



Community Advisory Committee
Concord Community Reuse Project

Tuesday, August 19, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Concord Senior Center, Wisteria Room
2727 Parkside Circle, Concord, CA

MINUTES / ANNOTATED AGENDA

The agenda for this meeting was posted in the Civic Center posting cabinet on August 14, 2008 at 10:26 a.m. in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Dan Helix at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call –

Present: Dick Allen, Jimmy Araujo, Greg Enholm, Jason Hadnot, Scott Hein, Daniel Helix, Patricia Howlett, Ana Maria Korve, Beverly Lane, Melvin Lee, Rosanne Nieto, Erinn Peterson, Anna Rikkelman, William Washington, Dirk Wentling, Ellen Williams

Absent: Paul Elliott, John Hemm and John Mercurio

Pledge to the Flag - Dirk Wentling

Public Comment Period

Pete Stuart, Concord resident – Mr. Stuart finds the most appealing use for the CNWS is a large regional park for open/recreation space. He has found that the Community's desire is for open space as well.

Keith McMahon, Chamber of Commerce President & CEO – Mr. McMahon spoke of the work the CAC is doing is going to influence what is going to happen on the Weapons Station for decades and beyond, in balancing economic sustainability and fiscal responsibility and jobs and housing.

Lynda Deschenes, Clayton resident – Ms. Deschenes provided the CAC with copies of her comments on preservation of Native American resources/history. The Concord Historical Society recognizes the need for the history of the area to be preserved for future generations. The Concord Historical Society has a vast history of the Miwok Tribe in its coffers. She urges the CAC to push for that information to be resolved.

Kathy Gleason, NWS Neighborhood Alliance – Ms. Gleason stated the majority of the public want open space and recreation. The Alliance is working on a list of questions for the CAC and the City Council. They are asking that the CAC listen and represent them fairly. They have requested the CAC work with them to determine how we can permanently preserve 80% open space recreation in a great regional park.

Edi Birsan, Concord resident – Mr. Birsan reported the Navy has started its program of evaluating what to do with Bunker City and how to clean it up. Also, the Navy screened for explosives in the black pit area, north of Bunker City, and found it negative. Mr. Birsan requested the CAC consider making a motion that all plans reflect a university and for it to be located around the BART area. He also requested a motion be made that all plans should include two hotels.

Jerry Cambra, Greenbelt Alliance in San Francisco – Mr. Cambra was not officially representing Greenbelt Alliance. Mr. Cambra stated that the approach Greenbelt Alliance has taken is to preserve as much open space as possible but to do it in a sustainable way so that is it economic sustainable for the future. He thanked the CAC for their time and efforts on behalf of the community.

1. Approval of Annotated Agenda/Minutes of July 22, 2008

ACTION: Co-Chair Dan Helix asked for a motion to approve the Annotated Agenda-Minutes for the meeting held July 22, 2008. Dick Allen made the motion and Dirk Wentling seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Current Status of the Reuse Project – Report by Michael Wright, Reuse Project Director

- Director Wright reported the City is going to ask for an additional amount of time from the Navy regarding the time extension; there have been productive negotiations with the homeless providers and HUD and the comment period for the DEIR closed on August 8, 2008 with the City receiving fifty letters.
- Director Wright also noted the remediation concepts being evaluated by the Navy for site 22 (Bunker City) were not necessarily the course that the City would support.

3. Items for Discussion

- Discussion of staff recommendation regarding sizing/general placement of additional community facilities land use designations.

Discussion ensued regarding the public benefit conveyance applicants, Sheriff and Fire District, Cal State East Bay, Habitat for Humanity and the Center for Adaptive Learning. EBRPD requests were deferred for conversation at a later date. CAC supported land use requests from the noted applicants but requested staff to see if a small footprint could be accommodated by CSU.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dale Varady, Office of Sheriff – Mr. Varady reminded everyone their PBC proposal had already been reduced to 110-120 acres and that the driving component of their application is a real concern for them. He also stated they have spoken with the Army and the military is interested in the training facility to abut the military property.

Jerry Cambra – Mr. Cambra would like for the Committee to consider something less than 300 acres for the college campus and is hoping everyone who brings a proposal forward for a college campus would include student housing.

Kathy Gleason – Ms. Gleason expressed her concern about the City not supporting the East Bay Regional Park District more.

Edi Birsan – Mr. Birsan reported that the area the Sheriff and Fire District is talking about has a significant solid waste disposal problem and is going to be expensive to clean up.

Jeffrey Moser, Mt. Diablo High School Student – Mr. Moser feels we should include a plan for elementary, middle and high schools.

Rich Grace, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District – Mr. Grace reiterated that it is important for the training facility to be located in the Highway 4 corridor for easy egress and access for the emergency trucks.

- **Review of concentrate/conservation theme and performance of alternatives 4, 5 and 7; discuss possible modifications.**
Item was deferred and rescheduled to a later meeting.

- **Request by William Washington to put on the agenda a presentation/discussion on commercial alternative energy concepts within the Naval Weapons Station.**
Item was deferred and rescheduled to a later meeting.

4. Reports/Announcements

- CAC member reports
Ellen Williams gave a short report on the ADC Conference in Monterey that she attended.
- Staff announcements
None

5. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date – September 16, 2008

There were 27 people from the public attending this meeting.

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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