jain Temple – intersection of Commerce/Valmont
  - a. Application for addition of 2<sup>nd</sup> story
  - b. Confirmed for April 4 presentation
  - c. Cindy C.: has invited Dean Sherer to attend the next LUC meeting to guide with this application (and to give us some insight on the 7-11/Car Wash)
- XV. 10046-56 Samoa
  - a. Determination letter for the Haul Route has been received. Fencing has been erected. Hauling of dirt will begin soon
  - b. Approved for 48 apts (reduced from proposed 69) with 89 parking spaces
- XVI. Great Streets proposal
  - a. No up-dates
- XVII. Foothill/Commerce storefront vacancies
  - a. On continuance
- XVIII. Meeting adjourned 8:06pm