



**Community Advisory Committee
Concord Community Reuse Project**

**Tuesday, September 18, 2007
6:30 p.m.
Concord Senior Center, Wisteria Room
2727 Parkside Circle, Concord, CA**

MINUTES / ANNOTATED AGENDA

Corrected as of 10/2/07

The agenda for this meeting was posted in the Civic Center posting cabinet on September 7, 2007 at 10:55 a.m. in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

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

Roll Call - Jimmy Araujo, Paul Elliott, Greg Enholm, Jason Hadnot, Scott Hein, Daniel Helix, Patricia Howlett, Edward James, Ana Maria Korve, Beverly Lane, Melvin Lee, Ursula Luna, John Mercurio, Rosanne Nieto, Erinn Peterson, Anna Rikkelman, William Washington, Dirk Wentling, Ellen Williams were present; Dick Allen and John Hemm were absent.

Pledge to the Flag – Ellen Williams

Public Comment Period -

Joseph Appel, Pleasant Hill resident, expressed concern over homeless mental illness needs not being addressed in the reuse plan and the upcoming deadline for PBC submission.

Ed Dimmick, Walnut Creek resident, suggested the reuse project include a plan to help the RV parking situation in Concord by providing a paved RV storage facility.

Peter Lewicki – Concord resident, is doing a project for a class at US Berkley. He requested contact information on the CAC members and what groups they represent.

Lynda Deschenes – Concord resident, is concerned about preservation/restoration of the Native American burial grounds and the cistern. Ms. Deschenes would like to have a learning center in order to remember the history of the Native Americans for future generations.

1. Approval of Annotated Agenda/Minutes of July 17, 2007

ACTION: Co-Chair Ursula Luna asked for a motion to approve the Annotated Agenda-Minutes for the meeting held July 17, 2007. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

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

Director Wright moved directly to the evening's presentation which included a project update.

3. Other Items for Discussion

- **Review of August 4th Community Workshop and Council comments from September 11th meetings**

Presentation covered within the overall presentation for the evening.

- **Introduction of the range of concept alternatives**

Director Wright, along with Aidan Hughes and Dan Bucko presented the range of alternative concepts. After the presentation CAC members were asked if they felt the staff had captured the public's comments and if the alternatives cover the range to be studied in the EIR. The majority of the CAC felt the public's comments had been captured. Comments and questions that arose during discussion are:

- Land use in the vicinity of the Reuse Project
- Land ownership and development in the Los Medanos Hills/Pittsburg Area
- Road east of the Mt. Diablo Creek
- What was the basis for Alternative #1
- Would like 80% open space alternative
- Transportation/traffic concerns
- Use of preserved open space on-site for habitat mitigation
- Buffers – size and uses
- Cultural resources and area of contamination
- Insufficient commercial development

Public Comments:

Ed Nettelmann – Walnut Creek resident, is concerned about the infrastructure and traffic. He suggested moving Buchanan Field to the Naval Weapons Station and then developing Buchanan Field since it already has the infrastructure.

Kathy Gleason – Concord resident and CNWS Neighborhood Alliance, requested we incorporate the Pittsburg planned developed

area in our maps. She also reminded the CAC of the Alliance's desire for 80% of the site to be open space.

Leora Sarachek – Concord resident, expressed concern about moving the golf course close to the creek because of pesticide use. She would like to see a portion of the land set aside for a park along the lines of the peace garden in Santa Rosa.

Seth Adams – Save Mt. Diablo, feels like alternative 5 is set up to fail, would like to see 80% open space example. He feels that each alternative should have three alternatives of their own.

Katherine Dano-LuttJohann - CNWS Neighborhood Alliance, would like the greenbelt 1500 feet wide to reflect an urban linear park similar to Golden Gate Park. She would like to see old and new neighborhoods united.

Michael Marshall – Stockton resident, representing Elite Sports Venues, LLC, suggested a multi-sports facility that could include a convention center, hotels, retail, etc. on approximately 346 acres.

Brenda Roberts – Concord resident, questioned alternative 1, she doesn't feel the residents really desire this alternative. She feels strongly that Concord has too many single family homes and there isn't enough diversity of housing.

Christina Wong – Greenbelt Alliance, would like to see an alternative 6 with 80% of the land as open space. Feels villages are viable without going beyond the creek.

- **Report on Parks, Recreation and Open Space TAG meeting of August 6th**

Item was deferred and rescheduled to a later meeting.

4. Reports/Announcements

a. CAC member reports

Ana Marie Korve reported the Association of Bay Area Government is going to have Bay Area on the Move Conference on October 26, 2007 and that she would be attending.

Beverly Lane stated East Bay Regional Park District will be submitting a PBC. She would also like to see more group/large picnic areas, overnight campgrounds and youth day camps in the park areas.

Scott Hein handed out a new regional map from Save Mt. Diablo showing open space connections.

b. Staff announcements - None

5. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date – October 2, 2007

There were approximately 80 public citizens attending this meeting.

Adjournment

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