

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2018

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Chairperson Cindy Cleghorn
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present
 - i. Cindy Cleghorn
 - ii. Bill Skiles
 - iii. Elektra Kruger
 - iv. Nina Royal
 - v. David Barron
 - vi. Liliana Sanchez
 - vii. Cathi Comras
 - viii. Pati Potter
 - ix. Richard Marshalian
 - b. Absent
 - i. Debby Beck
 - ii. John Laue
 - iii. Vartan Keshish
 - c. Public Representative present
 - i. Seme Parks – DONE
- III. Self-Introduction of LUC members
- IV. Introduction of STNC Board Members/Region Representatives present
 - a. Dana Stangel – President
 - b. _____? _____ Sevada – Secretary
 - c. Lydia Grant – Region 4 Representative
 - d. Pati Potter – Region 4 Representative
- V. LUC declaration of Conflict of Interest or any ex-parte communications re agenda items
 - a. Pati P.: Spoke with applicant of 7125 Foothill up-dating him on comments that have been posted on FaceBook re his Project
- VI. Description of the STNC-LUC process – Cindy Cleghorn
- VII. Approval of Minutes
 - a. **MOTION:** by Nina Royal to approve the July 16, 2018 STNC-LUC Minutes as amended 2nd by Liliana Sanchez Abstention by Pati Potter (not present) Vote: Motion passes
- VIII. 7125 W. Foothill Bl. – Relocation of liquor store under same ownership
 - a. See attached application
 - b. Presentation by Bobbie (Robert) Abboud, son of owners Nabil and Royam Abboud, employee at current Verdugo Hills Liquor Store, originally purchased in 1977.
 - c. Over the yrs, products being offered at the current business has quadrupled, the business has outgrown its current location. Next door is a much larger vacant bldg providing Verdugo Hills Liquor an opportunity to move next door
 - i. The relocation will provide many more items – food items, etc
 - d. Cindy C.: Do you intend to make any changes to the outside of the building or just the inside?
 - i. Robert A.: Most of the changes will be inside, will be remodeling the outside to make it more presentable to whatever the code is

- e. Nina R.: Will the parking be mostly in the rear to accommodate both buildings – your new location as well as whatever business may utilize the building you plan on vacating?
 - i. Robert A.: There is an empty lot between the current bldg & the vacant bldg that we plan on moving into – that lot will be used for parking & there is parking available behind the building – there will be plenty of parking for both buildings
- f. Cindy C.: Do you have any renderings for the brick building?
 - i. Robert A.: No, not yet. Plan on looking over the area to see what the current trends are
- g. Cindy C.: What is your time schedule for this?
 - i. Robert A.: The whole thing is dependent on the CUP permit. We need to see that that is ok with the City before we put any money into remodeling the relocation
- h. Cindy C.: Your Hearing is only for the CUP? No SP clearance?
 - i. Robert A.: Yes, there will also be a SP clearance
- i. Cindy C.: Have you had any issues in the past with the LAPD?
 - i. Robert A.: No, none at all
- j. Cindy C.: Do you sell single Carry?
 - i. Robert A.: Yes. That is what most people look for. 6-packs get broken. They are a thing of the past
- k. Q: What are you going to do with the building you are in now?
 - i. Robert A.: Clean it up and rent it out
 - 1. Q: Do you have any renters already on-line?
 - 2. Robert A.: We have a lot of people inquiring almost weekly
- l. Pati P.: Re the security bars on the windows, per the SP the security bars cannot be on the outside of the windows
 - i. Robert A.: There are bars on the inside of the doorway, it makes no sense to have them on the outside
- m. Pati P.: Re the rooftop sign – it is not really a rooftop sign. I called B/S. As you probably already know, rooftop signs are not allowed in Los Angeles, so have you been working with signage? If you don't get the right kind of signage, you will have to pull it down
 - i. Robert A.: That is one of the things that they are really strict on is the type of signage, but that sign is almost a landmark. I really don't want to give it up.
 - 1. Pati P.: And that is why I was hoping you were working with planning or B/S or whatever the regulating agency is to try to keep the sign. You are right
- n. Pati P.: Have the representatives of the San Fernando Valley Partnership ever approached you regarding having signage saying eg you will not sell to minors, you will not sell to drunks, etc
 - i. Robert A.: They have come by a couple of times in the last years
 - 1. Pati P.: Anyway, the point is that you get together with planning re window signage – there is a limit to the amount of window coverage permitted, etc
- o. Richard M.: Are you asking for any kind of discretionary approval?
 - i. Robert A.: No, only approval for the relocation
- p. Cindy C.: Have you discussed expediting the application?
 - i. Robert A.: Yes. Expediting would save about 3-4 weeks so it would be a significant amount of money to save 3 or 4 weeks. It just wasn't worth it
- q. Cindy C.: So your timeline?

- i. Robert A.: It is about 3 months to the CUP Hearing. From there we will move as fast as we can
 - r. Cindy C.: Have you worked w/anyone at planning re the outside – re compliance w/the SP?
 - i. Robert A.: We know there is a SP, we just didn't want to get into actual architectural proposals yet – if it doesn't get approved it would be a cost that would never benefit us
 - 1. Cindy C.: Lighting will probably come up – and landscaping
 - s. Liliana S.: Will your hours of operation remain the same?
 - i. Robert A. Yes
 - ii. Liliana S.: What time do you close?
 - 1. Robert A.: 11pm weekdays, 12am Fri, Sat
 - t. Liliana S.: Will you have surveillance of the back out-of-sight parking?
 - i. Robert A.: There will be a full surveillance system – that is essential to every property now
 - u. C: I support the liquor store. Moving and expanding would be a good thing. They are amazing business owners, they maintain the property well, they have murals that bring life to the street. I would like the sign to be moved to the new building
 - v. **MOTION:** by Pati Potter to support the relocation of the Verdugo Hills Liquor Store with the same ownership for off-site consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages with consideration of issues of signage to be postponed to a later date 2nd by Nina Royal
Vote: Unanimously approved
- IX. Status of Minutes postings on the STNC Web-Site
 - a. Posting of LUC Minutes needs to be up-dated and Minutes incorrectly posted under the LUC need to be moved
- X. By-Laws re LUC Meetings – Pati Potter
 - a. A complaint was recently made to the STNC Board against the LUC that it was not holding meetings according to By-Law requirements and had cancelled a number of meetings during the last 12 months. Per the By-Laws, a STNC committee is only required to meet once/month though the LUC typically meets twice/month, the first and third Monday of the month, due to the volume and time-sensitivity of issues that come before it. A review of the meeting Minutes was made and revealed that the following were either legitimately cancelled due to National Holidays or were rescheduled as follows:
 - i. The July 3, 2017 LUC meeting was cancelled due to its proximity to the July 4th Holiday
 - ii. The Sept 4, 2017 LUC meeting was cancelled due to that date being Labor Day
 - iii. The LUC met 3 times in Oct 2017, twice to conduct regular LUC business and once to host a community outreach meeting on upcoming changes in Cannabis laws with keynote speaker Cat Packer
 - iv. In Jan. 2018, the LUC rescheduled its typical first Mon (Jan 1) and third Mon to accommodate the New Year Holiday
 - v. The third Mon of Feb was rescheduled due to it being a national holiday, the LUC met on the first Mon per schedule thus maintaining its twice/month meeting schedule
 - vi. June 4, 2018 was Election Day and the NVCH was unavailable – the meeting was rescheduled to June 11 with the third Mon also being rescheduled to a later

date in the month since the regular third Mon would fall only one week beyond the rescheduled June 11 meeting

- vii. July 2, 2018 was cancelled due to its proximity to the July 4th Holiday
- viii. July 20, 2018 was scheduled to be a special joint meeting of the STNC and LUC. This meeting was cancelled, but not per the LUC. The LUC did still hold its one meeting that month as required per the By-Laws

XI. Announcements

- a. David Barron
 - i. Recommended a “Yes” vote on the Nov 6 ballot for a gas tax repeal – there is no guarantee that gas tax monies will be used for up-grades in road infrastructure
- b. Lydia Grant
 - i. Tomorrow night is National Night Out. The event at Bolton Hall is being sponsored by the STNC. 6pm. Hamburgers, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob. A band. Activities for the kids. Should be a fun event
- c. Cindy Cleghorn
 - i. The S/T et al CP up-date has not been scheduled as of yet
 - ii. Refer to the agenda for links to the Community Resources, ReCodeLA and GeneralPlanOurLA2040
 - iii. Homeless Housing Advocacy Event, Aug 11 – all day. Needs volunteers
 - iv. Thank you to Officer Solano for providing security services at the meeting 😊
- d. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm