

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 2, 2016 -- DRAFT

- I. Meeting was called to order by Interim Co-Chair Cindy Cleghorn at 7:11pm
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present
 - i. Cindy Cleghorn
 - ii. Bill Skiles
 - iii. Debby Beck
 - iv. Nina Royal
 - v. Elektra Kruger
 - vi. Liliana Sanchez
 - vii. David Barron
 - viii. John Laue
 - ix. Karen Zimmerman
 - b. Absent
 - i. Arsen Karamians
 - c. No public representative present
- III. Self-Introductions of Board and Audience
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. **MOTION:** by Bill Skiles to approve the STNC-LUC Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2016 as amended and April 18, 2016 as written 2nd by Karen Zimmerman Vote: Unanimously approved
- V. ReCodeLA
 - a. The City has just completed a round of public forums on the topic of ReCodeLA. There will be another set of meetings as they start to identify our neighborhoods in context ie classify them as
 - i. Single-story neighborhoods
 - ii. 2-Story neighborhoods
 - iii. Mixed-use neighborhoods
 - iv. Commercial/Residential Neighborhoods
 - v. Industrial neighborhoods
 - vi. Etc.
 - b. There is a need to engage the community as Sunland-Tujunga has pockets that we frequently talk about preserving. As development occurs – we need to define in more detail.
 - c. Liliana S.: They are trying to make zoning regs less confusing.
 - d. A pos aspect is that they are trying to keep communities as they are whether 1-story, 2-story. Regs are being reviewed to deal with the threat of Mansionization
 - i. They will be asking for input – this will be the time to ask for K-Overlays. Elektra K.: Reviewed the difference between equestrian-capable land and the function of a K-Overlay
 - e. Cindy C.: They will be up-dating the General Plan and all the Community Plans which has recently been budgeted. A few years ago the Sunland-Tujunga Community Plan up-date began but halted due to budget cuts

- f. David B.: Los Angeles hired out-of-state consultants to do this Rezoning Project – the people that should be doing this are people from our own communities – those that know our neighborhoods.
 - i. While the last full-blown re-code was done in 1946, every three years anyone has the ability to send in a code section, whether zoning or other code, and present it to a committee.
 - g. Cindy C. – said the consultants are doing a thorough job and working in conjunction with City Planning staff here who are directly knowledgeable about various parts of the City. The consultants showed the Denver zoning up-date – LA may be following suit to changes made like Denver has done. You can plug your address into the Denver website and get a full reading of what you can and cannot build. It is very detailed.
 - i. That is why it is very important to pay attention now to what we want for the future in LA.
- VI. Status of the Verdugo Hills Golf Course – Karen Zimmerman
- a. There is no up-date. We are waiting for the FEIR to be released. That will take a number of months since the City must respond to all comment letters both from the original 2009 DEIR release and the recent Recirculated DEIR release.
 - i. Once the FEIR is released there will be Public Hearings regarding support/opposition of/to the document
- VII. Meeting with Code Inspector – Cindy Cleghorn
- a. Recently attended a meeting where a LADBS inspector described the different bureaus Building and Safety has. He described the priorities they have from 1-4. Fences are low priority. A fence permit is only required if it is greater than or equal to 10 ft in ht. Retaining walls greater than or equal to 4’ in ht
 - b. Building and Safety keeps a copy of all plans – they are scanned
 - c. The Department of Building and Safety is complaint-driven. They have a new app “LADBS Go” which can be accessed from their web-site www.ladbs.org. The app allows you to enter in the address which it verifies, then select the type of violation, take a picture if you wish to report and include a statement.
 - i. You must include your name with a complaint as the Inspector may call you for more information.
 - ii. However...There is no dissemination of who submits a complaint. Not even the Council office knows who submit complaints.
 - iii. Noise complaints are accepted only for pool pumps and air conditioners – barking dogs need to be reported to Animal Services, loud parties to the LAPD, issues with trees are handled by the BSS
 - iv. It is important for us to get hours-of-deliveries as part of CUP Conditions to avoid issues resulting from such things as excess noise during deliveries occurring after hours-of-operation
- VIII. Street Traffic Issues
- a. Rafi Stepanian has finally gotten a commitment from DOT to get 2 new speed limit signs on Tujunga Cyn Pl.
 - b. All streets in Sunland-Tujunga need to be re-surveyed – speeders cannot be ticketed unless surveys are up-to-date
- IX. Baseline Mansionization/Baseline Hillside Ordinance Code Amendment released 4-22-16
- a. Draft Amendment can be found on the City’s Planning Web-Site. Hearing for the Valley is scheduled at the Marvin Braude Center on May 16, 7pm-9pm – the same date as our next scheduled LUC meeting.

- i. **MOTION:** by Karen Zimmerman that given the issue Mansionization poses for S/T, the May 16 LUC meeting be cancelled in lieu of Bd Members attending the Baseline Mansionization Hearing in VN 2nd by John Laue Vote: Unanimously approved
 - ii. There is a 2-pg Exec Summary highlighting some of the proposed amendments. There are some increases in sq ft in some by-right zones. But S/T already has its own RFA under which one can already build up to a 2,000 sq ft home on a small lot to include step backs and architectural enhancements.
- X. Home-Sharing (short-term rentals) Draft Ordinance – CIS #14-1635-S2 - cityplanning.lacity.org
 - a. Anytime someone stays in someone’s home less than 30 days
- XI. Second Dwelling Unit (SDU) repeal ordinance to comply with State AB1866 and grandfather SDUs permitted since 6-23-03 (City’s old ADU codes)
 - a. Elektra K.: For clarification, this does not refer to repealing the ability to build ADUs but repeals current ADU codes of the LAMC to be replaced w/default regs per AB1866: Min lot – 7,500 sq ft, ADU less than or equal to 30% of the primary bldg to a max of 1,200 sq ft
 - b. Cindy C.: The question to be reviewed is why default to State regulations as opposed to keeping the regulations we currently have.
 - c. Public Hearing will be May 21 at 10 a.m. – cityplanning.lacity.org
- XII. Discussion regarding approval of draft Letter in Support for 10105 Commerce – Jain Temple second story addition located at the corner of Valmont and Commerce, across from Bolton Hall Museum.
 - a. Debby B. submitted some edits plus an attached correspondence as LUC Vice Chair of Design and Architecture re colors (see attached) – applicant displayed color sample board highlighting their proposed colors of stucco/trim, but are open to suggestions
 - b. **MOTION:** by John Laue to submit the Letter of Support as amended for STNC Board approval 2nd by Karen Zimmerman Vote: Unanimously approved
- XIII. Event details and road closures for the Amgen international cycling tour – Eric Smith
 - a. See attached hand-out
 - b. Same team/same riders as Tour de France. Among the top four international races in the world beginning an 8-day race in San Diego on May 15 heading north to Lake Tahoe, west to Santa Rosa, finishing at the Capitol steps in Sacramento on May 22
 - c. There will be 18 teams of 8 riders each from around the globe. The event involves +/- 1,400 people each day with +/-900 rooms booked each night. Impact on the State is estimated at +/- \$9 million in revenues and taxes. Anticipate +/- 2 million spectators
 - d. Will be on live TV on NBC fr 2pm to 4pm while passing through route in this area – will be coming down Big Tujunga +/-2:35pm. The CHP will provide protection from traffic – several to handle road closures ahead of the race, several to open roads behind the race
 - i. There will be 6 cameramen on motorcycles + one helicopter televising the race on NBC-Sports (cable). There is also an app to download and watch the race on a computer/tablet
 - e. Closures are typically +/- 15 min. It takes riders themselves +/- 15 sec to pass any one point, are “packed”. Each day, riders must finish within a certain amount of time. If they fall behind to the point they would be unable to catch up, they are pulled from the race
 - f. Local route: Begin in South Pasadena on Mission by the Gold Line at the Rose Bowl, into La Canada/Flintridge, into the ANF, a big climb to Angeles Forest Hwy and Upper Big

