

NIVA MEETING RECORD

June 10, 2009

OLD BUSINESS

1. **EL TORO MCAS REUSE** - NIVA has never received a response from the Mayor to its Dec 29, 2008 letter 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. NIVA reminded the Mayor of its requests that the City expedite the SR-133/Trabuco interchange so as to minimize the impact on North Irvine. The letter explicitly solicited a commitment from the Mayor/City Council regarding traffic impacts and uses being considered for approval. Is this an indicator of the Council's consideration of the North Irvine community and its residents?

Last April, 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. However, per the May 21st Board meeting, the detailed plans needed for construction will not be completed until Fall. Nor will a detailed schedule and scope-of-work be completed until then. Nonetheless, the Board is confident that construction will start this summer! If it does, it will most likely consist of only demolition of the runways and site prep work.

No long-term financial overview of the Great Park and its operation has ever been done which would give indication of the long-term viability of the Great Park and its potential impact on the City. Another critical question is that of the strategic plans of Lennar Corp., which is the developer of the Great Park Neighborhoods residential development and the financier of a still-remaining large payment towards the Great Park.

The BIG QUESTION is: Is the City Council, and its individual members (or even City staff) stretched too far to oversee this massive project (Great Park) without seriously undercutting its responsibilities and oversight of City functions and finances? Are other City issues receiving inadequate Councilmember attention? If so, what should or could be done to alleviate or minimize this situation?

2. **COMPLETION OF PETERS CANYON WASH AND WALNUT TRAIL "GAPS"** - No further feedback from the City since the May 12th contact reported last month. In the meanwhile, Melvold has spoken last month with OCFA Deputy Fire Marshall Pete Bonano. Bonano agreed to contact Lt. Handfield of the Irvine Police Dept. and let him know that the OCFA is in agreement with NIVA that a change is in order to avoid future misunderstandings in identifying location in the event of an emergency.

3. **HICKS CANYON COMMUNITY PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING** - Installation has been postponed at least 2 years since previous commitment per the City's 2009 SBP [Item 8 below] which indicated only \$500 thousand in year 2013/14.

4. **REFURBISHMENT OF NORTHWOOD SHOPPING CENTER** - An e-mail was sent to Jaan Helf, Irvine's Code Enforcement Supervisor, inquiring as to any significant progress on the restaurant renovation. Helf responded that the job superintendent informed the City's inspection staff that he expects to have completion within 30 days. Nothing more can be done inside until fire lines are in for sprinklers, which he expects to be completed within the week of June 8th.

5. **CULVER DRIVE/WALNUT AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** - Melvold previously agreed to contact the City's rep. to the OCTA (Supervisor Bill Campbell) to arrange for a meeting between NIVA/Colony reps and Campbell to discuss the bus stop at Scottsdale. Due to the economic situation and apparent lack of progress on the project by the City, the urgency for arranging this meeting in the near term has diminished. However, prior to

proceeding with the meeting arrangements, commitment of attendance of at least 2 Colony Board Members should be sought and obtained. McFadden committed to secure the names of two Board members within a couple of days.

6. **WIDENING OF JAMBOREE UNDERPASS OF I-5 FREEWAY** - An e-mail inquiry was made June 3 to the City's Project Manager, Lisa Thai, inquiring as to the cause of the 16-month delay in the project. The inquiry and her e-mail response are provided in Attachment 1. A second e-mail was sent to find out why this project is not indicated in the City's recently approved Strategic Business Plan (Item 40). Thai clarified that the funding for the project is in the 2009 SBP but the project is inclusive of a larger overall improvement project for the Jamboree/I-5 location which is titled "Jamboree/I-5 SB Ramps" (a somewhat misleading name). Under that title, there is \$1.441 and \$10.584 Million in Years 2009-10 and 2010-11, respectively. The funding consists of Measure M and City funds.

7. **WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE** - Since the City now has legal grounds on which to intact its Wireless Communications Ordinance, it is moving forward on the first of held wireless communication facilities -- that by Newpath Networks for Planning Area 21 (Turtle Rock). Negative Declaration is being proposed.

8. **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 provided for discussion in a listing at the meeting.

E-mail communications occurred on June 3 with Steve Haubert of the City trying to get clarification on what he meant in stating that the community center for Northwood Community Park [CP] would be accommodated within the existing center foot print. Copies of the e-mails were provided at the meeting.

An e-mail was also sent June 3 to Project Mgr. Rudy Romo inquiring as to why the Culver/Walnut Intersection Project is not indicated in the Plan since construction was expected to start within a year or so. However, in a June 8th email response received from Lisa Thai, she explained that the funding for the project was identified in the previous year's Plan and was sufficient to complete the project. Therefore, it is not shown in the current Plan even though expenditures are to be expected in the overlapping time frame. Kirk Streets is now the project manager replacing Rudy Romo. Streets can be reached on 949-724-7554.

It was agreed that an inquiry would be sent to Assistant City Manager for Capital Projects, Wally Kreutzen, concerning (1) the 2-year delay to the new Hicks Canyon CP Center and the delay of as much as 4 years to the improvements to the Harvard CP Center while at the same time including a previously unmentioned improvement to the Northwood CP Center; (2) the lack of details on the nature of the improvements to Northwood CP Center; (3) questioning the inclusion of the PA-12 Jeffrey Open-S[ace Trail [JOST] while not including anything for the PA-40 JOST in the 5-year window; and (4) expressing disappointment in nothing indicated in the 5-year window of the Plan for improving the situation regarding the long-overdue North Irvine Senior Center or deficiency in libraries. It is understandable that delays are warranted in the current economic situation, but why is a new costly project introduced at the same time for Northwood CP? Attempts to derive details from City staff have been met with difficulty and reluctance making the concern and curiosity all the more warranted.

Regarding the Northwood CP Center, the plan is to add 3,500 sq.ft. to the existing building but retain the existing building footprint. Upon inquiring how this would be facilitated without resorting to adding a second floor since NIVA was concerned about what existing amenities might be removed to accomplish an enlargement of this magnitude, NIVA was informed that the City considers the "drip-line" of the building and not the outer walls of the building as the boundary of the building site. Consequently, since the plan is not to increase the existing drip-line, there will be no increase in building size even though 3,500 sq. ft. will be added.

However, upon firsthand inspection of the Northwood CP Center the following is determined. There is very little difference between the outer walls and the drip-line. To expand towards Bryan, the children's playground would have to be moved and the parking lot would also be impacted. To the west, the schuffle board area would have to be moved and also possibly the picnic table area. To the east towards Yale, the tot lot playground would be im

pacted. To the north toward the athletic fields, there is some open space but inadequate to accommodate 3,500 sq. ft. without impacting the eucalyptus windrow. Consequently, it is not apparent how the addition can be accommodated as City staff states without impacting existing facilities.

9. **MISSING CORRIDOR SIGNAGE @ PORTOLA PKWY. INTERCHANGE** - Per phone conversations between Melvold and Ferman Ramos of Caltrans lighting maintenance crew [5/15], Melvold was informed that according to his supervisor, Michael Hurbert [949-279-8967], due to budget limitations and cutbacks, Caltrans could not afford to replace the signs in this year's budget. Ramos So rather than to have the ugly sign fixtures without the actual signs hanging on the poles at the SR-261/Portola Pky. intersection, they would be removed until the signs have been ordered and delivered. The sign fixtures were subsequently removed within a couple of days. It was agreed that this item can be closed . **[ITEM CLOSED]**

10. **PROPOSED IRVINE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE-MOD. SURVEY** - No response has been received to date from the City Police Dept. as a result of NIVA's letter.

11 **PROPOSED CHANGE OF MISSION OF NIVA** - It has again been suggested that NIVA change its mission so as to include within its scope the routine and inclusive matters concerning homeowner association management/governance and maintenance/operations. The suggestion is put forward as a means for expanding the interest of its membership. An agenda item was proposed along this line for consideration at a future meeting. Copies of the proposed agenda item and of NIVA's approved Mission Statement were provided at the meeting for discussion. Once again, it was concluded that the proposed change could not be incorporated due to NIVA's long-standing practice and due to the approved mission as currently stated. The suggestion has merit and those proposing it were encouraged to consider establishing a separate forum for enabling discussion amongst interested association board members along the suggested lines. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

12. **MASSAGE PARLOR IN NORTH PARK PLAZA** - NIVA received a notice from the City that Massage Envy has proposed a 3,010 sq. ft. massage establishment within an existing tenant space at the Plaza about midway between CVS and Albertson's Market. The applicant is requesting a Conditional use Permit from the City. A public hearing was scheduled for this afternoon with the City's Zoning Administrator. There was no details available on the outcome of the ZA hearing. Regardless, no action was suggested to be considered or agreed to be taken at the meeting. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

NEXT MEETING - It was decided that there would be no meeting in July. The next meeting would therefore be Wed., August 12.