

# NIVA MEETING RECORD

January 9, 2008

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PA-10 JAMBOREE MEDICAL/SCIENCE CENTER COMMITTEE [LaPorte] - Ability First apartments at Walnut & Harvard were expected to be completed and occupancy under way by the end of last year. Per LaPorte, the apartments have yet to get an occupancy permit as there have been various "code violations" and other difficulties requiring various changes which are holding up occupancy.
2. PA-40 R & D DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE [\_\_\_\_\_] - A progress presentation meeting is scheduled by TIC for Jan 24 for the Community Task Force. It will be held in the HOA Club Room of the Recreation Center in Woodbury Commons @ 108 Lamplighter at 3:30 PM. Per TIC's Robin Leftwisch there have been some significant changes to PA-40 plans. The Draft EIR is expected to be ready for public review in Feb.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. HICKS CANYON COMMUNITY PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING - The City had a parking study performed on Hicks Canyon Community Park by Timor Rafiq & Associates to determine if the existing parking was adequate to accommodate a community center. The size of the center was assumed to be 5,000 sq ft -- a relatively small center in comparison to the City's current standard as used in the new residential development but as big as the site will accommodate and as described in the approved Park Master Plan for Peters Canyon [PA-4]. The recordings considered simultaneous use of both the soccer and baseball field along with the center. However, the City normally specifies a separation of at least 50 feet minimum between parking and any athletic field but in this case would have to reduce the distance between the soccer field and parking to 25 feet increasing the possibility of balls hitting parked vehicles. Nonetheless, based on the findings and staff review, the parking requirement for a 5,000 sq ft community center can be accommodated. The cost of the center is estimated to be roughly \$2 Million.

NIVA received a Dec. 11th response from Councilmember Kang stating that (1) the recently performed Hicks Canyon Community Park parking study verified the adequacy of existing parking to accommodate the additional parking requirement of the center and (2) design and construction funding for the center will be included in the City's 2008 Strategic Business Plan. Unfortunately, it did not indicate any start of construction date or in-service target date for the center. Kang encourages "NIVA to continue its efforts in making Irvine a better city" and to "participate in the public hearings regarding the City's Strategic Business Plan".

2. BUILDING FACILITIES MASTER PLAN - An inquiry was e-mailed Dec 23 to City Mgr. Joyce about the previously anticipated presentation before year's end to the City Council of the Comprehensive Public Facilities Program. An immediate response was received from Joyce stating that he has informed the Council that he will present the program in March 2008. He also invited NIVA to meet with Asst. City Mgr. Kreutzen (who is leading the preparation effort) to discuss the program once the draft is completed or even before if NIVA so desires. Of the 3 proposed dates, the date of Jan 29 was the first preferred followed by Jan 31.
3. NORTH IRVINE TRANSPORTATION MITIGATION PROGRAM - Melvold was notified yesterday, Jan.8, by the City's Project Management Office that the City had just received the bids for the Trabuco/I-5 Project and are now beginning a review of the bids.
4. JEFFREY OPEN-SPACE SPINE - An e-mail was sent Dec 23 to Katie Berg-Curtis of the City inquiring as to the status of the JOS Trail Over-crossing Feasibility Study for which the City had submitted an application for a State Grant for funding. The study was to investigate the Trabuco overcrossing of the JOS Trail. It was mentioned at the time that the City anticipated 6 months for a decision which would have been last Summer.

5. "SMART" PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF YALE & GRADE-SEPARATED CROSSING FOR VENTA SPUR TRAILS - Melvold received an e-mail on Dec 21 with an attachment of a Dec 21 letter notifying NIVA of City staff's intent to go to the Council on Jan 8 and recommend the Venta Spur grade-separated crossing of Jeffrey be deleted from the City's Bicycle Transportation Plan. Melvold immediately sent an e-mail to PW's Dir. Gomez objecting to the City staff's proposed action and the failure on the City's part to schedule a followup meeting between NIVA and City staff and consultant IBI as agreed to at the conclusion of the Aug. 29 meeting. City neither acknowledged any such concurrence to a follow up meeting with IBI nor responded to any of the detailed questions previously presented to staff in writing.

Details of the discussions and comments by the Council members at the Jan 8 meeting on the agenda item and the action taken by the Council were discussed at the meeting. Staff had recommended the disapproval of the bridge and deletion of the bridge from the City's existing Bicycle Transportation Plan based simply on the limited study performed by IBI under its direction. After Council's deliberation, it concurred with not going further, including no further exploration, with the bridge concept at this time. However, the Council fell short of deleting the bridge from the City's Bicycle Transportation Plan.

The Council simultaneously approved staff going forward with its recommended alternative of an off-street trail on the western side of Jeffrey between the Venta Spur Trail and Bryan. However, staff's report, both writing and oral for the hearing, failed to mention the cost of its recommended alternative. Only after questioning by the Council, did staff disclose that it would cost an estimated \$700 thousand. Staff also initially failed to disclose that the ROW for alternative was not currently City land but would have to be negotiated and purchased from the current owner -- another effort not as yet even breached.

After discussion at the meeting, it was agreed that no further actions should be taken by NIVA on this matter at this time other than to send a n e-mail of appreciation to Councilmember Shea .

6. WB BRYAN BUS-STOP AT YALE - A response was received Jan 3 from Cindy Krebs of the City regarding any response from the OCTA to the City's Sept. 28, 2007 letter. She states that Al Taghavi (the City's originator of the letter to the OCTA) is no longer with the City but to the best of her knowledge the City has not received a response from the OCTA. She has reassigned the task but did not identify the new assignee. She also left a voice message on Jan 2 with OCTA's Bill Batory but has not received a response as yet. She would let NIVA know when and what she hears from him.

7. REFURBISHMENT OF NORTHWOOD SHOPPING CENTER - [Awaiting word from the City of receipt of actual application for replacement of the Coco's building with the previously proposed 2-story, 9,600 sq ft office retail building.] No word has been received from the City regarding their review of the pre-application. [There was a brief discussion on items worthy of consideration at this time due to the opportunity provided by any application for change in the center. It was agreed that the list of concerns should be sent to the City for consideration during their review. The list of concerns involved enhancement of landscaping especially replacement of missing landscape trees, extent of public notification for future public hearings, replacement of stop signs and painted stop signs on ground throughout the parking lot, change in parking needs due to increased square footage in center, and any new sinage. *[Concerns submitted to City via Feb 6 e-mail.]*

8. WIDENING OF JAMBOREE UNDERPASS OF I-5 FREEWAY - Melvold received a Dec 17 e-mail from Cindy Krebs of the City on the planned improvements in the Jamboree/I-5 area. The City is the lead on the underpass lane addition. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in May 2010. She states further that the City will continue to work with OCTA and Caltrans to ensure that all elements, including construction schedules, are coordinated with other projects in the vicinity. She will advise NIVA when the draft documents of the City project are available for public review.

Melvold received a Dec 31 phone call from Dave Simpson, OCTA Mgr. of Local Government Relations,

confirming that the project is scheduled for design in 2009-10 following soon after with construction in probably 2010. \$6 Million is earmarked for the project -- \$700,000 for design and \$5.3 Million for construction. The majority of the funds are coming from Measure M with the City required to put up probably about 25%. The description of the project is the addition of a 4th NB lane on Jamboree under the I-5 and the addition of a 4th SB lane under the I-5 on Jamboree with modifications to the I-5 on- and off-ramps. Simpson agreed to keep Melvold informed of any changes.

A Jan. 3 e-mail from Krebs relayed the following information. The City's official title for the project is the "Jamboree/I-5 Interchange Project". The project is currently in preliminary design which is anticipated to conclude by Dec. 2008. RFB Consulting is preparing the PSRT/PR. Final detailed design is expected to extend from Feb. 2009 to March 2009. As previously noted, construction is anticipated to begin in May 2010. The duration of construction will not be estimated until completion of final detailed design. In a Jan. 7 e-mail, Krebs stated that the City's share of the project cost comes from SDC fees and the City has budgeted sufficient local funds to meet the matching requirements of both of the external funding programs (Measure M and RSTP).

9. TRANSFER OF ACCOUNT AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE - McFadden reported that 3 associations have yet to pay their 2007 association member dues and that even though Northwood 2 had indicated early in 2007 that they wanted to join and their board had approved it along with the payment of dues, no dues payment has been received as yet. Various contacts have been made with all 4 associations in an attempt to resolve the matter. *[Payment of the 2007 dues was received from one of the associations subsequent to the meeting.]*

10. 2007 YEAR-END STATE OF NIVA REPORT - Melvold distributed copies of the report but due to lack of time, the item was not discussed at the meeting.

11. 2008 BUDGET & SETTING OF ANNUAL DUES AMOUNT - McFadden distributed copies of the 2007 Year-end Financials which indicated an income of \$1960 with expenses of \$2,357.68. The balance at the end of 2007 was \$1,669.38. There was concern expressed about the expenses exceeding the income for 2007 and about various methods to reduce the expenses rather than changing the dues for 2008. It was noted that postage, storage and other items have gone up in price since a year ago. However, it was decided to retain the \$135 annual member association dues amount with the possibility of an increase the following year.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting would be Wed., Feb. 13 at The Groves.