

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Motion re: Canyon Hills Committee
February 9, 2005

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ["Board"] of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council ["STNC"] adopted a motion on December 8, 2004 regarding the formation of a successor committee to the previous Residential Land Use Committee ["RLUC"] to continue work regarding the proposed "Canyon Hills" development, and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the successor Canyon Hills committee, as originally stated, included a significant variety of tasks & objectives, many of which relate to extremely time sensitive events, while others relate to long-term oversight, and;

WHEREAS, the Board could not have reasonably anticipated all of the circumstances affecting the feasibility of the formation and operation of the successor Canyon Hills committee, as stipulated in the motion of December 8, 2004, including but not limited to the following:

- The effect on the process of the Deputy Advisory Agency's decision and staff recommendations from the public hearing of December 9, 2004
- The role of Council District 2 in conducting community advisory meetings regarding elements of the Canyon Hills project
- The feasibility of conducting committee operations both subject to extremely time-sensitive events as well as being subject to requirements of the Brown Act, while coordinating with the community advisory meetings of Council District 2
- The competing objectives of reporting monthly at regular meetings as compared to responding to time-sensitive events beyond the control of the committee, the Board, and the Council District
- The difficulty of the timing of the transition, in light of STNC elections as well as other events and circumstances

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the Canyon Hills committee, as stipulated in the motion of December 8, 2004 was, in fact, not formed nor operated to this date, and;

WHEREAS, the Board confirms that STNC wishes to coordinate well with our Council District with regard to ongoing communications pertaining to the Canyon Hills project, while respecting and encouraging stakeholder input, and;

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THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT the Board recognizes the infeasibility of the operation of the Canyon Hills committee, as specifically approved on December 8, 2004, and;

That the Board hereby separates the short-term, time-sensitive objectives from the longer-term objectives, and;

That the formation of a committee to monitor the implementation of project conditions and/or mitigation measures on behalf of the community is deferred until a final decision is made by the City of Los Angeles with regard to the Canyon Hills project, and;

That a transitional, temporary Ad-Hoc committee, comprised of a minimum of 3 and no more than 5 STNC board members be specifically authorized to address the short-term and time-sensitive matters regarding the Canyon Hills project, including but not necessarily limited to these representative tasks:

1. To attend the Council District Community Advisory meetings
2. To comment both verbally and in writing to the Council District on the merit of suggested adjustments or conditions to the Canyon Hills project in light of the STNC adopted position
3. To refer relevant matters to the Design Advisory Committee (DAC) for possible action by working team members in conjunction with the Council District Community Advisory meetings
4. To attend public hearings on the Canyon Hills project and communicate points regarding the STNC adopted position on the Canyon Hills project proposal
5. To transmit copies of the STNC previously adopted position regarding Canyon Hills to the City Planning Commission and other City departments as deemed appropriate
6. To request special meetings of the STNC Board, as necessary to approve additional correspondence to the City Planning Commission and other City departments as deemed appropriate
7. To make available information gathered about the ongoing discussions, hearings, and proposals regarding the Canyon Hills project.

And that Rhonda Herbel will Chair the committee, and committee members shall be appointed by the committee Chair and ratified by the STNC Executive Committee.