

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call and Introductions

- Members present:
  - Jeff Girod, Chair
  - Mussa Khiar, Vice Chair
  - Emily Hollinghurst, Member
  - Katie Grimble, Member

4. Approve minutes for the MAC meeting on September 29th

- MAC Minutes from previous meeting
- Musa motioned, Katie Seconded, all in favor, motion passed

5. New Business:

A. Appoint New MAC Secretary

- Emily motioned to approve Katie as the new secretary.
- Musa seconded.
- All in favor, the motion passed.

B. Riverside County Transportation Committee (RCTC) Spring Street Property (10-12 minute presentation) o Anne Mayer, RCTC Executive Director o Q & A (10 minutes)

- Jeff introduced Anne Mayer from RCTC. Anne discussed the potential for a station in the Highgrove area. The Perris Valley line currently runs near the area through to the Perris area.
- Anne explained that they consider potential ridership to determine station locations. There were a number of potential sites. The Hunter Park location was selected. It is near the Highgrove community but it is also close to UCR. Ridership, engineering, operations, and cost were all considered.
- It was decided in 2010 not to have a station in Highgrove and that position has been consistent since then. She explained that the BNSF line runs through the area parallel with the 215. The challenge of a station in the Highgrove area is that it would require stops of the BNSF runs on the mainline. BNSF was not in support of this.
- Anne explained the reasons why a Highgrove station on Transit Ave would not be feasible due to drainage, road width, and parking. The largest concern was the fact that the property is very isolated and cars coming in would have to come in through Transit Ave. which is a residential street.
- An independent analysis was also conducted. This verified the same issues that RCTC identified.
- RCTC is the county transportation agency. They fund all modes of transportation in Riverside County including Metrolink service. They have a very large board including all five Riverside County Supervisors.
- The Ad Hoc committee toured the site in Highgrove on foot to ensure the site had full evaluation.

- One of the challenges was the ridership numbers. Even though Highgrove is growing, the population does not adequately support the ridership required. With the Hunter Park station, there are two options within 2 miles of Highgrove. The San Bernardino Line is also close to the area.
- There are no plans to build a station in Highgrove now or in the future as evaluations have determined that it is not a feasible station.
- Jeff explained that RCTC still owns the land even though they have no plans to build there. He asked if it were possible to use that land for some other reason like to build other roads that may help with flow considering all of the new housing being built. He asked if once the exact location of the property was more clear, there could be an additional conversation.
  - Anne explained that they would be open to conversation. She also shared that property not being used is often declared as surplus and put up for auction, which may happen to this land in the future.
- Mike Gardner asked if RCTC had no current plan but there was some other potential use if RCTC would be amenable to talking about it.
  - Anne stated that they would absolutely be open to the conversation.
  - Jeff said he would follow up with Anne to discuss the matter further.
- Jeff thanked Anne for her presentation.

C. KB Home Park Update (10-12 minute presentation) o Chris Earle, KB Home Representative  
o Q & A (10 minutes)

- Chris Earle shared the design for a park planned by KB Homes. He shared that the Springbrook Estates homes were planned next to the park with a large easement running diagonally through the projected park.
- The easement had to be considered in landscaping and planning to comply with the compliance requirements.
- Chris explained that there had been suggested revisions that were taken under advisement since there were additional changes already being made for the easement. Community Works Design Group worked on the project to come up with the current design.
- The dog park has been reduced in size. A Soccer pitch and basketball/pickleball courts have been added. Additionally, a teeball infield and little league outfield have been added. There is also a restroom and totlot. There will be DG trails winding through and a parking area.
- Chris shared that this is the design they will be moving forward with. This is what will be submitted to the department of water resources for approval in order to proceed with construction.
- Jeff asked what would happen with the middle ground where the water easement is.
  - Chris explained that it would be minimally landscaped to be compliant with the department of water resources because there could not be additional weight added.
  - Scott Rice shared that they are very particular about what can be done with such easements. It needed to be left in as close condition to the original as possible. However, this will result in heavier tree canopies and density in other areas of the park.

- Mussa asked what weight the easement could support. He asked if the area could support something like solar panels or trees.
  - Chris explained that while the pipeline is very deep underground, the requirements are such that there should be no additional weight added to the area, including trees.
  - Scott Rice (and the person with him) explained that the DG trail and the minor landscaping was as much as they would be able to do in that area. Irrigation had to be considered as well as the other requirements from the water district.
  - Chris also shared that there was a trail design used to connect the communities and the park over the easement as well.
- Jeff suggested not putting cactus behind the basketball goals and asked if there was play ground equipment.
  - Scott explained that the coral area on the map represented the playground area. The playground area is also closest to the restrooms for families to access easily.
- Jeff asked if there would be tables or shaded areas for families or events.
  - Scott shared that there would be some tables and shade but not enough for a large event. He did share that there would be field space if individuals wanted to bring easy-ups and such for events.
- Mussa asked about the timeline.
  - Chris shared that they could be fully permitted within 6-9 months. They will start construction afterward and build it in 3-6 months.
- Emily asked if the easement would be kept neat and free of weeds/tumbleweeds.
  - Scott shared that it could absolutely be maintained as long as the property wasn't being changed.
- Emily asked who would be responsible for the upkeep of the park.
  - Chris explained it would be done through the county and their landscape division. The other park is already being maintained in the same way.
- Jeff asked if the board could get a copy of the design to share with the community.
  - Chris shared that it could be given out once the final approval was received.
- Mussa asked about parking.
  - Chris explained it was represented in grey on the map and had been considered.
- Jeff asked if the trail was accessible from both Center and Spring St.
  - Chris stated that it was acceptable from both.

#### 6. Public Comments\*

- Jeff asked for public comments. There were no comments.

#### 7. Future agenda items\*

- Public Safety update (Riverside County Sheriff Department, Fire)
- Riverside County Animal Services Update
- Jeff asked if the board members had any requests for future meetings.
- Emily asked about the construction happening along Center St. and the debris and mess being left behind by the company doing the work.

- Mark Lancaster shared that the white spray mentioned was likely curing spray which helps all elements of concrete to come together. He asked if he could get an address so his crews could go out and look at it.
- Jeff asked for a follow-up on the dispensaries in the area.
  - Wendell shared that after the last MAC meeting, he invited all of the dispensary teams to the clean-up day. All of them came with teams, brought food, and participated.
  - Jeff stated that there were not many community members present and encouraged everyone to come out to the next opportunity. He asked for details on the money that dispensaries will be paying to benefit the community.
    - Wendell explained that Artistry and Plant Galaxy are those that have opened in the last couple of weeks. Once they open, the dispensary pays around \$500,000. He explained that they are now in the collecting phase and will have a better idea next year of the amount to expect. Each year, they will pay 5% more than the previous year to support the community.
    - Wendell suggested having John Hildebrand come to the MAC meeting after the second quarter next year to discuss.
- Emily expressed appreciation for the clean-up of the property on Iowa and Center. Wendell stated it was code enforcement and they would pass along the appreciation.
- Wendell asked for an update on the plans to address the donkeys with the county.
- Emily asked for an update on the shopping center with the 7-11 on Mount Vernon. Wendell suggested having planning come to the next meeting to discuss any open development plans for the area.
- Emily asked for an update on the Spring St. Elementary school. Jeff shared that the enrollment projections are not adequate to justify a new school. RUSD is planning as if the school will still be built but will reassess in 1-2 years.
- Emily suggested doing the community clean-ups more regularly.
- Mussa asked to discuss the streets involved in the RCTC land and the possibility of extending roads to connect existing streets through that land.

#### 8. Announcements

- Date of Next Scheduled Meeting: January 26th, 2022
- You may wish to sign up for the Spiegel Spotlight monthly newsletter as well as join Supervisor Spiegel's social media to receive updates relating to COVID-19 or the Second District. Below is the link to sign up for the monthly Spiegel Spotlight. Feel free to sign up at [www.rivcodistrict2.org](http://www.rivcodistrict2.org).

9. Adjournment \* Those wishing to ask one question or make a single comment after a presentation, should raise their hand. After being recognized by the board, please stand up, state your name and ask your question or make your comment and please sit down.

