## SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL LAND-USE COMMITTEE MEETING

## May 2, 2016 -- DRAFT

- 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. <u>MOTION:</u> by Bill Skiles to approve the STNC-LUC Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2016 as amended and April 18, 2016 as written 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Zimmerman Vote: Unanimously approved

## V. ReCodeLA

- 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
  - 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.
  - 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.
    - 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 <a href="www.ladbs.org">www.ladbs.org</a>. 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.

- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
    - 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

Tujunga to Angeles Crest Hwy, to Big Tujunga, to Oro Vista, rt on Foothill, rt on Osborne into Little Tujunga and out of the City – Total time in the City +/- 18 min.

- i. Expect to be on Oro Vista +/-2:30pm and to leave the City at +/- 2:52pm, May 16
- g. There is a list on-line of turns vs +/- times accurate within +/- 2-3 min. To be linnked from the STNC Web-Site and Facebook.
- h. The race is a magnet for schools because the race will be passing through at final bell. All schools have been supplied with educational handbooks about cycling, about the race, about bike safety eg helmets
- i. The race has come through LA 4 or 5 times in the past this is the first time in this area
   XIV. Early Notification: 7101 Foothill proposed drive-thru car wash
  - a. Located at Pinewood/Foothill. Currently has gas station and minimart. Rear is undeveloped with a history of "hang-outs" which, by locating the car-wash to the rear, would be addressed as well as provide an accessory use.
  - b. Would not impact anything in terms of driveways there are already 3 driveways (one on Pinewood and 2 on Foothill) and sufficient parking. The minimart faces Foothill, the proposed car wash would run parallel to Foothill
    - i. Tunnel entrance will be west of the minimart
  - c. The minimart will have facade improvements, a landscaping plan is proposed including landscaping to separate residential areas to reduce noise impacts
- XV. LUC member recommendations to the STNC Board
  - a. The new STNC Board will be seated on May 11. The new LUC will reaffirm committee chairs.
    - i. MOTION: by Elektra Kruger to nominate Cindy Cleghorn to serve as the new LUC Chair 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Skiles Vote: Unanimous approval
    - ii. MOTION: by Cindy Cleghorn to nominate Bill Skiles to serve as the new LUC Vice-Chair and Debby Beck as the continuing Vice-Chair of Design and Architecture 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Zimmerman Vote: Unanimous approval
    - iii. Cindy C. agreed to submit said names to the Board
  - b. Liliana Sanchez to up-grade from the position of Committee Alternate to full Committee Member
- XVI. 8160 McGroarty possible tentative tract map
- XVII. Proposed subdivision suspected. There is a TTM circulating and neighbors are contacting the STNC with concerns. So far unable to find anything filed with the City and no contacts to the STNC by the developer have been received.
- XVIII. Public Comments
  - a. Elektra Kruger On Sat May 14, 9am-3pm, there will be a free recycle event of used motor oil, used oil filters and E-Waste at Sunland Park
  - b. Cindy Cleghorn
    - i. Northeast Strategy sponsored by the Mulholland Institute May 25 a follow-up to prior forums. To be held at Galpin Ford.
- XIX. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm
- XX. Reminder no meeting o n May 16 instead go to BMO/BHO hearing.