

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council – Land Use Committee
Minutes for March 7, 2022 meeting held via Zoom

1. **Call to Order 3/07/22 at 7:01pm**
2. **Members Present were:** Pati Potter; Bill Skiles; Cindy Cleghorn; Nina Royal; Vartan Keshish; Betty Markowitz; Berj Zadoian. Richard Marshalian after start of meeting.
Absent: Cathi Comras, Stephanie Mines.
3. **Motion to approve Minutes** of Feb 7, 2022
 - a. Moved to accept by Cindy , 2nd by Bill
 - b. 7 approved Motion passed
4. **Announcements and/or updates:**
 - a. To advise STNC of Debby Beck's resignation.
 - b. Gave out email address to any that wish to apply for alternate position on the LUC.
 - c. Will ask DONE to reach out to 3 members with help on the Planning 101 training requirement.
5. **Motion to move Stephanie Mines from alternate to regular voting member**
 - a. Moved by Betty, 2nd by Vartan
 - 7 approved Motion passed
6. **Motion to recommend to STNC Board to support subdivision on 10405 Samoa with condition of added tress.**
 - a. Moved by Betty; 2nd by Cindy
 - b. 6 approved and 1 abstention.
 - Motion passed
7. **Presentation/discussion: 6915 Foothill Blvd. Application for full line CUB and hours of operation:**
 - a. Applicant's representative Sheree Olson presented that the restaurant serves beer and wine and is seeking approval for full line of alcohol. That site has a banquet room for up to 82 indoor seating ~~for 0~~, outside garden seating for 227 and 31 parking spaces. That the former auto repair is all part of the same business, on one lot. Sheree then corrected that there is not a current beer and wine license.
 - b. Immediate residents have strong objection to this application for alcohol and music and the 2am closing time. Owner/applianct indicated that he is willing to work with the residents for Friday and Saturday midnight instead of 2am and the rest of the week 11pm closing time.
 - c. Residents have given a petition to CD7 Tujunga office [that was sent to downtown]. They will get a copy of that petition to the LUC.
 - d. Residents are adamantly concerned that if approved that even closing by 12 midnight will extend beyond 12 midnight and who will enforce the 12 midnight requirement? This is a bedroom community and such hours are not needed.
 - e. Currently patrons linger, talk loud, sing, at times argue in the parking lot now. Who will enforce no lingering in the parking lot and the surrounding residential streets?
 - f. Other residents spoke about the loud music. LUC suggested putting up a sound deadening barrier between the main parking lot and the residents on Quinton Lane and Marcus.
 - g. Residents are very worried about customers taking up resident's street parking and blocking their driveways.
 - h. Even though applicant stated these problems are from the prior owner, neighbors stated these problems are happening now and that they have had to make calls

direct to the business and to the current owner and to LAPD many nights because music is extremely loud.

- i. **LUC asked applicant's representative about the current use on record with the City and the corner former auto repair/gas station for large trucks now part of this restaurant. The last approvals show the site as "take out" not full service restaurant and didn't include the corner in the "take out" approval. Photos are available to show history. Questions the accuracy of the application. The current use may be non-compliance. Specific Plan Compliance / Approval needs to be resolved**
 - j. **LUC asked about patio enclosure/addition to the east of the main building**
 - k. **LUC asked what are the current LAMC hours of operation allowed. Owner seems to think 1am.**
 - l. Applicant, Arnie Abramyan, stated that his family has purchased the former Bonners Equipment Rentals property to the west and that site will be a bakery café and that parking will be available at that location when needed for this location. He has several businesses in the community and understands the community's desire for more restaurant choices and pointed out other businesses in the community that have alcohol licenses.
 - m. No action taken. Request additional meeting with application updates and information.
- 8. Public Comments on Non-agenda Items - None**
- 9. Updates by committee members-**
- a. **7240 Foothill @ Hillhaven Market. Determination letter received and site approved CUB for off sale full line.**
- 10. Open applications for future meetings:** Applications still open:
- a. 10105 Commerce – Retaining wall – Tentative for March 21 meeting
 - b. 6724-6736 Foothill – Drive thru Starbucks restaurant – Tentative for March 21
 - c. 7361 Foothill – order to comply re: Patio covering – maybe resolved
 - d. 6456 Olcott – Subdivision
- 11. Confirm next meetings:** March 21, April 4, April 17
- 12. Adjourn 9:02pm**