

Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council
Land Use and Planning Committee (minutes)
Jan, 18th 2007
The River Center

- I. Start at 7:15
- II. Present: Daniel Marlos, Melinda Gejer, Rogelio Flores, Patricia Diefenderfer, Carlos Bishop, Rourk Reagan, Gustavo Lizarde, Susan Rocha, Danny Rocha, Belen Eller, Paula Sirola, Jane Lucks, Dick Lucks, and Mark Snelgrove
- III. Approval of Minutes. Daniel Marlos mentions that section VI c needs to read as "Jessica Wethington-McClean from CD14 is working with the residents to see what can be done.
 - a. Daniel makes a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Belen seconds.
- IV. Paula Sirola- Watershed Coordinator for the Arroyo Seco foundation and a board member with the ASNC. The ASF has been active for the past 20 years. It promotes the management of the Arroyo Seco. The ASF brings together various communities together with watershed issues. The arroyo Seco is important right now because it is in the area of the confluence. Paula would like to make sure that the confluence is included in the river revitalization plan. Paula also mentions that Michael Zenon has finished his 5th home in Mt. Washington (on Olancha).
- V. Daniel talks about the past concerns and history of "Dirt Burnell"
 - a. The proposed homes are 3400 Sq.feet . They are large lots, 12 pylons on Native California Black Walnut forested hillsides. What are the consequences for the natural habitat and the homes below?
 - b. Cranes and construction vehicles have been scene on the dirt road on Burnell. Daniel is concerned about the access for emergency vehicles.
- VI. City planning dept: Melinda Gejer, Rogelio Flores, Patricia Diefenderfer
 - a. This is a follow up on the Dec. 12th public hearing for the proposed zone change along Figueroa and the French Street station. This is part of the general plan by the city of Los Angeles. (see handout for details)
 - b. Q. Gus asks who initialized the zone change
 - c. A. CD1 6 months ago.
 - d. Q. Gus, Why is there such a sense of urgency?
 - e. A. Once planning takes on a project they do it quickly.
 - f. Q. Rourk-is this lot o the map the Recycling center
 - g. A. Yes
 - h. Q. Is there going to be affordable housing?
 - i. A. no, more of a balance between commercial and residential.
 - j. Q. Mark: Are you looking at preserving the historical character and building in the area.
 - k. A. The area is surrounded by HPOZ, the other building are only protected if they are registered as historic.
 - l. Q. Mark asks about parking, and the previous concerns of property owners not being able to build due to no parking ability, or lack of parking to change the buildings into residential.
 - m. A. You have to ask a ZA for an exemption, which they have the authority to do.
 - n. Q. about widening the street for parking.
 - o. A. they will not widen the street.
- VII. Rourk's reports that the local residents around Chaplin Canyon need to have a meeting because there are some developments coming to the area soon.
- VIII. Daniel talks about his encounter with Councilman Reyes and his concerns about not being responded to as a resident. Reyes mentioned that eh would respond to Daniel and his concerns about Dirt Burnell
- IX. Adjourn