

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2017

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cindy Cleghorn at 7:14pm
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present
 - i. Cindy Cleghorn
 - ii. Bill Skiles
 - iii. Elektra Kruger
 - iv. Nina Royal
 - v. David Barron
 - vi. Liliana Sanchez
 - vii. Karen Zimmerman
 - viii. Cathi Comras
 - ix. Pati Potter
 - b. Absent
 - i. Debby Beck
 - ii. John Laue
 - c. No public representative present
- III. Self-Introduction of Audience/Board Members
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. **MOTION:** by Karen Zimmerman to approve the March 20, 2017 STNC-LUC Meeting Minutes as amended 2nd Cathi Comras Vote: Unanimously approved
- V. Review and recommend disposition of hard-copy oversized maps that have been in long-term storage with STNC.
 - a. Marlene Hitt: Bolton Hall has an extensive archive of community maps. Bolton Hall would, more than likely, be glad to accept maps that the STNC does not choose to retain for itself
 - b. Cindy C.: The Board shall remain after adjournment to review the maps in consideration
- VI. ReCodeLA – Zoning Code reform/updating
 - a. The City has already up-dated & begun using some of its new codes. Meetings are ongoing monthly the 4th Wed of the mo fr 6pm-8pm. Consultants address the meetings which are not Brown Act noticed – the only notices will be on the ReCodeLA Web-Site
 - i. ReCodeLA can also be linked from the City Planning Web-Site
- VII. City Planning Newsletter
 - a. Available on the City Planning Web-Site
- VIII. PlanCheckNC Meeting
 - a. This coming Saturday, 4-8-2017 from 10am to 12pm, a former Associate Zoning Administrator Nic Brown will be the guest speaker. He will be going on the road to help Community Councils and Neighborhood Councils have a seat at the table. Free.
 - i. He will be explaining the Zoning Administrator’s process and what they do.
 - ii. Has a “Sprint Mobile” – a 25’ long mobile office. It will be on display
 - iii. Meeting to be held in the Community Room of the Hollenbeck LAPD Station in Boyle Heights
- IX. NC Congress, Sept. 9, 2017
 - a. It will be an all-day event for NC committees and NC boards.

- X. Committee Member Up-Dates
 - a. Liliana Sanchez
 - i. Re the Oro Vista Project: Susan Wong took over for Claudia Rodriguez at CD7 trying to resolve things that have been of concern to us eg the equestrian trail, issues with the wildlife corridor, etc
 - b. Pati Potter
 - i. Someone placed a clothes donation box at the Ralphs Shopping Cent near Cocos. Reported it to Sanitation. It has been tagged. If it is still there in a couple of days, Sanitation will remove it. Is illegally placed in the middle of the sidewalk
 - 1. People frequently drop things along the side of the box rather than inside creating blight
 - 2. There is a Council File to establish criteria for collection bins in that material is not to be allowed to accumulate outside the bin and they must remain free of graffiti: 15-0980
 - c. Nina Royal
 - i. Mission College will be opening for classes April 10. The Grand Opening was a huge success with +/-300 people in attendance. It is important to fill the classes – sign-up is on-line at lamissioncollege/sunland.
 - d. Cindy Cleghorn
 - i. Starting this week, they will begin restriping the section between Sunland Park and Wentworth St. narrowing it to a 2-lane hwy, one lane each direction
 - 1. They don't anticipate a traffic back-up. The point is to slow down traffic and save lives and create a bike path.
 - 2. At the meeting, officers stated they have had no official complaints re traffic filed from this area – complaints should be called into Officer Flores 818-644-8142
- XI. Expectations for CD7 and STNC Boardmember participation at LUC meetings
 - a. It would be important for a CD7 representative to hear our concerns on an on-going basis rather than just waiting for us to relay things from the LUC or NC – they need to hear first-hand what the LUC and neighbors are talking about
- XII. **MOTION:** by Cathi Comras to formally convey CD7 the importance of, and our expectation that, a CD7 Planning Deputy serving the elected CD7 Councilmember attend all LUC meetings 2nd by Karen Zimmerman Vote: Unanimously approved. Also STNC Boardmembers should attend LUC meetings, especially when presentations are held.
- XIII. 7101 Foothill (x Pinewood) – proposed drive-thru car wash
 - a. At the last LUC meeting, Bill S. said he wished to revise the comment letter somewhat (see attached draft)
 - i. **Draft letter approved by consent**
- XIV. Grievance against STNC filed with the City by 7101 Foothill Project
 - a. The grievance was denied because it was based primarily on the fact that the STNC opposed the Project. Support for/opposition against a Project is not a valid grievance. A valid grievance is based on violation of NC By-Laws
 - i. LUC members reviewed a bullet point list of grievance items
- XV. 9927 Commerce Ave – 2nd story addition
 - a. Presenter not present
- XVI. 10146 Fernglan
 - a. Presenter not present
- XVII. 8150 McGroarty

- a. At the last meeting it was recommended that an EIR level CEQA report be done on the proposed project. (See attached draft letter).
 - i. Suggested expanding references to drainage/erosion issues
 - ii. Suggested making note of anticipated support from the Tribal Senate and the City Forestry Advisory Committee for an EIR
 - iii. Draft letter to be edited based on comments from this meeting for presentation to the next STNC meeting approved by consent of the LUC.
- XVIII. Early Notification – Harbor Freight
 - a. Harbor Freight will be opening a store adjacent to PetSmart. Have filed for a new wall sign and a new cabinet sign for the existing pylon pole sign. The SP requires signage to be lower, but they wish to use the existing signage requiring a SP exception
- XIX. CIS re Council Files listed on the agenda
 - a. These are Council Files that STNC should consider submitting CISs for. Cindy C. urged LUC members to review the Council Files in question.
- XX. Public Comments
 - a. None
- XXI. Announcements
 - a. Candidate Forums
 - i. Apr 11 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Tierra del Sol hosted by SHPOA. 6:30pm-7:30pm = Monica Rodriguez, 7:30pm-8:30pm = Karo Tarossian. Not a debate format.
 - ii. Apr 18 at 6pm at All Nations Church hosted by STNC – debate format
 - iii. Apr 21 at Mission College hosted by Sylmar NC – debate format
 - iv. Councilmember Wesson informed Cindy C. that he plans on hosting a Candidate Debate. No details yet.
 - b. Cindy C. was recognized at City Council last Friday as Pioneer Woman of the Year 😊
 - c. Facebook STNC is not an official STNC site
- XXII. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm