

NIVA MEETING RECORD

January 14, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hines Horticulture Inc., operator of the local Hines Nursery grounds at Irvine Blvd. & Jeffrey, received approval last month from the Bankruptcy Court to sell its assets to Black Diamond Capital Management. What effect, if any, this change of ownership will have on the local nursery was not disclosed.

A request has been made Dec 18 to Caltrans [949-936-3600] to replace the 2 overhead illuminated street signs at the intersection of the SR-261 and Portola Pkwy. which have been missing for upwards of 2 years! The box for the the signs remain but the sign itself have been missing -- the reason of which is not known. However, the missing signs give an appearance of a deteriorating neighborhood -- something not desired for North Irvine. The specific missing signs are EB Portola Pkwy. to SB SR-261 and the SB SR-261 off-ramp to Portola Pkwy. No response to date or missing signs installed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PA-10 JAMBOREE MEDICAL/SCIENCE CENTER COMMITTEE [LaPorte] - Attendees reviewed details of the latest sign proposal from KIA Motors and discussed the proposed meeting between reps from KIA, the City and NIVA suggested by both KIA and the City. It was decided that the meeting would be in the interest of the community. LaPorte would arrange a meeting. Attendees from NIVA would include LaPorte, Brunnett, Elliott, Gless, McFadden, and Melvold. Aharonian would be contacted about attending as she had expressed an interest.

2. PA-40 R & D DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE [_____] - Per agreement at the Dec. meeting, a letter was sent Dec 30 to Douglas Williford, Dir. Of Com. Dev. for Irvine, regarding the triggering of start of installation of Segment 1 of the Jeffrey Open Space Spine Trail [JOST] and the need for the completion of the Trabuco overcrossing of the Jeffrey Trail corresponding to the opening of the middle school [Copies were included in agenda package]. A Jan 8, 2009 response was received from Williford giving a more complete explanation of the situation and acknowledging the value of have the overcrossing in before start of the middle school if at all possible realizing that bridges take considerable more advance planning time and construction than simple landscaping [Copies included in agenda package]. He also affirmed that the width of the JOST Segment 1 has been reduced due to a reduction in JOST acreage to accommodate the exchange for the 2 overcrossings in the segment -- Trabuco and Roosevelt. It was agreed that a short letter of appreciation should be sent to Williford for the concise and complete response. *(Letter sent 1/17/09).*

OLD BUSINESS

1. EL TORO MCAS REUSE - On Dec 18th, the Great Park Corp Board gave its approval to the proposal of leasing up to 100 acres of the Great Park for a temporary parking lot -- a new meaning to the "Great Park"! This will allow car dealerships to store excess capacity at the Great Park. The proposal still must be approved by the Irvine City Council. However, this followup action is a mere formality considering four of the councilmembers already indicated approval as members of the Great Park Board. No firm cutoff date was indicated for the "temporary" use but the dealers currently want 6 months to a year though in all likelihood it would be until the economy and car sales picks up. If approved and while in use, as many as 15,000 cars could be stored at the park. Would this be a pleasant park sight? Or an eyesore? There would also be a number of required security fences -- not simply as a perimeter fence but between

cars associated with the various dealerships. Most auto centers with multiple dealerships do not have this many cars parked on premises. Another, and bigger consideration, is that of truck traffic associated with bringing and eventually removing the vehicles. Great Park Operations Mgr. Rod Cooper claimed the transport of vehicles would not present "a huge traffic impact".

At the Dec 18 meeting of the O.C. Great Park Corp. Board, Clearwater LLC's \$320,000 contribution for a water-science park study was acknowledged and accepted by the Board. The study was a continuation of the effort to investigate the feasibility of moving Wild Rivers from its current location into the Great Park probably in a different format which includes an educational aspect. Wild Rivers is slated to close after the 2009 Summer. Though no specific location has been identified as the possible site, the focus appears to be in the Great Park sports park which is on the western side of the Great Park. Here again, another generator/magnet for traffic using the Trabuco entrance to the Park off Sand Canyon.

The list of proposed and approved activities keeps expanding but all the while consideration of traffic generation and followup on the previously acknowledged need for the SR-133/Trabuco interchange to minimize local traffic on the surrounding residential community has been essentially ignored. The merits of the proposed activities is not the concern but simply the expected traffic that is generated

As agreed at last month's meeting, a letter was sent Dec 29, 2008 to the Mayor and City Council concerning the potential traffic which can be expected to be generated by the various proposed uses being considered for approval in phase one of the development plan for the Great Park and the lack of simultaneous progress on the implementation of the SR-133/Trabuco interchange [Copies included in agenda package].

Melvold met with Diane Vu, senior planner with the City, at the Great Park City office on Jan 8 to review and discuss the proposed signage plan for the Great Park Neighborhoods Development by Lennar. The plan is proposed by Lennar's consultant, Outdoor Dimensions located in Anaheim. The City had reviewed and commented on the original proposal last June notifying the applicant of numerous missing elements and of various violations of the City standards. Bob Linneell of Outdoor Dimensions, responded in a Nov. 18, 2008 letter to the City's letter. The missing elements were essentially furnished along with some changes. However, the most critical was the submission of a request for administrative relief on several items. The City is requesting NIVA to review and comment on the current proposed plan and the supporting requests for administrative relief. As a response was desired by Jan. 12, a preliminary informal set of comments were forwarded by Melvold by e-mail of Jan 9. Copies were distributed as part of the agenda package for review at the meeting. A response was sought by the City from NIVA with the outcome of the meeting. After reviewing the proposed sign program, it was agreed to send a formal NIVA response indicating the same concerns as previously identified and reviewed this evening. *(Letter sent 1/18/09).*

2. COMPLETION OF PETERS CANYON WASH AND WALNUT TRAIL "GAPS" - A more recent review of the trail system area under consideration has disclosed that the City has named the City pedestrian/bike trail which parallels the County's "Peters Canyon Trail" on the west side of the Peters Canyon Wash from Bryan to north of Irvine Blvd. the "West Irvine Trail". This dual naming of parallel trails seems to introduce undesirable confusion. The City side of the trail is signed the "West Irvine Trail" while that of the County is signed "Mountain to the Sea: Peters Canyon Trail". The City does not want to name the trail the same as the County since the City has already used the name "Peters Canyon Trail" to label the trail on the east side of the Peters Canyon Wash between Bryan and north of Irvine Blvd. Further discussion is underway with the City, specifically Steve Haubert. Any progress or results in clarifying or correcting the situation will be disclosed at the next meeting.

3. NIVA "ON-THE-ROAD" PRESENTATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP - Continued any review of revised

draft letter being prepared by Chiechi to go to potential new member associations until the next meeting.

4. NORTH IRVINE SENIOR CENTER - Only one of the participants who attended the Nov. 20th Senior Citizens Council [SCC] meeting was in attendance at the meeting but couldn't recall if any specific decision was made by the SCC on holding any meetings in North Irvine. In attempting to determine the outcome of the SCC meeting from minutes on the City's website were in vain. It was discovered that there is a glaring lack of meeting minutes in the City's Archives for the SCC for the last 4 years! This omission was brought to the attention of the City's Human Services Supt. In Community Services and secretary to the Committee, Shiela Driscoll. She responded that she would look into it and respond by Jan 7. No response received as yet.

5. WB BRYAN BUS-STOP AT YALE - It was agreed that this matter has been satisfactorily resolved and that this item can now be closed. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

6. MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT - Personal calls to board members of HOAs with outstanding dues payments have yet to be made. Others agreed to assist McFadden in making calls to specific board members.

7. NIVA E-MAIL LISTING - Levey gave a report on the status of compiling mailing list.

8. YEAR 2008 FINANCIALS (McFadden) - The year-end 2008 Financials as presented by McFadden were approved. The expenses for the year were \$ 2,390.94, revenues were \$ 2,335, and balance at the end of the year of \$ 1,613.44. As to be expected, the largest single expense is for mailing - \$1,059.37.

9. YEAR 2009 ESTIMATED EXPENSES, 2009 BUDGET, & SETTING OF 2009 DUES AMOUNT (McFadden) - Following discussion on anticipated expenditures for Year 2009 and outlook for revenues, it was agreed to retain the same annual dues of \$135 for HOAs and \$10 for individuals.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be on Wed., Feb. 11. NOTE: The location of the meeting has yet to be determined and will be indicated in the meeting notice.

