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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
Citizen Advisory Panel Meeting
Corona del Mar Entry Improvements - Design Guidelines

Meeting Minutes

Newport Beach OASIS Senior Center
Room 4

801 Narcissus, Corona del Mar
Wednesday, August 31, 2011
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Rush Hill – Council Member Liaison
Kimberly Brandt – Community Development Director
Jim Campbell – Principal Planner
Ben Zdeba – Planning Technician
Dave Webb – Deputy PW Director/City Engineer
Mike Sinacori – Assistant City Engineer
Dennis Stone – Project Consultant

Committee Members:
Sandie Haskell
John Hyatt
Lisa Jordan
Bernie Svalstad
Ron Yeo

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

All Committee Members were present. Dave Webb was absent.

1. Welcome and introductions

Dennis Stone, consulting project manager, provided a brief introduction of the process and overview of the Brown Act.

Committee Members and staff were introduced. Council Member Rush Hill gave a brief introduction the committee's purpose and encouraged public participation.

2. Distribution and walk-through of background information

Dennis Stone provided a brief project background, noted the CAP was formed as part of the efforts of the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee (NRC), and also discussed the interrelationship of the project with the *Vision Plan* of the Corona del Mar Business Improvement District (BID).

3. Overview of Corona del Mar Entry Improvements Guidelines Process

Dennis Stone introduced Dave Bacon, Consultant at Walden & Associates, who discussed the process of creating plans by distinguishing between concept and construction plan.

Dave Bacon and Mike Sinacori gave a PowerPoint presentation of the existing conditions on East Coast Highway and discussed some of the previous conceptualization (i.e., initial designs and studies) that were completed during the designing of the BID's *Vision Plan*.

4. City website – <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1959>

The project schedule was discussed and the website address was provided where the updated agendas and meeting information will be posted.

5. Public Comment and Roundtable Discussion

A general discussion ensued and several key points were made:

- The project has an “academic” aspect and an “aesthetic” aspect – the traffic engineers and other professionals should create well-planned, hard-lined options for moving drop lanes and curbs while the CAP members should help create a beautified look for the Corona del Mar entryway.
- The impact of increased traffic generated by the future City Hall project as well as increased traffic on residential neighborhoods should be considered when moving or altering the infrastructure.
- Although previous studies were conducted during the creation of the *Vision Plan*, new technology exists to provide better, quantified data to ensure traffic impacts are mitigated.
- The expansion of sidewalk area does not guarantee the restaurant owners’ additional outdoor dining as City permits and use permit amendments will be required.
- Planning principles such as livable communities and walkability should be considered to create a safe corridor and to improve business traffic through the area.
- On-street parking for businesses should be maintained and included in the design.
- Several costly obstacles exist within the project area and should be considered in the project design. These include relocation street lights, fire hydrants, and utility vaults.

6. Next Meeting – October 5, 2011 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., OASIS Senior Center

7. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.