

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2016

- I. Meeting was called to order by Interim Co-Chair Cindy Cleghorn at 7:18pm
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present
 - i. Cindy Cleghorn
 - ii. Bill Skiles
 - iii. Debby Beck
 - iv. Nina Royal
 - v. Elektra Kruger
 - vi. David Barron
 - vii. John Laue
 - viii. Karen Zimmerman
 - ix. Lilianna Sanchez
 - b. Absent
 - i. Roberta Konrad
 - ii. Arsen Karamians
 - c. Public Representatives present ☺
 - i. Ricardo Benitez – Field Deputy, 39th Assembly District
 - ii. Hermes Ayala – Field Deputy, 39th Assembly District
- III. Self-Introductions of Board and Audience Members
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 22, 2016 LUC
 - i. **MOTION:** by Karen Zimmerman to approve the March 22, 2016 STNC-LUC Meeting Minutes as amended 2nd by John Laue Vote: Unanimously approved
 - b. March 22, 2016 Special LUC
 - i. On continuance
- V. Public Comments
 - a. Nina Royal
 - i. Attended a meeting in SH of +/- 20 people regarding a Studio Project. The meeting was held in a private residence located just a couple feet from the proposed gigantic studio. Proposed to employ +/-200 people
 - 1. The traffic it would cause in the area would be terrible. The Project is actually located in District 6, but abuts and therefore impacts, private residences in District 7. This should never have passed
 - 2. FTDNC has reversed their support for it bec the presentation made to FTDNC was not honest. The residents are looking for support. They were all new to me – never seen at SHPOA meetings, never seen at FTDNC meetings
 - 3. J.D. is the leader of this group and would like to make a presentation to STNC to get their support. The studio structure will be 76 ft tall. No building permit has yet been issued – the approval is in litigation
 - b. Rafi Sepanian, Neighbor

- i. There are tractor-trailers parking on the corner of Tujunga Cyn Pl & Foothill – vehicles exiting Tujunga Cyn Pl cannot see traffic to the left. He contacted CD7 office numerous times asking for help and recommends curbs be painted red
 - 1. Cindy C.: This has been a long-term issue/project of Pati Potter. I recommend you speak with her after the meeting
- c. Lilianna Sanchez
 - i. Foothill gets a lot of speeders that has resulted in several deaths last year. Perhaps we could organize a community walk from one end of S/T to the other along Foothill Bl. to bring awareness to the impact of speeding
 - ii. Councilmember Wendy Greuel recommended getting a petition which we did, but it got us no where
 - iii. Lilianna S.: The intent of the walk is to get more people involved, will get more publicity and create greater awareness
- d. Neighbor comment
 - i. There is trash all along La Tuna Cyn Rd – there is no trash along Wentworth because every 10ft there is a sign that says “No Littering”
 - 1. Elektra K.: Signs mean nothing. Wentworth appears cleaner bec there is a team known as the Heaver Retrievers that go out one day EVERY WEEK for two hours for trash and weed abatement – rain or shine
 - 2. Lilianna S.: STNC has a beautification committee that Gail Carlsson is in charge of and they set up clean-ups. Suggest this to her as a possible site.
 - 3. Lilianna S.: Also our Councilmember has a tenant at the NVCH that is supposed to be helping out with these issues – the LA Conservation Corps - \$100,000 worth of services to our area. Visitor from Pacoima NC
 - ii. Congratulated the STNC-LUC on its organization and thoroughness

VI. Announcements

- a. Board Elections for Neighborhood Councils are coming up. We are having a Candidate Forum this coming Wednesday at the Elks Lodge. The Board will have a short meeting at 6:15pm to be followed by the Candidate Forum scheduled to start at 7:00pm.
 - i. Debby B.: In the past some people have mistakenly believed that the Candidates Forum is for candidates only – we need to clarify to stakeholders that this is a Forum intended to introduce candidates to the stakeholders
 - ii. Debby B.: Will stakeholders be able to ask questions? Cindy C.: Yes slips will be available upon which to write questions and questions may be submitted to the Web-Site
- b. The next Elections Event will be on Wednesday the 23rd tentatively at North Valley City Hall. The following week on the 30th, there will be a Candidates Mixer at Bolton Hall Museum
 - i. The Mixer will not be a Forum, but a meet and greet on a more personal level
- c. Election Day – get your neighbors out. The City will have its eye on the NCs to see how many voters they can get out to the polls so it is critically important to invite neighbors – even those of you that are not running
 - i. A frequent complaint: “Why should I vote, no one listens to me.” It does make a difference. NCs are getting a leg up in terms of credibility and in terms of their effectiveness – by getting voters out we show the City that we care and want our voices heard.
 - 1. We want to see improvements in City services

- ii. Voting will be taking place in the VONS parking lot at the CitiBank end from 1pm to 6pm. From 12pm to 1pm food will be served and candidates may display informational items and be available to speak to.
 - iii. A registration form will need to be filled out prior to voting. You can get the registration form on the STNC.org website so you can fill it out in advance and bring with you.
 - iv. All voting is on the day of and on site.
- VII. Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance comment time extended – See attached
- VIII. ReCode LA Public Forum – See attached
 - a. ReCodeLA is a process by which the City will be overhauling its zoning code. Public Forums will soon be underway and all should attend.
- IX. Oro Vista/Big Tujunga Cyn
 - a. Cindy C. contacted Building and Safety because they were still cutting into the wildlife corridor. The inspector also informed her that they were moving earth they were not authorized to do. Failure to comply may result in action taken by LADBS.
 - b. Lilianna S.: They are not constructing, but were surveying. There is a sm bob-cat on-site that appears to be leveling dirt along the front. Even if the Project is halted, they do need to do some clean-up along deadman’s curve – there is a lot of mud on the st now
 - c. Cindy C.: No one is trying to block the Project – they are approved for the construction of 18 homes. Objection is to the way they are doing it – esp in regards to the wildlife corridor
- X. High Speed Rail
 - a. John L.: Focus has moved to the Bay Area
 - b. Karen Z.: There is a petition to get an initiative on the Nov ballot to re-direct HSR monies to water capture/storage projects
- XI. 10046-56 Samoa Haul Route Hearing
 - a. Per last week’s Hearing, haul route is: Samoa to Tujunga Cyn, turn right, cross over Commerce, turn left at Hillhaven, go to Foothill, turn west toward Vulcan pits in SV. Hauling may last up to 100 days. There will be 2 flagmen along the route.
- XII. DWP Governance Reform Outreach – See attached
 - a. The Mayor & Pres. of City Council are pushing to get a DWP overhaul measure on the Nov ballot
 - b. Items/issues should be discussed at NC meetings to get stakeholder input. We may schedule a joint event with FTDNC. It must be done in March or April – there is a deadline in which to get the initiative on the ballot – it is a time-sensitive item
- XIII. Mission College Satellite Campus in Sunland-Tujunga – Dr. Monte Perez, President of Mission College presented:
 - a. When he started at Mission College in 2011, he heard about the Sunland-Tujunga Satellite and all systems were a go. The proposal was being prepared for submission to the Board of Trustees, but then there came a scrutiny of the Bond Program
 - i. The “scrutiny” effected not just Mission College, but all 9 colleges in the Dist. Items came to the attention of the LA Times, so the colleges arranged for an audit of the Program by the State Controller which led to the decision to hold off on Satellites
 - 1. Following the audit, a blue-ribbon committee was formed that found planning for all bldgs in the Master Plan was not sufficient so monies dedicated to the satellite had to be given back to the Central Office for reserves

2. Given that, using his own budget he is moving forward with less space = 2,000 sq ft, temporarily at the Foothill/Commerce Town Center.
Negotiation on price = ok. Up-grades will be necessary
3. Flooring is not complete – will need carpet or tile. Currently = concrete. There is no ceiling lighting. There are 2 5-ton AC units for the exclusive use of the space, but distribution system (eg ducts) must be installed
4. Exterior signage: They have the right to install signage, but must pay for this. Intend to install nice signage to attract community members
5. Has available: White boards, smart boards, AV equipment, desks, tables
6. Town Center was seeking a 5-yr lease, Mission wants a 3-yr lease w/an option for another. Did not want to be locked in this location in the event the satellite program is highly successful and requires a larger site. 3-year option has been accepted.
7. Wants to start the satellite to show there is a demand – some say there is no demand for college education in S/T. Why do those interested not just hop on the 210 and come to the home campus – it is not that far away
8. Q: Who built the fancy gym at Mission College? Dr. Perez: That was all part of the Master Plan C: It is a beautiful gym, but if we don't have money to build a satellite where we can educate kids, why can we build a gym where kids play?
9. Dr. Perez: The thinking is “why take money away from the home campus where it can be used for support services for enrollment growth”? What I am saying is if we serve the S/T community we are adding to our enrollment.
10. Lilianna S.: The original plan was to have the Satellite at the current KMart site – will that ever be a possibility? Dr. Perez: That was the original plan – there was \$25 mill set aside for S/T that was to swing that deal – we were going to rent extra space out for incoming revenue
11. Cindy C.: Do you have a date as to when you plan to open? What types of classes do you plan to offer? How would one register? How would we market the satellite to maximize sign-up?
12. Dr. Perez: Once the agreement is signed will have to work on the up-grades. Looking at an opening date in the summer. Classes may be English, Math, Nutrition, Health, Culinary Arts, Sociology, etc
13. Seeks input from the community as to what they would like to have offered – will have a Web-Site to collect input – will do a survey
14. John L.: Mission College classes have been offered at San Fernando HS – very successful, but must be careful what classes will be offered, be sure there is a demand for the classes offered – will require heavy marketing
15. Debby B.: How many students would a 2,000 sq ft space accommodate? Dr. Perez: 30-40 desks and a smart board. Classes could be scheduled in a stream day and night.
16. This is the short-term plan. To locate and begin providing classes. Then to move to a more substantial site. There are 2 things going on with the Bond Program – may recover some of the \$14 million taken at the end of the Bond (Measure J) period in July 2016.

17. There is talk at the Bd of Trustees level as to whether to go for another Bond at the Gen Election of 2016. Right now just in the discussion phase – doing opinion polls to see whether the community would support another Bond
 18. Nina R.: If there is another Bond, how do we know that what happened to us the last time won't happen again? We were promised our satellite if this measure passed – until recently this appeared to be only a pipe-dream?
 19. Nina R.: How do we get people to vote for a Bond again when this happened to us in the past? Dr. Perez: I can't guarantee this.
- XIV. Speed humps on Tujunga Canyon Pl
- a. Cindy C. connected Rafi with the SLO regarding speeding drivers. Interested in having speed bumps installed. Heard there is no budget for them. Neighbors not only signed support of them, 10 years ago were willing to share cost of having them installed
 - b. There was a survey – got 2 excuses:
 - i. Emergency vehicles eg paramedics, fire oppose them
 - ii. Traffic had less than 500 vehicles/day
 - iii. They claimed average speed to be 45 mph, Rafi believes it to have been 75 mph
 - c. Brian Gallagher is the DOT representative for the Sunland-Tujunga area. Cindy C. to connect Rafi with Brian.
 - d. Maryellen: Engineered having speed bumps installed on her street – didn't really slow traffic much.
 - e. Nina R: Recommended attending a townhall on the 24th with LAPD. Deputy Chief Green, the Valley's top cop, will be there. Head of Valley Traffic will be there. What we need is enforcement. We need more traffic officers.
 - f. Cindy C.: Will keep the item on the agenda for follow-up
- XV. Fence encroachment from 7023/7027 Charrick Pl into Haines Canyon Park
- a. No up-date
- XVI. 7656 Foothill – 24-hr 7/11 + Car Wash
- a. Cindy C. reached out to LAFH that owns the apartments directly behind the site – a representative will probably come on the 21st. Anyone living in the area, please reach out to the neighbors. Region 4 representatives ☺
- XVII. 8812 Yates
- a. No up-dates. Trying to get them to come
- XVIII. 10105 Commerce
- a. Corner of Commerce/Valmont directly across from Bolton Hall. Propose a second story on the structure. Plans are on the Web-Site under "Projects". Second stories are allowable on Commerce
- XIX. 10323-27 Samoa – Lot Line Adjustment
- a. Plans on the Web-Site
- XX. Great Streets proposal – on continuance
- XXI. Closed storefronts on Foothill and Commerce – on continuance
- XXII. Canyon Park
- a. No up-dates. Working on the DEIR
- XXIII. Building and Safety Requirements for Change of Use – see attached
- XXIV. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm