

Minutes for the Meeting of the Mt. Washington Local Issues Committee

of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council

1/10/18

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS
3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
4. INTRODUCE CITY EMPLOYEES
5. RED HAWK CANYON DEVELOPMENT. Presentation by representatives of opposed residents: Elise Irving and Carrie Hoffman

STRUGGLE AGAINST LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Red Hawk Canyon development.

San Andreas has 3 blind curves on a one way street.

4 new homes will increase traffic

There are already 2 houses under construction on their block – on San Andreas.

They'll be heading into a time on non-stop construction.

There's construction on Cynthia as well.

They say 4 houses will take 6 months – which seems unrealistic.

They don't think environmental and safety concerns have been addressed.

In the immediate area there are 5 houses that will be under construction.

Garbage trucks can't make the turn, it's so tight.

The area is zoned R1.

One tool is looking at the variances that have been granted by the city.

There was an informal community meeting recently held by the construction company – partially to show the community what the finished product would look like.

There was a letter that was supposed to be written by the Land Use Committee – to be delivered to the board. But this letter has not been written yet. We are hoping it will be written by sometime next week. This letter expresses public concerns – says that we cannot recommend it – and asks for an Environmental Impact Report.

Ways to stop/slow the development:

- looking at variances
- public opposition
- elected officials (i.e. Cedillo) stepping in

Bill Cody:

- public opposition
- fight for an EIR to make it more expensive for them
- the people calling the shots are the city attorneys – if they say a development can go ahead, it goes ahead.

He recommends organizing – complaining about everything – and even then it Mike Fier's (?) office is the one to contact.

Another recommendation:

Also talk to the Fire Dept. about this.

6. CLELAND PARK WORKING GROUP. An update on Cleland Park's upcoming redesign and other info by Sara Skelton.

Detailed, In-Depth Proposal includes:

Permanent fencing

Doggy bag dispensers

Trilogy locks – light-activated

Potential solar LED lights

Community Bulletin Board

New signage – w/ exact locations for signs

Two new water fountain spouts with higher and lower spouts

Seating – picnic tables

Narrow concrete path around perimeter of park for kids to ride a bike/tricycle

They would love a water feature – realizing that is a big ask.

They would love at least 2 feedback sessions with the designers.

They are realistic and want to work with the city's parameters.

Sara will send us the PDF of this presentation.

Bill Cody - A bunch of people from the will be at the park 10:30am next Friday 1/19. Head of Parks Dept, head of real estate, other city officials will be there. A few people from our Ad Hoc Committee should be there – and are invited to come.

BILL CODY'S ADVICE: The Planning Commission meets – and their meetings are public – and actually going there and meeting them can make a huge difference.

Ray Morales – has talked to the Construction Supervisor who oversees the work. There will be a play structure and shade.

A four foot high fence.

Sand.

New concrete around the edges.

He doesn't know what it will look like – or when it will start or finish.

Ray wants to make sure that after construction is done – that landscaping will be coordinated so it's done immediately afterwards.

Some trees have been flagged to be cut down b/c of infestation.

Forestry department (subdivision of Rec & Parks) is in charge of those.

When they have to cut down a tree, they plant 5 to replace them.

7. Neighborhood Watch Update: Joseph Armario

There were three Neighborhood Watch groups – but they're all defunct. Everyone is using Nextdoor.com. His best recommendation is to support the Map Your Neighborhood effort.

There's a neighborhood watch website for Mt. Washington Jessica – but it lacks some basic preparedness tips.

There are new Neighborhood Watch signs everywhere. Security service signs outside the home are helpful.

Bureau of Streetlights – is replacing lights across the city with solar-powered LEDs. There's a website where you can request more streetlights. The lights do tend to reduce crime – but also reduce charm! The darkness is part of Mt. Washington's charm and identity. And LED lights are brighter and colder/whiter.

8. Map Your Neighborhood Update: a 5-minute update on progress by facilitator Ben Parks

It's basically a 2-hour meeting to be held – that's the easy part.

Sara and Julie and possible Jess may host intro parties.

The Fire Dept. are first responders – then police later.

9. Teddy Bear Picnic in Cleland Park proposal: Sara Skelton

When Cleland Park is officially open, this could be a kickoff party – and Sara could provide a teddy bear for everyone who comes – and maybe a magician.

10. Marmion Way cleanup: Announcement by Jesse McBride or Miwa Okamura

Jess – we are doing a Saturday, 1/27, 9am-11am cleanup in conjunction with Cedillo and Bill Cody. Bill will provide flyers, equipment, gloves, and some volunteers kids also. Bill will have the flyers done by 5pm tomorrow.

We, the committee will provide coffee, donuts.

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