



# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

## City Hall Design Committee

Minutes of the City Hall Design Committee meeting held in the City Council Chambers, City of Newport Beach, on Monday, November 10, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

### 1. Call to Order

Members present:

Larry Tucker, Chairman  
Andy Bowden, Landscape Architect  
Rush Hill, Architect  
Walt Richardson, Architect  
Stephen Sandland, Architect

Staff present:

Dave Kiff, Assistant City Manager  
Steve Badum, Public Works Director  
Shirley Oborny, Administrative Assistant

Members of the Public:

Don Christeson  
Gordon Glass  
Ron Hendrickson  
Rob Jones  
Bernie Svalstad  
John Schroder  
Debbie Stevens  
Jan Vandersloot

### 2. Approval of Past Meeting's Minutes

The minutes of the October 13, 2008, and October 27, 2008, meetings were approved with corrections.

### 3. Public Comments on Non Agenda Items

No comments were offered.

### 4. City Hall and Park Master Plan Project

Chairman Tucker said the purpose of this meeting is for the committee to review the draft City Council staff report scheduled for November 13, 2008. This committee will attend the City Council meeting. The City Council will make its final decision as to which firm to hire at its November 25, 2008, meeting.

Mr. Hill recommended one change to the report and then Chairman Tucker invited the public to make comments:

- Ms. Stevens felt the concerns of the residents have been captured well.
- Mr. Svalstad asked whether each firm submitted cost estimates. Chairman Tucker confirmed that each firm had submitted cost estimates as part of the package of information received. He said each firm submitted estimates of how much it would cost to remove the soil for their particular design.

- Mr. Schroder urged the committee to really look at the cost estimates because everybody should be in the fiscal responsibility mode. Chairman Tucker said this committee is recommending the City Council undertake an independent investigation of the cost information submitted by each of the designs deemed a feasible alternative by the City Council. He's assuming that once the City Council chooses the firm they will ask for the cost information prior to entering into a contract. As the process continues, cost will be an important feature for the City Council.
- Mr. Vandersloot referred the committee to page 6, bullet point 7, "Provide for restrooms for visitors to the park." He doesn't feel that restrooms should be there. Chairman Tucker said because it was part of the RFQ, it will be left in the report so he suggested Mr. Vandersloot voice that concern to the City Council.
- Mr. Vandersloot suggested that maintaining the current views of the park, the high point known as the knoll, should be designated as one of the design elements. Mr. Sandland said he believes it's feasible and should be considered. Mr. Kiff confirmed that it's already included in the design criteria. It's the southerly meadow area. Chairman Tucker said it would be included in the recommendation to the City Council.

Chairman Tucker requested staff to include the cost estimates in the staff report as an attachment.

Mr. Bowden moved to approve the staff report as amended. Mr. Sandland seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

#### **5. Confirming or Amending the Committee's Calendar**

Chairman Tucker said at its next meeting the City Council would also consider extending the term of this committee to continue to provide advice to the City Council of the design development schematic details. The Building Committee is suggesting the term be extended for one year in which two members would become non-voting sub-committee members of the Building Committee. The entire Design Committee will meet a few more times in order for the sub-committee to provide updates. The next meeting will take place sometime in the spring.

#### **6. Adjourned to next meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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