

# NIVA MEETING RECORD

Feb. 10, 2010

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **PA-10 JAMBOREE MEDICAL/SCIENCE CENTER COMMITTEE** [LaPorte] - Nancy provided a draft of the proposed letter to go to the City on the Kia Motors recent commercial events which were not in keeping with their commitments not to do any retail selling whatsoever at the site. After a few changes, the letter was approved to go to both the Dir. of Com. Dev. and to the Chief of Police -- the latter since the police dept. issued the event permit. A suggestion to change this item from a Committee to simply KIA Motors Oversight and place in Old Business was approved.

## OLD & NEW BUSINESS

1. **HEAVY VEHICLE ROADWAY RESTRICTIONS** [Kirchgessner] - [Last reported in the Feb 14, 2007 Meeting Record in which a meeting between NIVA and Asst. City Mgr. Landers and other City staff on the proposed consultant truck traffic study. At the meeting, Com. Dev. Dir, Doug Williford announced that the study had been shelved indefinitely. No activity has been reported since. It was agreed to close this item. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

2. **MASTER COMMUNITY PARK PLAN REVISION** - A community meeting was held on Feb. 1 by the City at the Northwood Community Park community center on the proposed renovation and enlargement of the center. It was the 2nd such meeting -- the first being last Oct. 19. Once again, the attendance was very small with only 4 community members in attendance. Only 5 attended in October. Whether this is a lack of interest or simply a lack of being aware of the meeting is not known for sure. However, only 270 notices were mailed out -- the minimum required by City ordinance. (Considering this facility serves most of North Irvine east of Jeffrey, this number should have been in the thousands to notify all that may be affected and have an interest.) City staff members Debbie Mears and Steve Haubert of the Community Services Department led the discussion. The following are some of the salient points of the City's presentation:

(1) The design includes a covered veranda from the main entrance, which would now be on the south side, to the parking lot similar to that for senior center facilities. (An indication that the City might be planning to have the facility serve also as a senior center and thereby allow the City to postpone any stand-alone senior center in North Irvine.) The existing entrance will become a secondary entrance.

(2) The center would be increased in size by 72% or about 3,600 sq. ft. from its current size of approximately 5,000 sq. ft. to a new total of 8,650 sq. ft.

(3) The parking lot would be re-stripped for ADA requirements and reducing the size of the parking spaces so as to have more spaces as the increased size would warrant more parking. Whether the increased number of spaces will be sufficient is not really known or addressed to date. No parking study has been done as yet.

(4) The basketball court will be impacted and moved to a new half-court location.

(5) The south side parking lot will be closed during the construction.

(6) The Community Services Commission public hearing on the project is now expected to be in May or June.

(7) Architectural goal is to include an historical feature to the building possibly along the lines of the emphasizing the Sunkist Francis Packing House which had been located previously located nearby.

(8) The ultimate redesign would be more open with more windows and greater use of existing sunlight for interior lighting and solar cell electrical generation to a major extent. Though the cell arrays or panels would be visible from offsite and various points within the park, effort would be made to prevent sun glare on adjacent homes. The solar panels are expected to be effected from 10 AM to 3 PM.

(9) The construction, not expected before start of next year, is expected to take 12 months.

(10) None of the eucalyptus windrow trees are to be disturbed. Adequate distance is to be taken to avoid intrusion in the drip line of the trees, in disturbing their roots, or in changes to the grade elevation around the trees.

Obviously, the major concerns yet to be addressed by the City include:

(1) Adequacy of parking especially to assure parking does not overflow in the adjacent residential community especially on the north side of the park.

(2) What happens to the existing programs during the 12-month construction. Even outside programs must be curtailed or transferred due to the loss of the use of the south parking lot.

3. **“SMART” PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF YALE & GRADE-SEPARATED CROSSING FOR VENTA SPUR TRAIL** - A copy of the final letter dated Feb 6, 2010 to the City Mayor and Council was distributed at the meeting [Attachment]. *[A letter dated Feb 10, 2010 was received the next day from Michelle Grettenberg, Council Services Mgr., stating City staff has been requesting to look into the issue that NIVA has raised (which should take 2 weeks) and that Mayor Kang will reply as soon as possible afterwards.]*

4. **WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY FOR HICKS CANYON COM. PARK** - The Community Services Commission unanimously recommended approval on Nov 4, 2009 and the Planning Commissions approved the CUP for a wireless communications facility to be installed in the park at its Jan 21 hearing. The CUP application was filed by Sequoia Deployment Services in behalf of T-Mobile USA. The communications facility includes replacement of an existing 12-inch diameter 70-foot soccer field light standard with a tapered 24 to 18-inch diameter at top 70-foot light standard pole. 6 panel antennas will be mounted below the light array and a one-foot high global positioning antenna affixed to the top of the pole. The equipment for the facility will be housed in an underground vault to be located about 90 feet away in a location not currently used or envisioned to be used by park visitors. NIVA response to the notice of the PC hearing simply stating that NIVA had no objections to the proposed facility and expressed appreciation to City staff in negotiating a relatively high stealth design incorporating the undergrounding of the equipment. Copies of NIVA's response were distributed at the meeting. A previous application had been submitted and approved for a mounted wireless facility at this park by Nextel but was on hold due to pending wireless communication litigation. However, that approved application was never installed and the approval has since expired. Should Nextel still seek a facility at this site, the T-Mobile facility will have the capability for a second user. With approval of the CUP, this issue appears completed. It was agreed to close the item. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

5. **NIVA FILES REDUCTION AND/OR REMOVAL OF FILES FROM STORAGE** - Copies of the file inventory were distributed and reviewed briefly at the meeting. From the inventory, it is evident that NIVA has more than 51 file boxes in storage from over 25 years of activities. A decision on the files was put off until the decision is made on NIVA continuation to come later in the meeting. However, it was realized that the files in any case needed to be reduced and questions arose as to whether the material needed to be shredded, whether it should be recycled, and practical elements on any possibility of storage in private residences. It was noted that the storage facility does not provided a dumpster for trashing materials.

6. **REFURBISHMENT OF NORTHWOOD SHOPPING CENTER** - It was agreed that this item could be closed even though there remains concern about the Center. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

7. **TRABUCO GROVE CENTER WIRELESS COM. FACILITY** - There has been no known activity on this since prior to 2006. It was therefore agreed to close this item. It could be resurrected if activity occurs. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

8. **CULVER DRIVE/WALNUT AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** - The 2 remaining items of significance with this project are the Culver setback landscaping on the east side and the finalization of the noise-abatement residential window replacement settlement.

There was discussion about the details provided on the meeting held this morning with the City on the project. Representing NIVA were Kirchgessner, Melvold, and Elliott. The City made very little in significant changes since the previous presentation a year ago as a result of NIVA's comments at that previous meeting. The major change was the change to the Chinese Flame tree (considered a horizontal variety) as the major tree planting on the east side of Culver for replacement of the vertical Liquid Amber trees (a vertical tree variety). With the Chinese Flame

tree being provided in only 24-inch boxes, it will be some time before the screening provided by the trees can match that provided by the existing trees. Since the Liquid Flame trees are currently planted in essentially 2 rows within a wider setback and are vertical trees, it is hard to imagine how the same number of Chinese Flame trees will be planted. The City had previously committed to replace removed trees on a one-to-one basis.

It was disappointing that no one attended as a representative of the Colony as the Colony community and its individual residents have the most at stake. As the remaining issues on this item and project are primarily concerns of Colony, it was decided that the Colony HOA and its residents should be the primary mover on any further action. As NIVA would consequently play little to no part in further action, it was agreed that this item could be closed. The earliest schedule now for start of construction is now a June award of contract and construction to take 9 months once started. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

9. **WIDENING OF JAMBOREE UNDERPASS OF I-5 FREEWAY** - Communications were held between Melvold and OCTA's Dave Simpson about the purported delay in the Jamboree under-crossing due to the postponement of the Von Karman over-crossing by City of Tustin due to lack of funds on their part. Though Assist. City Mgr. Kreutzen had indicated to Melvold that the project was delayed for the above reason and Simpson agreed that OCTA would like to have the over-crossing in place before starting the Jamboree modification, he said that no such delay was being implemented. The current schedule for the project remains unchanged. Ironically, Simpson informed Melvold that he had just received an e-mail dated Jan 20 from Irvine's Public Works Director Gomez affirming that Irvine (the lead on the project) intends to start work on the project and expects to award a design contract in Aug. 2012. The expected cost of the project remains at \$6 Million.

10. **WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY IN LOWER PETERS CANYON COMMUNITY PARK** - Last reported in August 4, 2009 Meeting Notice that, though approved by the City, the City and T-Mobile are in negotiations regarding the land lease arrangements. As only construction remains and since the design was found to be satisfactory to NIVA, it was agreed to close this item. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

11. **BRYAN AVENUE TREE REPLACEMENT IN SETBACK** - [Zelinko] It was suggested that this item be closed as there has been no activity reported for months. Nonetheless, it was decided to leave open and Zelinko would contact the City about the issue.

12. **PROPOSED IRVINE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE-MOD. SURVEY** - Per discussion with Police Lt. Handfield [2/8], he stated that following NIVA's May 28, 2009 response letter and other responses received from members of the public indicating a lack of favor for changing the ordinance, it was decided that no change would be recommended for the ordinance. Rather a change is being implemented in the actual permitting process. Consequently, the consensus was to close the item. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

13. **ORANGE GROVE PRESERVE** - NIVA received a response from City dated Feb. 3, 2010 from Assistant City Mgr. Sharon Landers to NIVA's letter of Jan 2, 2010 (copies were distributed at the meeting). Landers affirms the City's support of our concern to get Caltrans improve the site. *[NIVA received a copy of the City's Deputy Dir. of Public Works, Joyce Amerson, letter of Feb 11, 2010 to Ryan Chamberlain, Deputy District Dir. for Caltrans, inquiring as to Caltrans development plan for the site and encouraging Caltrans to enhance the landscaping of the site.]* It is, therefore, reasonable to expect that some sort of improvement can be expected in the future and that the City will continue to monitor and push for an early improvement. **[ITEM CLOSED]**

14. **NIVA'S FUTURE** - A discussion took place leading towards a decision on NIVA's future. Points addressed included what to do with NIVA files, file storage, mail box, remaining funds, informing member associations, remaining or outstanding issues should it be decided that NIVA should fold after 29 years. If NIVA were to continue, should the number of issues be pared down to a few key issues in conjunction with the level of active representation and with major potential affect on the associations for which active representation is volunteered, and future NIVA officers. A key factor in the discussion leading to a decision was that of the noticeable lack of representatives at the meeting from NIVA-member associations who have consistently failed to have representation. A second key point was the lack of any willing candidate for the office of President for the current year as Melvold had declined to run again.

After considerable discussion, a motion was made and approved unanimously that NIVA should fold. Discussion followed the decision on what actions should be taken to close down NIVA. McFadden would investigate whether any of the long-term prepayments made on mail box and file storage can be recouped. The NIVA files in storage (list of stored files provided at the meeting) would be eliminated except for the still-active issues for which individuals or individual member associations indicate a desire to continue to pursue and/or go it alone. They would be offered NIVA's files on those particular issues. All files on closed issues will be disposed of. As there are over 35 boxes in the storage files, it is no small task to dispose of the materials.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting would be held on Mar. 10 -- representing the Final NIVA General Membership Meeting -- to go over the status on the efforts regarding the closedown items and dispensing with remaining issues.

