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Land Use Committee Meeting
Minutes for December 12, 2011

1. Roy Smith, co-chairperson of the committee called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Committee members in attendance--George Ortega, Roy Smith, Benjamin Williams, Rheba Eichhorn, Cheri Blose. Stakeholders Jonathan McCoy, Ed Poulin, Bonnie Rodger, Tania Soto Representing State Assembly Member Felipe Fuentes.
3. Mr. Ortega moved that we approve the minutes as written for November's committee meeting seconded by Ms. Eichhorn. **MOTION PASSED 3 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained.**
4. Ed Poulin presented a zone change from LARA (RA-1) to RD1.5 in order to construct 10 to 12 townhouse units on a 20,465 ft.² lot at 13530 Foothill Blvd. (South of Hubbard St.). Currently this location has a small single-family structure on a 20,004 and 65 ft.² lot-fronting foothill Blvd. we have changed the request to 8 units because of the green space requirements. We want to build luxury Town-homes with attached 2 car garages with three bedrooms upstairs 2 1/2 baths 9 foot volume ceilings on the first floor sliding doors to the backyard, most units will have a private rear patio. Also having a gas fireplace. The units will be about 1200 ft.². The curb to curb face with the private driveway is per the code, which is 26 feet. We have the appropriate amount of parking, which is still subject to Planning. We are going to ask Planning, to make this a gated community. There was concern that there was no sidewalks, no setbacks and that there is no off street parking except in the parking on the location. And that it just looks like row houses. The dedication to the city is more than 20 feet of private property. Mr. Ortega, moved to approve the project as presented with the proviso of relocating the adjacent power pole. Seconded by Mr. Williams. **MOTION PASSED 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained.**
5. Item number five was changed to January's Land Use meeting.
6. The committee had a discussion about attendance and participation in the committee. Mr. Williams informed the committee, that Ms. Miranda no longer wanted to be on the committee and that she would like to just participate as a stakeholder. Ms. Blose made a motion that Ms. Miranda be removed from the committee. Seconded by Mr. Ortega.
7. Discussion on any new information on previously discussed projects or appeals. Ms. Blose, wanted to know if the letters of support or denial were available and where were the copies. Mr. Smith stated that there were no letters generated until they went to the full board and that the copies should be on the website. We need to make sure that all the letters are posted to the website Pro or con regarding any item that the board sends a letter for.

8. Discussion of recent pending hearings notices that have not been otherwise listed on this agenda. Mr. Williams stated there is a hearing on the Alliance Charter school on Friday December 16, 2011 LA Superior Court at 8:30 AM in front of Judge Riley Division 311 in Los Angeles. On South Commonwealth St.
9. Comments and requests for future agenda items from committee members or stakeholders. Ms. Blose requested that we see what can be done about illegal building and businesses being run in our neighborhoods. And that building and safety does nothing and neither has our elected officials. Also Ms. Eichhorn echoed the very same concerns in her neighborhood. Ms. Soto had stated she would check into some of these concerns on the committees, behalf.
10. Meetings this month are outreach and public safety Tuesday, December 13, 2011 here at 6:30 PM the Sylmar neighborhood Council retreat is Saturday, December 17, 2011 here at 9:30 AM and the open house starts at 11 AM the community is welcome. The next land use committee meeting is January 9, 2012 at 630 here. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Minutes written by Mr. Smith