

Land Use Committee Meeting

Thursday June 17, 2010 6:15 PM to 7:50 PM

La Crescenta Plaza 2432-2434 Foothill Blvd at Sunset

GROUP Architects showed plans and artist renderings to concerned residents before meeting til 6:27 PM

President Cheryl Davis called the formal meeting to order at 6:27 introducing the 3 architects present, Principle Mr. Park, presenters Peter Park and Chang Peck assisting.

Additional Council members present were Land Use chair Frank Beyt, Steve Goldsworthy, Todd Thornbury, Danette Erickson and Charles Beatty.

This project is not subject to our current CSD for Foothill Blvd. and the project has been approved by the county. It will be one story tall on Foothill Blvd, under 35 feet tall with 2 stories facing Sunset Blvd with 2 layers of subterranean parking.

Steve Pierce asked for the landscape plan to be forwarded to the Town Council. They assured us the required amount of landscaping was allotted in the plans which were finished a year ago but they will consider all suggestions.

Sharon Raghavachary asked if they would like the council to ask for any variances like a taller tower to get rid of the linear look in exchange for working with us on materials, awnings, color etc. They said they would look at the CSD and guidelines but the project was approved so no design changes. They have worked with the neighbor behind who approved an oak tree be removed from his property as well with permits from the county.

Stuart Byles asked about signage so it would not look like Flamingo Plaza with visual clutter. They said there would be no pole sign at the corner with each tenant having own signs. Stuart discussed awnings on back for afternoon sun or special window tinting.

Charles Beatty asked about awnings in the front as well. The architects will try to coordinate signage and color with us for their 3 buildings which are connected.

Harry Leon asked why they come to us after its all done and asked about an EIR. They did not have to come to us and an EIR is not recommended for this project.

Danette Erickson asked if spaces can be combined if they were to get a large restaurant to rent. The round building in the front is to be one of 3 restaurants but they have no tenants at this time so offices, restaurants, retail can be adjusted interior wise to fit the tenants needs.

Stuart Byles asked the width of the exterior walkway in the front. It is 10 feet wide so could even be outdoor dining if the tenant so desired. Stuart suggested they consider using some of the natural stone from the excavating instead of cultured stone. We suggested they look at our library and Walgreens to

see what is meant by La Crescenta Field Stone. Stuart also suggests street trees be London Plain Trees that grow fast above signage.