

# NIVA MEETING RECORD

April 8, 2009

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **PA-40\* R & D DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** [ ] - At its April 2nd meeting, the Planning Commission approved Tract Map #17246 and the accompanying Master Plan for the residential development to be located in the abandoned middle school site in Woodbury adjacent to the JOS and Trabuco Flood Control Basin. The development would consist of 140 DUs -- all single-family detached. The most significant aspect was the elimination of a neighborhood park and the transfer of the related park credits to the community park within the village. It is not apparent how this is to be done since the community park is essentially already constructed.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **NORTH IRVINE LIBRARY** - One of the most significant revisions in the latest General Plan Amendment approved by the City Council [See Item 4] was that of revising the ratio for library services from 0.20 square feet of facilities per capita (i.e., City resident) to 0.50 square feet per capita plus 2.5 volumes per capita. (Note: This revision came from a recommendation of the City's Library Services Advisory Committee -- a Committee which has since been placed on a hiatus by the City Council.) Basically this revision merely reinstates the standards that were in the City General Plan but downsized a decade ago at the request of the City's Community Services Department. The standard is used to fund new library facilities with revenues derived from new residential development. In the meantime, the City has approved numerous residential developments [including Lower Peters Canyon (West Irvine, Northpark, Northpark Square), Oak Creek, Northwood Point, Westpark, all of the Northern Sphere (Woodbury, Orchard Hills, Portola Springs, and the recent PA-40 project), Shady Canyon, Quail Hill, and parts of Walnut Village (Harvard Square, etc.), and even Lennar's Great Park residential -- more than doubling the population of the City] with no funds being derived because of the lower standard. Now with little to no open land still available for residential development, the outlook for the City to derive any significant amount of funding even with the "restored" standard is bleak. This episode amounted to a tremendous savings to the developers at the expense to residents for library funds and fundamentally has left the City with no funds available to construct badly needed new library facilities.

2. **COMPLETION OF PETERS CANYON WASH AND WALNUT TRAIL "GAPS"** - NIVA received a Mar. 9th response from the OCFA Deputy Fire Marshall Pete Bonano and a phone call message last month from Rick Handfield of the Irvine Police Dept. in response to NIVA's Feb. 20th letter to each agency expressing concern as to the possible consequences on emergencies responses due to the duplicated use of the name Peters Canyon Trail for 2 different trails in Irvine. In the latter response, Handfield informed Melvold that he was working on the solution to the problem and would get back later. Melvold agreed at the meeting that he would follow up by contacting Bonano and Handfield to see what specifically each was planning to do including any specific contact of the City Public Works.

3. **NORTH IRVINE SENIOR CENTER** - Regarding the City's effort to develop a 5-year Senior Services Strategic Plan, the City's Task Force held its second meeting on Mar. 24. At that meeting, a set of strategies and planned efforts were identified. The listing would be compiled and reviewed again at the next meeting. The next or final meeting of this committee is scheduled for April 14 at Lakeview Senior Center from 1 to 3 PM. As previously indicated, a draft of the plan is expected before summer.

4. **CITY-WIDE ZONING ORDINANCE AND MUNICIPAL CODE UPGRADE** - The Comprehensive General Plan Amendment and corresponding Zoning Change was approved by the City Council on Mar. 10. This item can now be closed. [ITEM TO BE CLOSED]

5. **BRYAN AVENUE TREE REPLACEMENT IN SETBACK** - Zelinko reported that he was informed by the City that the work had been included in the City's Strategic Business Plan. Details of the amount or specific date for initiation of the work as supposedly listed in the Plan were not available at time of the meeting.

6. **WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE** - The City extended the moratorium on such facilities for 1 year to Oct. 2009. A decision rendered by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals late last year has provided cities a model for a wireless ordinance that could pass legal scrutiny. The City is expected to resurrect the wireless ordinance with modifications to model the Court's model. No schedule of this effort has been provided. In the meantime, the moratorium remains.

7. **NIVA E-MAIL LISTING** - Levey reported on the status of the effort to compile an e-mail listing. It currently was costing NIVA about \$90 to \$100 per mailing. The basic cost is \$27/mail-out plus 10 cents per page plus postage. It was agreed that the use of a divided mailing list will commence with the May mail-outs; i.e., mailings of meeting records and meeting announcements would be sent out via e-mail to those who have indicated such a preference and have provided their e-mail addresses. All others would continue to receive hardcopies via U.S. Mail as has been the practice. It was anticipated that this would reduce NIVA's expenditures to an estimated \$70 per mail-out. In the case of the few who indicated a desire not to receive either, no communications would be forwarded.

8. **NOTICE FROM IRVINE POLICE DEPT.** - NIVA received a Mar. 24 letter from the Regulatory Affairs Unit of the Irvine Police Department notifying NIVA that it has to file an application for a business license and pay the corresponding fees. Copies were distributed at the meeting. A deadline of April 8 is indicated for submission. Melvold contacted the person noted on the letter for questions -- Jade Mazzio - but was unsuccessful in resolving the misunderstanding by the IPD that NIVA is a "commercial enterprise". The misunderstanding stems from the filing of a dba for NIVA which was initiated as a strategy to satisfy the requirement by City National Bank for NIVA's continued bank account (but subsequently dropped by the bank as a requirement). The City is notified by the County of any dba applications within its city limits. Melvold briefly discussed the matter earlier today with her supervisor, Chris Gaiennie, who simply stated that she would look into the matter and get back. In the meanwhile, NIVA could ignore the indicated deadline.

**NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting would be Wed., May 13 at The Colony Clubhouse.