

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council - Land Use Committee
Minutes for Dec 7, 2020
Meeting held via Zoom

(1) Meeting called to order by Pati Potter at 7:06 pm.

(2) Committee members present: Pati Potter, Bill Skiles, Debby Beck, Richard Marshalian, Cindy Cleghorn, Nina Royal, Vartan Keshish, Betty Markowitz, Cathi Comras, Stephanie Mines. Quorum met. Arsen Karamians arrived after meeting began.

(3) Motion to approve – Nov 16, 2020 minutes

- Cindy Moved and Betty 2nd
- Debby, Richard, Cathi and Stephanie Abstained. All others Yea.
- Motion passed

(4) Announcement and Updates:

(4a) Planning 101 Training required for all LUC members by Dec 16, 2020 Pati, Cindy, Bill, Vartan, Stephanie and Betty have taken the training in October via Zoom but not all of us have received the confirming email from DONE.

(4b) PlanCheckNC - Zoom meeting Dec 12 10am. for Zoom link www.planchecknc.com

(4c) Local Emergency Code Amendment Ordinance: 3 year test program will allow less restrictions on such things as reduced parking requirements for business, temporary Conditional Use permits, and it is very likely that the less restriction will stay after the 3 years.

(5) 10852-10854 Woodward –subdivide 1 parcel into 2 parcels.

Michael Del Valle, representative for the owner to handle the subdivision which runs from Woodward to Leolang. Structures currently on the parcel will remain. Garo Mardigian is the owner of the property and has no plans of building another residence or ADU structure. Current parcel size is approx. 14,000sf. Parcel #1 driveway will continue on Woodward, at approx.. 7,123sf. Parcel #2 will have the driveway on Leolang at approx.. 7,000sf.

(6) Letter to City Planning

- Pati moved to recommend to the STNC to support this project. 2nd by Betty.
- 1 abstained, all others approved.
- Motion passed.

(7) Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

Stacy Shure, Mar Vista Community Council Land Use Chair and Barbara Broide, Board member Westside NC, gave a 40- to 50-minute explanation on this topic and that LA is losing more and more local control over Land Use Zones and ordinances. Every 8 years the city must assess the housing needs and the goal we must make. The assessment count is over inflated by 900,000. If the city does not built a penalty is given. This is a plus to the Developers. Every NC should be aware of this. Planners are under extreme pressure to get this assessment done by Oct 2021.

(8) Improvement of aesthetics of Foothill Blvd and compliance of LAMC and FBCSP

When a new business wants to open or change the use, they are to go to the City; if within the FBCSP the City Planner is to notify them of this. With luck they come before the LUC at which time the LUC can give recommendations to meet the FBCSP and help be a good neighbor. But reading all the by-laws of the STNC we are not an enforcer of violations. However, the FBSCP should be enforced; we need the cooperation of the Council Person and all owners of business in town, residents to correct violation and make the Blvd. aesthetics and vibrant. LA County has a program for funding to improve the facade. How can the STNC help? How can the Chamber help? How can the Sunland-Tujunga Business Association help? Wonder if the STNC

Beautification or Community Improvement committees can help with this. Discussion to continue.

(9) Public Comment – Non-Agenda items

S-T Chamber of Commerce held a Board meeting and going forward in 2021.

(10) Comments or Update from LUC

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(11) Confirm next meetings: Dec. 7, Jan 4, and Feb 1, March 1, March 15, 2021.

(12) Adjourned 8:46pm