

**Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council – Land Use Committee**  
**Minutes for October 18, 2021 meeting held via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order** 7:04pm by Pati Potter
2. **Roll Call of Land Use Committee Members:** Pati Potter, Bill Skiles; Cindy Cleghorn; Vartan Keshish; Betty Markowitz; Berj Zadoian; Cathi Comras with alternate. Quorum met. Debby Beck; Richard Marshalian and Stephanie Mines arrived after meeting was opened.
3. **Motion to approve Minutes** of Oct 4, 2021
  - a. Moved by Bill and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vartan
    - 3 abstained 6 approved, motion passed
4. **Announcements and Updates- Redistricting**
  - a. Shadow Hills has been put back into CD7 for the time being,
  - b. The County and State maps will also change, which will affect our representative, so pay attention to watch.
5. **Discussion/ possible action on 8152 Ellenbogen St -to rezone and subdivide into three lots – Brandon Park, applicant’s rep shared information:**
  - a. Regarding the Sewer Lines: Bureau of Engineering report said the sewer system can handle two additional single family homes.
  - b. Met with the City Planner, because an Environmental report is still needed for a subdivision, including what is intended to do with each tree.
  - c. Screen shared showing the layout of the pine and cedar trees on the property and shared the info from the Architect and Arborist Consultants.
  - d. Some trees will be removed because of the health of the tree(s) or tree(s) will be too close to building footprint.
  - e. Arsen (LUC) mentioned any tree within 10ft of a foundation should be removed.
  - f. Will try to save the trees, but some are drought stressed.
  - g. Meeting with a Landscape Architect about replacement tree(s) will be held. Brandon is currently getting bids for that.
  - h. One neighbor has asked that the very tall tree be taken care of; it looks as though it would be falling soon, it needs to be topped at the very least. (#3 on the screen share)
  - i. One neighbor (per email he sent in) is concerned about losing another horse property, this property could support horses and/or grow agricultural products. And this would change the character of this neighborhood.
  - j. Pati (LUC) pointed out all the properties except one, including the property directly to the south are R1-1-RFA single family homes and no longer suited for horses. Adding 2 homes on this property would keep within the current character.
  - k. Betty & Bill (LUC) said the current owner is being punished if forced to keep the land bare, when all the properties around are single family homes. And is this lot large enough for a horse?
  - l. The property to the south changed the zone to the R1-1-1-RFA as requested on this property.
  - m. K. T. (stakeholder) said these trees are living things and asked what the species and if native to the area – reply was Pine and Cedar, Brandon will send the full Arborist report on each tree.
  - n. Mark D. (stakeholder) can’t understand why we are getting rid of trees and open space.
  - o. Brandon will be approaching the Urban Forestry and has made this clear with the City Planner.
  - p. Pati moved to support the subdivision, Betty 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - q. This motion was ignored and Arsen moved to wait until we have a report of the species of trees on the property, Debby 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - i. 1 abstained; 2 No, 7 yes
      - Motion passed to wait
6. **Discussion/Action on LUC alternates**
  - a. Have not received any objection from John Laue to be removed – put off to future meeting.
  - b. K.T.’s LUC membership was put off to a future meeting. She needs fill out and return her application for the committee before any action can be taken.
7. **Discussion on miscellaneous subject**
  - a. All LUC members are to make sure they have info and complete the Planning 101 on Cornerstone
  - b. Zoning Code/re-CodeLA – Cindy will look into getting a speaker on this subject

- c. Future meetings LUC dates Dec 6 and 20, Jan 3 and Feb 7 (2 meetings in Dec, 1 in January and 1 in Feb.)
  - d. If any urgent matters come up in Jan. or Feb. a special meeting can be arranged.
  - e. LUC duties –
    - i. Can we pay a professional minute taker do the LUC minutes?
    - ii. We can get a quote and present it to the budget committee on the last Wednesday of the month. It takes Pati approximately 3 hours to type the minutes using the recording.
    - iii. DONE suggests the “less” info in the minutes is preferred.
8. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda items** - None
9. **Comments/Update from LUC Members on a past or future project**
  - a. For any updates – [www.plancheckncla.com](http://www.plancheckncla.com)
10. **Projects for Future meeting when applicants are ready:**
  - a. 6456 Olcott Tujunga
  - b. 6915 Foothill Blvd. Tujunga
  - c. 6835 Foothill Blvd. Tujunga
  - d. 10450 Samoa Tujunga
11. **Other possible future agenda**
  - a. Establish LUC Secretary and Project monitor duties
  - b. Collect numbers on how much S-T has contributed to adding housing in the past 5-10 years.
    - i. Is there data available?
    - ii. Richard said he will look into this.
12. **Confirmed next meeting: Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Dec. 6, Dec. 20**
13. **Adjourned 8:37pm**