

MINUTES of a regular meeting of the Environmental Review Committee of the City of Redlands held on January 20, 2015 at 9 a.m.

PRESENT Robert D. Dalquest, Development Services
Don Young, Municipal Utilities and Engineering
Chris Catren, Police Department
Erik Reeves, Quality of Life

STAFF Patricia Brenes, Principal Planner
PRESENT Lorelee Farris, Senior Planner

I. ATTENDANCE

Mr. Robert Dalquest called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All members were present with the exception of the Fire Department and Mr. Erik Reeves from the Quality of Life Department was late.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting

The minutes of October 6, 2014 meeting were approved with a motion from Mr. Chris Catren and a second from Mr. Don Young. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

B. Minutes of December 15, 2014 meeting

Mr. Dalquest continued the minutes of December 15, 2014 to the February 2, 2015 Environmental Review Committee meeting, due to a lack of quorum. No action was taken.

Mr. Reeves joined the committee meeting.

III. OLD BUSINESS – None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY OF REDLANDS, APPLICANT

A recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council on the appropriate environmental process for the following project:

Specific Plan No. 40 (Amendment No. 43) which consists of three components: 1) amend the land use designation of a 18.4-acre City-owned property from EV/3000-RM (Multiple Family Residential-3000) District of the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan to EV/PI (Public Institutional) District for consistency with the General Plan land use designation of the site; 2) amend Section EV4.0205(b) to allow City-owned property to utilize a natural surface for required on-site parking spaces in lieu of paving; and, (3) amend Section EV4.0255 to allow a reduction in the required landscaping within parking areas at the discretion of the final acting body for City-owned parking lots in the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan area.

Conditional Use Permit No. 1042 to establish a Master Plan to guide the present and future uses and activities, physical improvements, and operational characteristics of the Redlands Heritage Park on 18.4 acres, located at 11126 Iowa Avenue, and situated on the southerly side of Orange Avenue between Nevada Street and Iowa Street, in the EV3000-RM District of the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan (Proposed to be changed to EV/PI District).

- Mr. Catren requested a mitigation measure for the implementation of cameras to monitor the parking lot and specific areas of the park.
- Mr. Dalquest recommended that Ms. Patricia Brenes and Mr. Catren create a mitigation measure to implement cameras for the parking lot and for specific areas of the park.
- Mr. Young recommended the following:
 - Additional language on page 26, II.b and II.c to indicate that the proposed project will not impact the current or the revised zoning.
 - Additional analysis on the Initial Study page 63 is needed on the drought tolerate landscape and hardscape with reference to the consistency of the city building plan.
 - The hours of operation may be modified Initial Study page 85 to accommodate earlier scheduled events.
 - Quality of Life may be considered as a listed responsible department in the mitigation measures as they are responsible for maintenance of the grounds.

Mr. Dalquest opened up the hearing

Mr. Bob Roberts, business owner, expressed his concerns and recommendations to the committee as follows:

- Will the parking lot size be increased?
- A review of the surrounding businesses operating hours is needed.
- Improvements may be needed to the roads surrounding the park.

Mr. Ben Moudy, Principal of Grove School, introduced himself to the committee. Mr. Moudy agreed that cameras are needed in specific areas of the park including the parking lot. Mr. Moudy recommended approving the park paths under Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and create outside paths for the surrounding residences to access the park.

Mr. Dalquest stated that staff must comply with ADA standards. The Building Official will implement the ADA requirements.

Ms. Ellen Camarillo, Montessori in Redlands, inquired if there is a possibility of implementing a cross walk for pedestrians on Orange Street.

Mr. Young stated the traffic study addressed a mid-block cross walk and pedestrian safety. Mr. Young confirmed the study does not address funding.

Ms. Camarillo stated Montessori in Redlands is interested in assisting with the funding of a mid-block cross walk.

Mr. Dalquest closed the hearing.

MOTION

It was moved by Mr. Catren, seconded by Mr. Young and carried on a 4-0 vote that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A mitigated negative declaration will be prepared including an additional mitigation measure under Public Services for police service.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

At this time, the Environmental Review Committee will provide an opportunity for the Public to address them on a matter not already scheduled for this agenda (please limit your comments to three minutes).

Mr. Dalquest opened the Public Comment period. There were no comments forthcoming and the Public Comment period was closed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT TO FEBRUARY 2, 2015

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. to the February 2, 2015 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Mena
Sr. Administrative Assistant

Loralee Farris
Senior Planner