

MINUTES

Joint Meeting of the Scotts Valley City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors

Date: March 18, 2009

POSTING:

The agenda was posted on 3-13-09 at City Hall, the SV Library, and the SV Senior Center by the City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Johnson
Vice Mayor Reed
Council Member Aguilar
Council Member Bustichi
Council Member Lind

City Manager Ando
City Attorney Powell
Public Wks Director Anderson
Police Lieutenant Wilson
Interim Community Dev Dir Westman
Economic Dev Specialist Stevens
City Clerk Ferrara

Absent:

Police Chief Weiss

COMMITTEE REPORTS CM Bustichi reported that he went to Washington DC representing the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD), the City of Scotts Valley, and the Scotts Valley Water District SVWD. He stated that SVWD General Manager, Charlie McNiesh, had asked him to bring some issues to legislators, which includes Anna Eshoo and Sam Farr, regarding the SVWD's potential economic recovery projects: two recycled water line extension projects, an automated water meter project, a booster pump station, and a water storage tank. For the City of Scotts Valley, he brought forward the Scotts Valley Town Center project to seek economic development funds for the library, and spoke to legislators to make them aware that Scotts Valley will be applying for an economic development grant to go towards infrastructure for the Town Center such as roads, sidewalks, sewer, water, etc. He reported that he also spoke with Sam Farr regarding a \$3 million solar energy project for the SCMTD at the new metro base station. He stated that Sam Farr recommended that Santa Cruz get all jurisdictions and agencies together to submit a large package of solar construction projects throughout the county for grant money. He reported that due to economic stimulus dollars they have received, the SCMTD has been able to move forward with their smart card project and with the purchase of new paracruz vans. He stated that he felt it was a very productive trip.

CM Lind reported that she met with a representative of the Santa Cruz County Conference and Visitors Council and received the 2009 Travelers Guide for Santa Cruz County. She stated that Scotts Valley is mentioned fourteen times in the guide.

CM Aguilar reported that the Monterey Bay Division League of California Cities met and received presentations regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. She stated that the California Council of Governments (CALCOG) reported that legislation will be heard on Monday, March 23 in both houses regarding the distribution of transportation funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directly to cities and counties instead of through the State. She also reported that the League produced a video on SB 375 and AB 32 implementation titled "Climate Change: An SB 375 Update" which is available on the League's website at www.cacities.org.

CM Aguilar reported that she attended the National Ag Day Luncheon in Watsonville, where Supervisor Lou Calcagno was named the Friend of Agriculture.

VM Reed reported that the Library Subcommittee met to discuss the potential size of the new library and potential funding sources for the new library. He stated that the Library Subcommittee will also be meeting with a subcommittee from the Library Joint Powers Board to determine who will be paying for specific items for the new library. He stated that the Library Subcommittee will also be bringing forward a request for proposals, for consideration by the City Council, for a construction manager for the library.

Mayor Johnson reported that the Joint City/School Subcommittee met and discussed the following items: School District budget update and community survey; Bustichi proposal for the Middle School and a parcel tax; School District strategic plan update; Earth Day/Green initiative at High School; Follow-up on underage drinking; and televising School Board meetings.

Mayor Johnson reported that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) met, and based on the formula available at this time, the SCCRTC will be receiving approximately \$5.9 million in stimulus funds to be spent on projects that can be ready to go within 150 days.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Kertai, President of the Heritage Parks Homeowners Association, read the attached letter regarding traffic concerns related to the proposed Holiday Inn Express at 5030 Scotts Valley Drive (Attachment A).

VM Reed reported that he attended the Vine Hill School auction with CM Bustichi and Mayor Johnson on Saturday night, where \$70,000 was raised for Vine Hill. He stated that Brook Knoll also held an auction a few weeks ago that raised \$70,000 for Brook Knoll.

Mayor Johnson spoke regarding a couple of projects in the community. PWD Anderson provided additional information on the projects, one of which is a fiber optic interconnect for universities and colleges.

Mayor Johnson stated that Girls Softball is putting in a dirt softball field at Siltanen Park on the west side of the main field.

**ALTERATIONS TO
CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S: Bustichi/Aguilar
To approve the Consent Agenda.
Carried 5/0

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Joint City Council/RDA meeting minutes of 3-4-09
- B. Approve five-year maintenance contract between the City of Scotts Valley and Telecommunications Engineering Associations (TEA) for radio system maintenance for a total amount of \$17,755
- C. Approve contract for legal services between the Scotts Valley Redevelopment Agency and Goldfarb & Lipman LLP for Redevelopment Agency legal services and authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract

**ALTERATIONS TO
REGULAR AGENDA**

CM Ando stated that staff is requesting to delete the closed session item.

M/S: Bustichi/Aguilar
To approve the Regular Agenda as amended deleting the closed session item.
Carried 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Consideration of removal of road condition for 125 Navarra - minor land division**

EDS Stevens presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council.

M/S: Bustichi/Lind
To approve Resolution No. 1817.1 to remove Condition No. 14 of City Council Resolution No. 1817 as it relates to a minor land division (MLD07-001) to create two parcels from one existing 27,520 square foot parcel located at 125Navarra Drive (APN 024-071-01).
Carried 5/0

2. **Police Department presentation of upgraded Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) dispatch center**

PL Wilson presented the written staff report, gave a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions from Council regarding the recently upgraded Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) dispatch center.

3. Future Council/RDA agenda items

CM Bustichi requested a presentation from the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District for a City Council meeting in May.

CM Aguilar requested an agenda item on the April 1 City Council agenda to look at the COPS funding through the American Recovery and Investment Act.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved:


Randy Johnson, Mayor / Chair

Attest:


Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk / Secretary

Good Evening. My name is Frank Kertai. I am a resident of Scotts Valley. I am President of the Heritage Parks Association of Scotts Valley.

The City of Scotts Valley has posted an **An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Holiday Inn Express, a 112-room hotel and related property improvements located at 5030 Scotts Valley Drive, CA / APN: 022-091-61.**

This information is available for public review on the City of Scotts Valley's website on the Planning Department tab on the Documents & Maps page.

The Public Review Period is March 9, 2009 through April 7, 2009 (5:00 PM)
This Holiday Inn Express project will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on April 23, 2009, City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 PM.

I wish to point out the following specifics discussed in the traffic report for this project.

Increase in Traffic. The study project would generate **1,079 daily trips**, with 81 trips (47 in, and 34 out) during the AM peak hour and 85 trips (42 in, and 43 out) during the PM peak hour. Direct access to the project site would be provided via Scotts Valley Drive. The northern driveway is a single lane outbound from the site, and the southern driveway is one lane inbound and one lane outbound from the site. **Approximately 66% of these trips are estimated to be to/from the Mt. Hermon Road corridor.**

Two of the study intersections **would fail to operate at their acceptable operational LOS standard.** These include Scotts Valley Drive/Whispering Pines Drive/Mt. Hermon Road and La Madrona Drive/Southbound Highway 17 ramps/Mt. Hermon Road.

On a daily basis, the study project would add 378 daily trips to Highway 17 south of Mount Hermon Road, no daily trips between Mount Hermon and Granite Creek Roads, and 270 daily trips north of Granite Creek Road.

The number of trips that the study project would add to Highway 17 in this area would be less than 1% of the existing daily traffic on the highway. The traffic report concludes that the project would not impact operations along Highway 17 on a project basis. **I would like to point out that because Hwy 17 is already at an unacceptable LOS according to CALTRANS, ANY additional traffic on Hwy 17 worsens this situation.**

Impact Traffic-1. Given that Since Scotts Valley Drive provides a center lane to accommodate reversible two-way turns, the project has the potential to increase typical conflicts, such as egress/ingress turning movements from the two project driveways onto Scotts Valley Drive and vice versa. Given the close proximity of the project's southern driveway to the driveway on the adjacent southern property, the project has the potential to increase non-typical vehicle visibility conflicts for motorists entering and exiting the adjacent property from Scotts Valley Drive and vice versa.. **These are potentially significant impacts.**

Impact Traffic-2. The project has the potential to further deteriorate the operations at two intersections. Scotts Valley Drive/Whispering Pines Drive/Mt. Hermon Road and La Madrona Drive/Southbound Highway 17 Off-Ramp/Mt. Hermon Road. **This is a potentially significant cumulative impact.**

Scotts Valley Drive- Whispering Pines Drive/Mount Hermon Road:

Operations at the intersection of Scotts Valley Drive, Whispering Pines Drive, and Mount Hermon Road would be at a deficient LOS E during both the AM and PM peak hours.

La Madrona Drive-Southbound Highway 17/Mount Hermon Road:

Operations at this intersection under Cumulative Plus Project Without Interchange conditions during the AM and PM peak hours are also an unacceptable LOS E.

Impact Traffic-3. The project has not demonstrated that an existing reciprocal vehicular access easement exists with the adjacent property owner to the south for the south driveway. Without the easement, vehicular access to the parking garage and emergency service access to the rear of the site will not be provided. **This also is a potentially significant impact.**

Respectfully,

Frank Z. Kertai