

# NIVA MEETING RECORD

May 19, 2004 (Postponed from May 12, 2004)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** The Orange County Fire Authority held a limited open house of its new Regional Fire Operations and Training Center located on Jamboree at Tustin Ranch Road on Saturday, May 1. The open house of the 20-acre, 243,000 sq ft, \$57 Million facility was limited to the residents of the immediately surrounding neighborhood as consideration for their endurance of the construction and was a sort of "dry run" for the more elaborate open house planned for this Summer for the general public. The last of the personnel were to be transferred to the new headquarters today.

Repairs have been made to Hicks Canyon Wash between the eastern end of the open channel and Culver Drive in response to concerns expressed to the City about excessive erosion caused by Hines Nursery redirecting runoff down the channel. NIVA and Don Stewart of Canyon Creek brought the matter to the attention of the City. Erosion was beginning to seriously undermine and expose the roots of the large eucalyptus trees which could result in tree damage and possible collapse. As a result of efforts of Skip Tracy and Joe Dillman of the City's Public Works, improvements were made to the grading of the channel and a considerable amount of large rocks were placed to curtail erosion from fast moving water. Additionally, bike jumps and large holes made by neighborhood kids were removed in the interest of safety. The City also directed Hines Nursery to restore the runoff grading to prevent future runoff from coming off their property into Hicks Canyon Wash.

The Irvine Co. announced that it will be bringing management of its commercial properties to in-house rather than continuing to use outside contract services. The transition is expected to be completed by July 1. Therefore, shopping centers like Marketplace will no longer be managed by Donahue Schriber.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. EL TORO MCAS REUSE - Several proposals are being put forth for use or inclusion within the Great Park especially in attempt to seek revenue-generating sources for either capital outlay for maintenance. Among the more recent are (1) a suggestions of Councilmember Ward for transfer of the Hollywood Race Track and (2) a suggestion to transfer of the O.C. Fairgrounds from Costa Mesa. On the surface these suggested uses may have appealing attributes but care must be taken to investigate the impact on North Irvine from noise and traffic. Without major improvements to the I-5 Freeway, which is highly unlikely due to both fiscal and physical limitations, Irvine Blvd. can be seriously impacted.

A public notice was issued by the Navy inviting review and comments on the Draft Final Finding of Suitability To Transfer [FOST] of the El Toro MCAS property. The 45-day public review and comment period runs from May 3 to June 17, 2004. Copy of the document is available at the Information Repository located at the Heritage Park Regional Library.

The Great Park Conservancy is offering a special tour of the Base on June 5 to members of the Conservancy. Reservations, required and limited to Conservancy members, can be made by calling (714) 544-5410.

2. NORTH IRVINE LIBRARY [Dave Melvold] - Awaiting opportunity for NIVA review of final drawings and start of construction since groundbreaking ceremony last Nov. 17, '03! Per May 18th phone conversation of Melvold with County Librarian John Adams, the drawings are expected out in 2 weeks. Adams will inform NIVA when a copy has been sent to the City which would be available for NIVA to review. Adams is now concerned that there may not be sufficient funds to build the library from indications he is receiving on building construction costs. The backup plan would be to go (1) to the the Board and request transfer of Prop. 40 funds assigned to another project which was a pet project of former Supv. Spitzer which does not appear that it will go, or (2) go to the State for funds available under a program for parks with historical significance. Adams believes this library, being in the historical ag. park with the historical recreation of the Irvine family ranch house motif would qualify. If he has sufficient funds,

construction could be expected to start in July. Otherwise, some time would be required to get the additional funding.

3. I-5 FREEWAY OFFRAMP LANDSCAPING - As approved at the last meeting, a letter was sent May 14 to the OCTA regarding the proposed NITM mitigation measure for the 5 lane off-ramp essentially expressing concerns with the proposal and requesting OCTA to review the proposal and make a recommendation on it.
4. COMPLETION OF PETERS CANYON WASH AND WALNUT TRAIL "GAPS" - Tim Kirkham of the City's Public Works Dept. was again contacted regarding the need for the overdue promised memo on the status of the various Peters Canyon and Hicks Canyon trail segments. He continues to acknowledge the need for the memo and agrees to do such, but still no memo is forthcoming. It was agreed that NIVA should send a letter to the City Mgr. about this situation and request that increased effort be made to complete the unfinished or un-transferred trails so that all segments are officially and consistently open to the public.
5. PROPOSED NORTHWOOD U.S. POST OFFICE - Melvold has been in phone conversation with the U.S. Postal Service project mgr., Martin Petrey, regarding the promised presentation to NIVA on the final design. Petrey is trying to save trips from San Francisco on his part by combining the NIVA presentation with that of residential group reviewing TIC's plans on the residential development in Sector 8. Nothing finalized as yet.
6. UNDERGROUNDING OF BRYAN 69-kV POWER LINE [Andy Zelinko] - The contractor is installing six 5" conduits in the west-bound lanes of Bryan for the burying of the existing overhead power line. A second set of conduits are also being installed for a future circuit. The contractor has been able to keep at least one west-bound lane open during construction. The underground vaults will be installed later in the left-turn pockets of Bryan.
7. PROPOSED WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY ORDINANCE [Jerry Kirchgessner] - Another meeting was held of the community group on Apr 19. Melvold was in attendance. Though more meetings were previously envisioned, this meeting was probably the last at least for a while. The previously identified concerns were addressed further. Staff will now devote effort to responding to each of the identified concerns. Some sort of output document is expected from staff addressing each of the concerns. Where necessary, in staff's opinion, the proposed ordinance will be revised.
8. HARVARD PARK CELLULAR TOWER - Application has been withdrawn per Pat Fiero of the City's Community Services Dept. ITEM TO BE CLOSED
9. LOWER PETERS CANYON COMMUNITY PARK/BECKMAN HS JOINT-USE AGREEMENT - [Terry Kiser] - [Outstanding approved action: Setting up a meeting with TUSD to discuss potential/anticipated problems associated with parking and traffic congestion.] Discussion occurred on the status on progress on seeking agreement of Irvine traffic engineering and public safety to attend a meeting to be set up with TUSD along with identifying community volunteers. Active representative participation is needed from Racquet Club, Vista Filare, Courtside, and Northpark Square. Kiser will secure the volunteers before the next meeting. A meeting of the group is expected in which the course of action and timing of events will be discussed and settled. The merits & drawbacks of two divergent courses of action were discussed -- investigating whether adequate planning has been done to prevent/minimize impacts of traffic congestion and "overflow" parking into adjacent neighborhoods/park versus waiting and addressing any problems which surface after startup of the school. Once the group is formed, addressing this task will be its initial activity.
10. PA 1 & 2 LAND-USE PLANNING - The City held a public scoping meeting at Heritage Com. Park

on Apr 22 on the preparation of the Draft EIR for the development project. Attendance from the general public was sparse. A letter was sent to the City submitting comments on the Notice Of Preparation of the Draft EIR on May 4, 2004. The items included (1) location & description of the future So. Cal. Edison electric substation at Portola/Jeffrey, (2) need for public access for viewing Rattlesnake Reservoir, (3) traffic impact on Jeffrey & Jamboree with elimination of Culver Drive north of Portola, (4) parking accommodations for users of proposed trail to the northern open space, (5) description of Hicks Canyon Trail underpass of Jeffrey for connection to Jeffrey Trail, (6) resolution and consequent traffic for school boundary between TUSD and IUSD, and (7) maximum height, visual impacts, and mitigations for any apartments fronting Portola Parkway.

11. NEW FIRE STATION 55 - The driveway is almost complete. No trailers for the temporary station are on site as yet.

12. PAC-BELL PROPOSED CABLE SERVICE FACILITY ON TRABUCO @ MONROE - NIVA received a set of drawings and a picture with a May 1, 2002 letter from PacBell on the proposed installation. However, NIVA has received no notice whatsoever from the City of an application having ever been made for the installation. Therefore, since no activity for 2 years, this item will be closed.  
[ITEM TO BE CLOSED]

13. "SMART" PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF YALE FOR VENTA SPUR TRAIL - Representatives from Vista Filare and Northwood Park HOAs are still needed to commence with the review of the previous events and determination of whether a revisit of the City decision on the Jeffrey grade-separated crossing and followup action regarding the lack of safety at the Yale intersection. A Task Force membership of Melvold, Zelinko and reps of the member association along the Trail Venta Spur is the goal. Melvold will contact the presidents of Vista Filare and Northwood Park.

14. NORTH IRVINE SENIOR CENTER - No additional survey responses have been received of those outstanding from certain member associations even though reminded of the urgent need and responsibility to their constituents and those of fellow member associations. Responses are outstanding from the following member associations: Canyon Creek, College Park, Harvard Square, Irvine Groves, Northwest Park, Northwood Courtside, Northwood Glen, Northwood Horizon, Park Paseo, Vista Filare, and Windwood. There was discussion about responsibility member associations have to their fellow member associations and how the lack or delay in responding is impacting the intended submission to the City and the need for yet additional effort NIVA volunteers to get responses from these associations.

15. CELLULAR FACILITY IN JEFFREY CORPORATE PARK - Received notification of a proposed wireless telecommunications facility to be located with an existing architectural enclosure on the roof of the office building at 5440 Trabucco Road. The existing enclosure will be heightened by 4 foot thus increasing the height of the building from 36 to 40 feet. Melvold will contact Ciulik about this proposal.

16. RESIDENTIAL CARE-FOR-THE-ELDERLY - There was discussion about the equivalent of commercial activities being spawned within the Northwood community zoned as residential. Specifically, the concern dealt with the increasing number of single-family residences being used as care-for-the-elderly living rentals without any sort of regulation or oversight by the City, i.e., no zoning restrictions or permitting required. State law only requires licensing for such facilities with greater than 6 seniors on the premise. This requirement is being evaded by limiting the number to 6 at any location. However, records indicate that this practice is taking on a larger business scale with several by non-resident owners. Of the 16 such facilities, 8 are located within Northwood. The other 8 include large facilities designed and built specifically as care for elderly residences. Whether there is need for concern is not clear at this time but the practice may warrant watching especially since concentrated within Northwood.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at 7:15 PM.