

Rabbit Creek Community Council Board Meeting, August 9, 2012 at RC Church

Vice-Chair Mike Kenny opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Other board members present were: Jeff Vaughn, David Sterling, Nancy Pease, Joan Diamond, Wray Kinard, Keith Guyer. Excused: Pat Abney, Dick Tremaine.

Approval of Minutes: Motion: by Guyer and Diamond to approve July 12th minutes. No objections.

Treasurer's Report: 65 paid members; \$293.90 in savings account; \$347.55 in checking.

Ongoing Business:

Potter Highlands (S-11864-2) Update—Developer Connie Yoshimura spoke on her variance request for a long cul-de-sac (Greece), which will come before P/Z on August 13th. This variance is necessary due to an agreement with the city that allows her to build a portion of the Potter Valley Rd with a 10.5% grade, in accordance with the Hillside District Plan (HDP). The decision for a steeper segment would eliminate the need for a larger, severe road cut with potential drainage problems. The council supported this decision, which aligns with the HDP, and would like to see other aspects of the HDP, such as pedestrian connections, also adhered to. The developer was opposed to providing pedestrian access from Greece to Potter Valley Rd. The Council supports the required 4-ft shoulders and clarified that these are not 'bike lanes,' although that term was used by the developer.

Motion by Pease and Diamond to comment to P/Z on approval of the cul-de-sac variance for Greece and to reiterate RCCC's past support for pedestrian access, in accordance with the HDP, from Greece to Potter Valley Rd, and from Potter Highlands towards England Dr, for four-foot shoulders and for a separated path along Potter Valley Rd. Pedestrian connections are shown in the HDP and not adhering to it would set a bad precedent. Passed.

New Business:

Corporate Personhood—Wray Kinard spoke on the US Supreme Ct decision categorizing corporations as persons and allowing unlimited contributions to PACs. Wray asked for support of a resolution reversing that decision. Motion by Guyer and Pease to support the resolution calling for amending the United States Constitution to establish that: 1) Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and 2) Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech. Passed 6 to 1.

Huffman Fire Station #9 relocation/remodel: DOWL Engineers' Tanya Hickok and MOA's Heath Landon spoke on the DOWL report's site selection for a new fire station #9. The report listed three sites—the current location on Huffman Rd, a private parcel consisting of wetlands off Lake Otis/Huffman and the preferred location--undedicated park land near the Rabbit Cr School off DeArmoun Rd (parcel #19). The Fire Department would like 2.5 acres for a larger station which would include another 'bay' and climbing wall to support the Rope Team; the current location is less than an acre. Locating on parcel #19 might not require a full 2.5 acres. Various locations were assessed for a "four-minute response time." The representatives stated the funds from the sale of the current station would go to offset the cost of a new station and would be used for the matching contribution that the Legislature required. Holmes presented numerous points questioning the report's findings, including that the funds from the sale of the current building would go to offset the new building; she believed that the funds would go first to the Heritage Land Bank to support their operations. Other points of discussion included the potential impact to station #10 and its perennial threat of closure, disruption to the residential neighborhood/school bus routes, and the need to keep the current location due to its proximity to future higher density development that will occur there and the fact that Rabbit Cr Park is labeled as such on the HDP and park inventories and is not merely 'perceived' as a park. Motion by Vaughn and Guyer to support location 19 as the preferred relocation of FS #9. A friendly amendment was not accepted and the motion failed for a lack of the minimum six votes by 4 to 3.

Motion by Diamond and Vaughn to extend the meeting 10 minutes. No objections.

Motion by Pease and Diamond for support of concept of improved four-minute response time, but with concerns 1) parcel #19 is taking park land; 2) questions of competition for operational funding with impacts to FS #10; 3) the difficulty in securing the commitment to, and ability to, dedicate the remaining park land—with

improvements; 4) definition of exact acreage needed from parcel #19 with the goal of taking the least amount of land; 5) response of the neighbors; 6) the need to review DOWL's information about the other 20 rejected sites. Passed 6 to 1.

Adjourned: 9:10 PM