

NIVA MEETING RECORD

May 13 2009

BUSINESS

1. EL TORO MCAS REUSE - [Awaiting a response to NIVA's letter of Dec 29, 2008 to the Mayor expressing concern about the increasing number of land uses/activities being proposed and/or approved for the Great Park that generate traffic but were never included in the traffic study for the approved EIR and requesting the City to expedite the SR-133/Trabuco interchange so as to minimize the impact on North Irvine. The letter explicitly solicits a commitment regarding traffic impacts and uses being considered for approval.]

[Awaiting contact from the City's Dianne Vu regarding Lennar's expressed desire to meet with NIVA concerning NIVA's response to Lennar's proposed Great Park Neighborhoods Sign Program.]

Lennar is in the process of "booting" (evicting) Cal State Fullerton out of its satellite facilities in the future "Lifelong Learning District". Apparently, Lennar does not see CS Fullerton as a part of the District. CS Fullerton envisioned as much as a 300-acre site. It currently has an enrollment of nearly 2,000 students. Whether this action by Lennar is sincere or merely a strategic negotiating ploy is not known for certain. Cal State had invested time and funding of initial building facilities. It is therefore unknown as to what kind of "educational" facilities Lennar is seeking at the site.

On Apr 23, the Great Park Board approved the plan for the initial phase of development of the Great Park. Included would be 8 soccer fields (expandable up to 12 if necessary), a 20-acre lake, an amphitheater shell, a wild-life corridor, and a community farm. Though no timeline or schedule was approved at this time, the Board hopes to have construction underway by this Summer with completion of the fields by the end of 2010. The actual schedule is expected to be considered by the Board at this month's meeting.

2. COMPLETION OF PETERS CANYON WASH AND WALNUT TRAIL "GAPS" - Melvold had a phone conversation [5/12] with Lt. Rick Handfield of the Irvine Police Dept. who is working on a solution to the dual use of the same name for 2 different trails in North Irvine. One possibility is that the City put in numbered placement markers along each trail which any can refer to specifically when calling in an emergency. This would be similar to mileage markers along roadways.

3. NB CULVER I-5 UNDERCROSSING - It was suggested and agreed that this item be closed as the project appears completed and there are no known outstanding issues. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

4. NEED FOR REVISION OF CITY'S MASTER STREETSCAPE PLAN - An inquiry was made to Sherman Jones of the City as to the progress on the updated plan. He responded via a May 8th e-mail stating that staff is continuing the coordination effort with TIC, the Great Park Design Team, and Lennar on the streetscapes in the vicinity of the Great Park and Planning Area 40. The City will send a draft of the Master Streetscape Plan to NIVA for review prior to the public hearing which is tentatively scheduled for Sept.

5. NORTH IRVINE SENIOR CENTER - The Senior Citizens Advisory Council held its initial meeting in North Irvine at the Northwood Community Park on the morning of Thursday, April 19. Publicity for the meeting was minimal at best since it was limited primarily to the City's web-site and the Senior Newsletter. Per City staff, the notice was supposedly also included in the Irvine World News. In any case, only the web-site gave any detail on the agenda for the meeting. Even so, the agenda was lacking of any major or significant items of general interest to the community seniors. Consequently, the attendance was low as to be expected.

The City's Senior Services Strategic Plan Transportation Task Force reviewed the draft "Strategies and Action Items" and proposed changes to same at its Apr 14 meeting. A major concern expressed throughout the meeting is to what extent the current State and County budgets outlooks/unknowns will impact the extent and schedules of changes. A revised draft was subsequently distributed Apr 24 to the Task Force members for further comment

and changes. It is anticipated that a final draft of the Strategic Plan will be forthcoming in mid-June. (Melvold is a member of this Task Force).

6. REFURBISHMENT OF NORTHWOOD SHOPPING CENTER - Per City Code Enforcement Supv. Jan Helf, there was an inspection on the new restaurant undedr renovation as recently as May 4th showing that progress is being made even though apparently very slow. She will be checking further and get back to NIVA.

7. HARVARD RAILCROSSING QUIET ZONE - Per e-mail from Katie Berg-Curtis of the City, the budget issues of involved parties have not affected the at-grade safety improvements program. The City is still assuming the same schedule as previously indicated which was that improvements would be underway at Harvard by mid-2010. See also Item 43, Strategic Business Plan.

8. WIDENING OF JAMBOREE UNDERPASS OF I-5 FREEWAY - Informed that Cindy Krebs is now no longer with the City. Per May 13 e-mail from Katie Berg-Curtis, Lisa Thai is the project manager for the preliminary design phase and Uyenli Bui is the project manager for final design and construction. Per Berg-Curtis, the project is still in preliminary design (i.e., over 16 months later than previously indicated last Jan.,2008) under contract with RFB Consulting. She estimates that under the best scenario, construction could start by Mar. 2011. Per previous commitment by Cindy Krebs, NIVA is to be provided a copy of draft documents for review.

9. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE - At its April 28 meeting, the Council ended its temporary moratorium on consideration of placement of new cellular towers because the District Court issued an order on Mar. 23 staying its permanent injunction against the City's Wireless Communications Ordinance. Consequently, the City has the legal authority to use the original ordinance as approved by the Council in 2005. It is anticipated that the City will not start processing the backlog of wireless communication facilities until at least mid-June.

10. NOTICE FROM IRVINE POLICE DEPT. - After looking into the matter regarding NIVA being a business and consequently needing a business license, Chris Gaiennie [714-724-7066] responded by phone [5/5] that the matter will be left alone at this time and that no business license is required at this time. However, she went on to state that she is of the opinion that NIVA does meet the criteria of a business and if it comes up again to her attention for some reason , she will address the license issue again! It was agreed that NIVA drop this matter at this time, especially since the dba is no longer needed by the bank and could simply be allowed to expire in 3 or 4 few years. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

11. CITY OF IRVINE 2009 STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN - The City Council approved the Plan which covers, amongst other things, the Capital Improvement Program projects. Capital projects for which North Irvine has a vested interest during this 5-year period were discussed. Amongst these which generated concerns/questions due to changes from previous commitments in schedules or funding allocations were:

(1) A \$5.8 Million renovation to the Northwood Community Park Community Center with an increase or 3,500 sq. ft. A inquiry to City staff proved futile as the response was that there was to be no removal of existing amenities and no expansion of the building site beyond its present boundaries! (This doesn't seem possible unless going to two stories in height.) Further inquiry will be made. Other improvements include new heating/air-conditioning units, improve energy efficiency, and additional ADA improvements. The project is indicated to start design in 2009/10 with construction the following year.

(2) The community center for Hicks Canyon Community Park, previously indicated to start construction in 2012/13, has been delayed for 2 years.

(3) Though City Council has acknowledged the installation of the 3rd City Senior Center (to be located in North Irvine at Trabuco & Jeffrey) and the extreme deficiency in library facilities below City standards and amongst lowest in County, there is no funding for even the start of either facility within the 5-year horizon.

(4) The Culver/Walnut Intersection Improvement project, approved several years ago, has no funding whatsoever in the 5-year horizon.

(5) The Culver (Scottsdale to I-5 Southbound Offramp) Widening Project, previously promised to the community to be underway in 2009/10 has been delayed at least 1 year.

(6) The Jamboree/I-5 Intersection (Underpass) Widening Project, previously promised to the community to be started in May 2010 is not indicated for any funding in the 5-year horizon. This appears to be in conflict with status reported in Item 8 above. A clarification will be sought from the City.

(7) A \$3.4 Million community center addition to Harvard Community Park, indicated last year to commence with design in 2008/09 and construction in 2009/10 has been delayed with design starting in 2012/13.

(8) The City is projecting to spend over \$1 Million to connect the Venta Spur Trail at its eastern termination to Bryan Ave. So as to provide an at-grade crossing of Jeffrey for a connection to the Jeffrey Open-Space Trail. This work is indicated to start in 2009/10.

(9) The City has allocated no funding during the 5-year horizon for commencement of the SR-133/Trabuco Interchange which would accommodate traffic for the Great Park and reduce such traffic on adjacent City streets. This project was a roadway impact mitigation measure contained in the EIRs for the Great Park.

(10) There is no indication of any funding for completion of the Jeffrey Open-Space Trail between Trabuco and the I-5. However, there is a project indicated for that same trail construction in Planning Area 12 which is the segment between the I-5 and Irvine Center Drive. Design would occur in 2010/11 but construction would not commence until 2013/14. The reason for the long delay is apparent. It is also not apparent why this segment is given priority over that north of the I-5 which would be adjacent to the future middle school.

(11) There is no funding indicated in the 5-year horizon for any work on the SR-133 Pedestrian Bridge which is to span the Corridor and connect the existing Woodbury residential community to the Great Park. This bridge was part of the approval for Woodbury residential and provided a safe and non-traffic interfering route to the Great Park.

(12) There is no indication of any funding or work underway or to commence in the 5-year horizon for the Culver/Walnut Intersection Project (aka the widening of Culver Drive between Walnut and Scottsdale). \$750,000 was indicated in last year's Plan. It is not clear what this means, i.e., whether the project has been delayed beyond the 5-year horizon or what.

Discussion is to continue on this item at the next meeting.

12. MISSING CORRIDOR SIGNAGE @ PORTOLA PKWY. INTERCHANGE - Because of a lack of response from Caltrans to phone requests (last Dec. and again on Apr. 24) about the missing signage, a letter was sent May 8 specifically requesting the replacement of the missing signs. A photograph of the 2 sign box fixtures with the obvious missing sign panels was enclosed. Heath Palczewski had received the letter as Melvold received a phone call yesterday from Palczewski apologizing for not getting back but stating that he had not gotten a phone number from Caltrans receptionist. He said he appreciated the photograph. It was most helpful in clearly identifying the issue. He had reviewed the matter and subsequently visited the site. He said Caltrans is most likely responsible for the signs. However, the nature of the repair is within Caltrans lighting section and not his sign section. He will forward the letter with his memo to the appropriate section for attention. NIVA will be expecting a phone call back from the lighting section about the fix. He acknowledged that the missing signage appears strange as if it were never installed! But in any case, he agreed there should be signs.

13. PROPOSED IRVINE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE-MOD. SURVEY - A proposal is being considered to revise the City's existing ordinance governing the parking of recreational vehicles on public residential streets within the City. A letter has been received from Police Chief David Maggard dated May 12 [Attachment 3] surveying associations input for consideration before any final decision. Discussion followed with various concerns being identified. These will be forwarded to Maggard. No position was taken on the matter at this time since it is only preliminary. [Letter sent May 28th. Copy attached]

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting would be Wed., June 10 at The Colony Clubhouse.