

NIVA MEETING RECORD

Sept 8, 2004

ERRATA: The August 11, 2004 NIVA Meeting Record contains an error. The reference to "Sand Canyon" in the 4th line under Item 12 should be to "Jeffrey Road".

ANNOUNCEMENTS Asst. City Mgr. Judy Vonada announced her retirement effective the end of last month. She will be moving to northern California.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. LOWER PETERS CANYON - A Task Force meeting was held with attendance by reps from Caltrans, City and TIC. Caltrans does not support putting up a sound wall along the north side of the I-5 as the noise levels indicated in the sound study performed by RBF Consulting for the City did not warrant it. Caltrans agreed, however, to do their own noise study to see if the noise warrants a sound wall. Currently, TIC and Courtside are determining which back yards have the most noise so that Caltrans can set up monitors to measure the actual sound levels. Following those efforts, another meeting will be held to determine the next action and if a sound wall is needed, where it is to be placed..

2. NORTHERN SPHERE (PA-3, 5B, 6, 8A, & 9) (_____) - At the Aug 24 hearing, the City Council approved 3/2 [Krom & Agran dissenting], the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change for PA-9C changing the 1.6 Million sq ft of Research & Industrial to 3,000 medium density residential units. However, whereas a 4/5s vote is needed by State law to overrule the Orange County Airport Land Use Commission's ruling regarding no residential construction in this area due to the airport possibility, the 3/2 vote was insufficient. Consequently, the actual proposed project is in limbo and can not go forward. Further negotiations with TIC are necessary to secure another positive vote. Hopefully, such negotiations will include other issues such as to finalize the siting and funding of the pedestrian bridge over the Corridor to NIVA's satisfaction. Basically Krom and Agran wanted to see more affordable housing beyond the mere 150 units tied to some sort of 30 restrictions to prevent resales after the passing of the 2-year limit.

LAFCO approved Irvine's annexation of PA-6A.

At the Aug. 19th hearing, the PC approved [4/0, Petracca absent] the Vesting Tentative Tract Map 16562, the Park Plan for the neighborhood park, along with the Master Landscape and Trails Plan for PA-6 following receipt of recommendations of approval from the Com. Services Commission (July 21) and the Subdivision Committee (Aug 11).

Regarding the sign program for PA-9A, because of short time, rather than sending a letter as approved at the last meeting, Melvold contacted Commissioner Hansen by phone and discussed the ignoring of the PC's wishes to review village monument signs which are really structures. Hansen expressed displeasure with the ignoring of the PC's previously expressed clear direction. The item, however, was continued from the Aug 19 hearing until Sept 2 at the request of the applicant. Two monument signs were apparently omitted. The City planner is Michelle Drouse' (724-6383). At the Sept. 2 hearing, the PC approved [4/0 with Petracca absent] the program after some discussion.

At the Sept 2 hearing, the PC approved [4/0, Petracca absent] on Vesting Tentative Tract Map 16676 for 50-acre site for 589 DUs in northeast quadrant of PA-9A [Woodbury] and approved [3/1, Mavity dissenting, Petracca absent] Calif. Pacific Homes Master Plan for 127 detached condos also in northeast quadrant of PA-9A. Mavity's dissension was based on a concern about inadequate accessibility.

The application for Tentative Tract Map 1665 for 275 single-family detached homes and 2 private parks in

the SE quadrant of PA-9A (Woodbury) at Trabuco and Sand Canyon has been submitted by Douglas Bender & Associates in behalf of TIC. A Subdivision Committee hearing is scheduled for Sept. 22.

The Community Services Commission [CSC] unanimously approved without any changes the Park Design submitted by TIC for the 10.73-acre Community Park to be located in the center of PA-9A [Woodbury] adjacent to the new elementary school. Included, besides a community building, are 2 baseball fields and a soccer field (all unlighted) and 2 basketball courts (lighted). Note the disparity of treatment regarding lighting between community parks in this development versus those in Lower Peters Canyon which are located across Culver from existing residential. If TIC does not want lighted fields as it impacts negatively on homes sales, no lights are installed regardless of the need within the City! The CSC also went so far as to name the park without prior public notification. The name selected was "Olympic Park".

OLD BUSINESS

1. EL TORO MCAS REUSE - The third public symposium was scheduled for July 22 with speaker Dr. Neil Kirkwood. The 4th symposium was a presentation by Dr. Michael Brown who has worked for the EPA and as a consultant to the City on the environmental cleanup of the closed Base. The premise of his presentation was the urging of the planners to use "high performance" building principles. High performance buildings are commonly called "green" and may include solar-energy heating, water recycling, and skylighting and window replacement to reduce the need for electric lighting. The next symposium is scheduled for Sept 23 at the City Hall.

Assemblyman John Campbell of Irvine, who in April floated the idea to move the O.C. fairgrounds from Costa Mesa to the Great Park to raise cash for the State, has backed away from the plan because of the opposition which subsequently developed. Costa Mesa city officials also expressed opposition to the idea.

2. MUSICK JAIL EXPANSION - The proposed NIVA letter to Councilmember Mears is still being drafted. [Letter faxed to Mears on Sept. 13]

3. NORTH IRVINE LIBRARY [Dave Melvold] - Bids were received for construction of the Katie Wheeler Branch Library but were twice the estimated cost! The County is re-evaluating the design and is pursuing a Cultural and Historic Heritage Grant with the application to be submitted next month. After these steps and if successful with the grant, the project will be rebid early next year.

4. I-5 FREEWAY OFFRAMP LANDSCAPING - [Awaiting response to NIVA letter of May 14 to the OCTA about the 5-lane I-5 SB off-ramp @ Culver proposal.] It was agreed that NIVA should send a reminder letter to the OCTA.

5. COMPLETION OF PETERS CANYON WASH AND WALNUT TRAIL "GAPS" - The proposed NIVA response to the City's June 29th letter is still being prepared. Melvold has been in phone contact with the County since the last meeting regarding the equestrian trails.

6. UNDERGROUNDING OF BRYAN 69-KV POWER LINE [Andy Zelinko] - The contractor is currently pulling cable. Zelinko will check to be sure that arrangements have been made with either COX or phone company for the relocation of the existing communication cables existing on the power poles.

7. PROPOSED WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY ORDINANCE [Jerry Kirchgessner] - The Council is scheduled to hear the matter on Sept 14.

- 8 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.] Kiser agreed to send an e-mail to the City Mgr. inquiring as to the status of the joint-use agreement.
9. NEW FIRE STATION 55 - No sign of the temporary station trailers as of today. However, it is only Sept 8 and the installation was for sometime in Sept.
10. NORTHWOOD MILITARY MEMORIAL MONUMENT- A meeting was held with John McAllister of the City's Com. Services Dept. Now looking at replacing the existing Northwood Com. Park sign with a new feature including a flagpole and some sort of plaques honoring fallen soldiers.
11. "SMART" PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF YALE FOR VENTA SPUR TRAIL - Ravenscroft indicated that The Groves Board appears receptive to reconsidering the previously expressed "The Groves" position on the Venta Spur pedestrian crossing of Jeffrey. Melvold will send a letter to Ravenscroft as The Groves NIVA rep. requesting a reconsideration.
12. NEW WIRELESS SERVICE TOWERS IN NORTHWOOD SHOPPING CENTER - The application by Veloci Tel Inc. In behalf of AT&T proposing a new antenna and associated equipment cabinet in the Center has been retracted and is not to go to the ZA for a hearing until at least Oct.
13. REPLACEMENT WITH CO-LOCATION WIRELESS TOWER IN NORTHWOOD SHOPPING CENTER - The second by Tetra Tech Inc. in behalf of Nextel Communications which is proposing installation of a new 59' monoelm pole and associated equipment shelter is scheduled to be have a ZA hearing in Oct. It would be located at and replace the existing 53' monopole operated by Sprint PC. The new one would be a co-location for both Sprint PC and Nextel. The additional height is needed to accommodate co-location. It will be disguised with elm tree like foliage.
14. LIQUOR SALES APPLICATION FOR WALNUT MOBIL STATION - Mobil requested a delay in the hearing from the scheduled Aug 19 date to Dec 2 apparently in anticipation of more favorable consideration following the City election. The City planner is Diane Winn (724-6375). The action approved at the last meeting was for NIVA to send a letter. The letter was sent Aug 19.

NEXT MEETING - Next meeting is Wed., Oct. 13, 2004

[] - Assignments or committee chairpersons.