LAKESIDE COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 – 6:30 PM

Members present: Wyatt Allen, Mark Baker, George Barnard, Julie Bugbee, Lynn Carlson, Laura Cyphert (chair), Milt Cyphert (arrived late at 6:43pm), Glenn Inverso, Josef Kufa, Tom Medvitz, Kristen Mitten, Paul Sprecco (arrived at 6:35pm), Linda Strom, Bob Turner.
Members Absent: Jeff Brust(w)
Public present: Approximately 25

OPEN HOUSE: 6:00pm – 6:30pm

1. Call to Order: 6:34 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

4. Meeting Minutes for August 6, 2014 was approved by a motion made by G. Barnard, seconded by J. Bugbee**. Passed (13-0-0-2).**

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Audio Recording – Notification is hereby provided that the LCPG meeting may be audio recorded for purposes of preparation of the meeting minutes.

B. Potential upcoming projects scheduled for future meetings – A list of projects and presentations tentatively scheduled for upcoming meetings is provided as an attachment to this agenda. L. Cyphert announced that she had confirmation that at least two of these will be on next month's agenda: the Lake Jennings Marketplace Major Pre-App and Brightwater Tentative Map (TM-5306). K. Mitten added that the Oversized Garage application on Toya Lane (AD14-041), that was heard at the August meeting, would also be coming back in October.

C. Public Information Disclosure Policy - L. Cyphert announced the County's new Information Disclosure Policy for meeting sign-in sheets and minutes.

D. Agenda Clarification - L. Cyphert announced that Item 8A was removed from the agenda as it was previously heard last month.

E. Pinnacle Peak Grand Opening - P. Sprecco announced that Pinnacle Peak Restaurant is now open.

F. Mounted Patrols - T. Medvitz stated that the Santee Sheriff's Department is initiating a new program for Mounted Monitors and are looking for volunteers who own horses. This program is similar to the Poway program where the Mounted Patrols assist law enforcement. He has additional information for anyone who is interested.

G. River Park Blue Moon Gala - K. Mitten announced that the Lakeside River Park Conservancy would be hosting its annual Blue Moon Gala & Auction to raise money for the River Park. It will be held on Saturday, October 18th from 5-9:00pm at Hazy Meadows Ranch in El Monte Valley.

6. OPEN FORUM:

A. Janis Shackleford expressed concern for projects being rescheduled repeatedly. A Mitigated Negative Declaration in Blossom Valley is out for Evergreen Nursery and a document was put out on their website that states that the project has been approved by the Planning Group. She stated she did not have any recollection of the LCPG recommending approval of any project from Evergreen Nursery and could not find evidence of this in the minutes. She is concerned about a massive green waste project going on and is concerned they are bypassing the Planning Group. See attached.

B. Deborah Montgomery on Moreno is concerned about a neighbor that is running a party business without a business license, liquor license or the other necessary permits. They host parties on their property with bands and DJs for weddings, birthdays, retirements, etc. Have not applied for a MUP and the County stated that they have a complaint against them. She stated they have events every weekend and they are concerned about the noise problems, parking problems and that it will affect the resale value of her home.

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C. Catherine Gorka inquired if there was anything the LCPG could do regarding the outcome of the Helix lawsuit in El Monte Valley and the potential for sand mining starting again in the Valley.

D. Brian Jones, chair of Transportation Subcommittee, is still concerned about the drainage on Lemon Crest Blvd. the problem started when the County permitted the wall next to Rite Aid which has become a dam. The water flows through a property that has been through 3 different foreclosures due to this problem. He would like the Planning Department to take a look at this issue and to help him help the homeowners. He discussed the concerns with the lack of progress made by the County on this problem.

E. James Anderson brought up last month the problem with the sidewalk at the intersection of Winter Gardens and Woodside, and he spoke to Michael Aguilar at the County, who said that the County would have to purchase some of the property at the Used Car Lot to accommodate a new sidewalk.

7. COUNTY PRESENTATIONS:

A. Prioritization Request for Roadway Pavement and Maintenance and Capital Improvement Projects in the Lakeside Community Planning Group Area - The County requests assistance in identifying priority roadway maintenance and capital improvement projects in our area. Planning group member(s) and members of the community are invited to participate on a subcommittee which will meet during September and present recommendations at the October 1st LCPG meeting for submission to the County. K. Mitten agreed to chair the subcommittee and T. Medvitz and M. Baker volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

B. Tree Removal request – The County is requesting input on the removal of a large leaning Eucalyptus tree located across the street from 13726 Highway 8 Business due to risk of large limb failures.
-G. Barnard inquired why the LCPG hears tree removals when we're primarily land use when this is obviously a risk.
-M. Cyphert stated that the County has always brought tree removal applications before the LCPG because it affects the character of our neighborhoods.
A motion to recommend approval of the project was made by G. Barnard and seconded by W. Allen. ***Motion approved (14-0-0-1)***

8. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Lake Jennings Park Rd - Discretionary Permit for Tentative Map Replacement # PDS2013-TM 5578 (TM5578)- located at 9317 Lake Jennings Park Rd, Jennings Vista Dr. ***This item was removed from agenda, as it was previously heard last month.***

B. Trim Residence 2nd Dwelling Unit Discretionary Permit for Administrative Permit #PDS2014-AD-14-045 – located at 9522 Los Coches Rd. in Lakeside. The proposed second dwelling is an 800 square foot two bedroom detached single family residence.
- G. Barnard inquired if this was a granny flat for a relative, and if so he would probably move to approve it, but without a proponent he would recommend waiting until the applicant was present to answer questions.
A motion to recommend Tabling the project until the applicant can be present was made by G. Barnard and seconded by L. Cyphert. ***Motion Approved (14-0-0-1)***

C. Riverford and Highway 67 - Preliminary Site Plan – This project is pre-application for a retail trailer dealership and will be presented in concept for preliminary input only. Discussion only; no vote
- Travis Rasmussen presented the project.
- G. Barnard inquired about the name Double D, but the applicant stated that they used the plans that were originally done for a company named Double D in 2006, but their name is OSI Trailers.
- Travis clarified that this property is located to the east of A-1 Self Storage and is currently vacant.
- W. Allen asked if the building height was under 30' (yes) and stated this is a good project that works for this site.
- M. Cyphert asked if they have been the to Design Review Board yet (on their agenda next week)
- Several members spoke in favor of the project.

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- L. Cyphert stated that previously with other concepts we have heard glowing reviews and then when the project comes forward later on there are issues that impact the community that change the opinion, so she recommended if there was anything they thought would impact the community it would be prudent to bring it up now. (nothing)
- Ken Smith (architect) stated that they will be providing landscaping.
- T. Medvitz cautioned that the applicant doesn't change the character of the area
- K. Mitten inquired if this project was going to require a Major Use Permit (no, it's a by-right use)
- Cameron Rasmussen (applicant) asked for clarification as to which application type goes to which board. L. Cyphert stated that if it's a by-right site plan it goes to the DRB, if asking for a site plan waiver then it would come to the LCPG. ***No Action Requested at this Time***

D. Laurel Street – Bike Lane Relinquishment Request – A letter of support is requested by Matt Johnson, a community member who lives on Laurel Street, to petition the relinquishment of the bike lane on Laurel Street from Vine to Ashwood in order to provide for additional parking.
- Matt Johnson presented his proposal to petition the County to relinquish an existing 0.25 miles of bike lane to parking to serve the community. He stated that the County made this a bike lane 30 years ago, but that the County would like feedback from the LCPG as to support before they begin their research.
- W. Allen stated that this is close to El Capitan H.S. and he doesn't believe high school students ride to school and he supports this proposal.
- L. Strom inquired as to his work hours (70 hrs/week) and stated he probably doesn't see what goes on during the day. There are 3 schools nearby and she sees bikes, skateboards on this street frequently when school lets out. (He said he has lived here for 6.5 years and used to be home more often)
- G. Barnard sees both sides of the issues, she shares L. Strom's concerns and she understands having 2 vehicles with only one parking space.
- L. Cyphert, K. Mitten and M. Cyphert would support the County studying the request, but not relinquishing it to see what the use is and what the needs are. Shouldn't jump into on a whim. Need to study before we can consider relinquishing it.
- K. Mitten expressed concern about relinquishing a bike lane that could serve schools and even if the bike lane is not used now it could be in the future. She stated we are always trying to get more bike lanes so that we can connect bikeways for non-motorized transportation.
- M. Baker was surprised that at the end of Ashwood there is no bike lane closer to one of the schools. There would need to be a complete sidewalk, the entire length, before a bike lane could be removed. He recommends getting a petition with all of the residents supporting removing the bike lane, because it will change the character of the neighborhood. It would be stronger than just one petitioner.
- T. Medvitz read several sections of the County Mobility Plan states that they will make adjustments to support the safety of pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles. There are also Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plans, run by CalTrans, that require safe routes within 2 miles of schools. He recommends going to CalTrans first to address the SRTS.
- P. Sprecco stated that as a bike rider and there is no way of knowing how broken up these paths and trails are until you're riding a bike. He said bicycle riders rely on systems created by these fragmented paths and trails and adamantly disagrees with the removal of any bike lanes from our community. He stated they are fighting to get 2.1 parking spaces for multi-family projects.
- Matt Johnson clarified that he is not asking for a letter of support so much as provide authorization to the County to study the issue, or start a TAC program. In response to other concerns, he stated this is not a path to a school, it's a short block and then street parking starts up again, it's 25 MPH zone and there are a ton of studies that say it is safer to ride with traffic in slow traffic.

Public Comments
- Catherine Gorka suggested the County put up signs allowing parking from 7:00pm to 6:00am; like they do in the beach communities, to accommodate both street parking and bike lanes.
- James Anderson suggested P. Sprecco recuse himself since he is a bike rider with an interest in this issue.
- T. Medvitz stated he would support the motion and although CalTrans is a regulatory agency and they put the bike lanes there on purpose and he doesn't want the County to remove the bike lanes. He has seen three people in wheelchairs in that neighborhood that use those bike lanes.
- G. Barnard inquired as to whether it was disclosed to the proponent that he only had one parking space. (Matt stated his real estate agent told him they had two spaces, but then in 6 months when it became an issue, he looked

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at his deed and saw he only had one space.)
A motion to deny a letter of support as Lakeside needs more mobility elements such as trails, bike lanes and sidewalks was made by P. Sprecco and seconded by L. Strom. ***Motion Approved (10-4-0-1; J. Kufa, B. Turner, L. Carlson and L. Cyphert dissenting)***

9. GROUP BUSINESS:

A. Reimbursement – No reimbursement request

B. Members Attendance Review – it was noted that Jeff Brust has missed 5 meeting in a rolling one year period and there will be a vote to either uphold or waive the forfeiture. He provided a letter requesting the board to waive the forfeiture and that he could not attend tonight due to a work commitment and that all of his absences were due to work.

- B. Turner stated that he would support the waiver as people in the construction industry have to travel farther away sometimes for work in this economy.
- K. Mitten stated that when Chad Enniss resigned, it took 4 months to seat Josef Kufa in his stead. Given that Jeff's seat expires in January and that he is not seeking reelection, we are unlikely to seat a new member in that seat before a new member is elected to that seat. She stated she would support a waiver to the forfeiture.
- L. Cyphert stated she will support the waiver based on the reasons stated by K. Mitten, but that she hopes that if she were absent for 5 meetings in a 12 month period she would resign as she would not feel she if fulfilling the duties of that position.
- M. Cyphert stated that as a person that sometimes works over 100 hours a week, he owns two businesses, he still has to leave work early to make it to the meetings. In the County's Ethics training we learned that if we could not be here, we had to ethically take it upon ourselves to remove ourselves. He supports the motion as many of the problems in the economy have happened since he was elected.
- G. Inverso stated that he does not own his own business and he is not rerunning due to work constraints.
- W. Allen stated that he is intelligent and his input is valuable.

Motion to waive the forfeiture was made by L. Strom and seconded by B. Turner. Motion passed (12-2-0-1, M. Baker and P. Sprecco dissented)

10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Design Review Board (DRB) – Tractor Supply was approved, the sign was raised from 25' to 30'

B. County Service Area 69 (CSA 69) – Meeting is tomorrow at 4:00pm

C. Trails – no meetings

D. Roadways and Capital Improvement Priorities – newly formed

11. ADJOURNED: 7:44 p.m. The next meeting will be in the gymnasium in the Lakeside Community Center on October 1, 2014 at 6:30 pm with the Open House starting at 6:00pm.

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