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From: Jack and Caroline [weatherfords@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 6:43 AM
To: COMMPLAN
Subject: DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN - MEETING TONIGHT

Hi Veronica and Lisbeth,

I read the draft plan and was delighted to learn that the walls on Hacienda Blvd. are finally going to be considered for beautification.

One thing that puzzled me was Policy M2.2 (bike lanes). Have you seen the traffic on Hacienda Blvd.? Very fast and very close to the sidewalk. No way could a bike lane ever be installed there. It would be suicide.

By the way, the HHIA got it wrong in the publication they sent out. (They had the dates reversed)

Regards,

Caroline Greer-Weatherford

Sinclair, Lisbeth

From: Chris Sanchez [sassi@clubnet.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2010 5:28 PM
To: Sinclair, Lisbeth
Subject: FW: Hacienda Blvd.

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Lisbeth and Veronica

I was a little "hot under the collar" when I sent this to Dickie. Is there a code violation here? It will become as ugly as it was before the remodel!

The meeting last Wednesday was awesome. You are awesome and members of the planning commission were very impressed with how happy we were with the report.

See you soon,
Chris

From: Chris Sanchez [mailto:sassi@clubnet.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2010 5:21 PM
To: 'Simmons, Dick'
Subject: Hacienda Blvd.

Dickie,

Sorry to interrupt your beautiful Sunday, but I needed to relay this info before the week got away from me.

The gorgeous Hacienda Blvd. median with the HH sign by the freeway is a great entrance to Hacienda Heights. Alas, today driving by, Century 21 Realty has defaced the median with their advertising "home repos" posters! I am outraged! How dare they think the median was upgraded to display their junk! And, I believe this and any signs planted in the medians should deserve a code citation. How long before we see other companies advertising mobile phones, tacos, chicken, yard sales, etc.

OK – I feel better – for the moment.

The HH Public Hearing on Wednesday was quite a unique meeting. It ended in 45 minutes with only four residents commenting on the Plan. Of those four – two were code enforcement matters and not changes to the community.

On Sept. 22nd, the final Public Hearing on the HH Plan will be held downtown. Do you think a bus could be provided for those wishing to attend the meeting? Just a thought. A few committee members mentioned wanting to be present in case anyone throws a "ringer" into the hearing.

See you soon,
Chris

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August 27, 2010

Los Angeles Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
13th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in regard to the Hacienda Heights Community Meeting held on August 25, 2010 at the Steinmetz Senior Center for the Hacienda Heights Community Plan Update. I was present at this meeting in an effort to discuss my views regarding wireless facilities being placed or installed in residential areas of Hacienda Heights.

As a resident of Hacienda Heights, I felt that it was important to express my views and those of my community, regarding the placement of these wireless facilities and the negative impact that they have on the surrounding community. During my allotted speaking time, I requested an amendment to the community Plan to include an ordinance against wireless facilities being placed or installed in residential areas of Hacienda Heights. Wireless facilities are commercial facilities they do not belong in residential zoned neighborhoods. Cell towers and antennas would be out of character with the general nature, beauty, landscape, scenery and charm of our neighborhood. They would contribute to noise nuisances, fears of safety and fire hazards, decrease in property value and contribute to urban blight and deterioration of our neighborhood.

Upon further discussion with members of my community, I would request that I, as a representative of my community, be kept informed on the status of this amendment to the Hacienda Heights Community Plan. Additionally, as we feel that appropriate thought and consideration need to take place prior to any deliberation on this issue, I request that a moratorium on cell tower and antenna installations to be in affect immediately. We believe that this action would allow the Commissioners additional time to study the issue on a deeper level with the full information necessary to come to an informed conclusion regarding wireless facilities and the negative impact that they have on those who must live in the community in which they are placed.

Should any additional information be necessary or if I may clarify the intent of this request further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: Jean robson [jeanhelma@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010 1:52 PM
To: COMMPLAN
Subject: Hacienda Hts. Plan Testimony

The following message was sent several times yesterday. Hope this works today.
Jean Robson jeanhelma@gmail.com

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Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 15:35:51 -0700
Subject: Hacienda Hts.Plan,Fire
Dear Department of Regional Planning:

Testimorny regarding Hacienda Heights Community Plan: FIRE HAZARDS

FIRE is the most dangerous threat to Hacienda Heights. I live at the top of Punte del Este on Casco Court. Myproperty includes a canyon adjacent to the Wildlife Corridor, which the fire department classifies as the most vulnerable property to fire in Hacienda Heights.

In the Hacienda Heights Community Plan Draft under Conservation on page 21 , fire prevention, more strict and definite than Policy C 1.4 "...minimize the extent of fuel modification zones and degradation of locally-indigenous vegetation."

On an easement between the clubhouse of Hi Tor Gated Community, beginning on Elza Drive on a western slope behind Casco Court stands 27 gigantic 30 feet plus tall pine trees, branches interlaced with one another, and NOT according to Los Angeles County rules of fire prevention, Quote from County of Los Angeles Fire

Department, "The use and maintenance of plants known to be of high hazard in close proximity to structures are Acacia, Cedar, Cypress, Eucalyptus, Juniper, PINE. Such plants should NOT be allowed to be in mass plantings that could transmit fire to structures. Space trees a minimum of 15 feet from other trees & shrubs; trees should be spaced to allow a minimum of 30 feet between canopies at maturity and 50 feet from any structure."

These Pine trees continue to grow higher and thicker, close to homes and clubhouse. One match could ignite all of Hi Tor, Casco Court, Punta del Este and on throughout the Wildlife Corridor, Hacienda Heights and all other communities. No one knows whether this easement of solid mass Pines is part of Hi Tor, Casco Court, an oil company, or the county. Fire officials, who inspect our properties twice a year, have promised to "look into it" for the past 25 years and have no answer. I have a petition signed by residents of this hill, (nearly a mountain) who are all concerned with fire. These trees should have never been planted by Hi Tor and should be removed completely before the next big fire or the incineration these trees are waiting to cause our hills and homes to be destroyed. These trees have also

greatly reduced our property values by several million dollars.

Other thick vegetation throughout our beautiful hills should have stricter enforcement of thinning and removal.

Jean Robson, Past Board Member, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association
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Mr. Jeffrey K. Yann
1622 Adalia Avenue
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September 1, 2010

Ms. Lisbeth Sinclair
Department of Regional Planning
Los Angeles County
320 West Temple Street, Room 1354
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Sinclair:

I was in attendance at the public hearing held by the Planning Commission in Hacienda Heights on August 25, 2010, but, as my thoughts are generally quite favorable to the plan, decided not to present them at the meeting. A copy of remarks I had intended to make is attached.

In summary, I very much support the goals outlined in the plan to increase park space and create a network of convenient and safe routes through the community for cyclists and pedestrians. However, with the community now largely built out, broad general goals will not be sufficient to accomplish these objectives. While I am not suggesting that the Community General Plan be amended to outline specific proposals to accomplish these goals, I am requesting that Regional Planning take an additional step toward their realization.

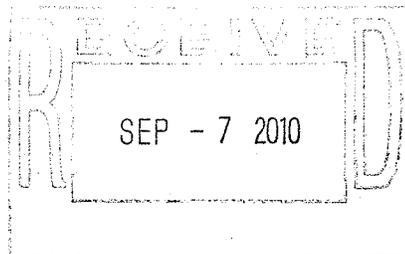
As part of its adoption of the Community Plan, I would like to see Regional Planning direct appropriate County Departments (Public Works and Parks and Recreation, among others) to return to the Planning Commission within a year with specific proposals for accomplishment of these Community Plan goals. Studies should be performed involving Supervisor Knabe's staff, HHIA and community members to identify specific routes for bike trails and pedestrian-friendly walking paths, and potential locations for new parks, with specific targets regarding their implementation. These plans should be flexible to accommodate changing conditions but reasonable enough to be feasible. It is my belief that only in this way can the worthwhile goals of this plan be achieved, as inertia favors their non-achievement.

I would like to see the Draft Community Plan amended to include a specific target for future neighborhood park acreage. While I recognize the difficulty of meeting Federal guidelines in a built-out community, achieving 3 park acres per 1,000 residents seems a reasonable ten year goal and 5 acres per 1,000 in twenty years. In a time that is troubled by health impacts caused by childhood obesity and reduced personal fitness, these goals are vital to all of us.

As noted in my testimony, I have been successfully involved in creation of parks and trails in several local cities. I would welcome the opportunity to work with the County to create these benefits in Hacienda Heights.

Sincerely yours,


Jeff Yann



HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN

August 25, 2010

My name is Jeff Yann. I have lived at 1622 Adalia Avenue in Hacienda Heights for 39 years. I have been very active in community affairs, having served 12 years on the Board of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association and currently represent them on various committees, including the Alternative Technologies Advisory Subcommittee created by the Planning Commission's 2002 CUP for the Puente Hills Landfill. I have also been very involved in the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor and the Sierra Club's San Gabriel River Campaign. In that capacity, I was instrumental in the initiation of parks, trails and educational projects that have received more than \$22 million in funding.

Suffice it to say, I am very pleased with the recognition in the draft general plan of the importance of parks and safe transportation routes for non-vehicular traffic. I currently walk 10-12 miles around this community every day and appreciate the many enjoyable places to walk both in the urban areas and in the hills. Unfortunately, many of the best walking places near my home require constant vigilance to stay safe, because cars and pedestrians and cyclists must all share the same narrow road surface. I understand the need for remaining general in this plan, as I know that many proposals in the 1978 plan were obsolete shortly after it was published. However, without specifics, I am concerned that little will happen to implement these important goals.

I recommend that, in your adoption of the plan, you also request key County Departments, like Public Works and Parks and Recreation, working with Supervisor Knabe and HHIA, to report back to you in a year or so with a more specific implementation plan that will show how to meet the goals you adopt. Let's all work together to create safe alternative transportation routes that connect neighborhoods within the community to regional trails in the hills and along San Jose Creek, and with each other. The San Jose Creek trail, initially begun in the early nineties, has been stalled for far too long. With proper connections to our community, this multi-use trail could connect Hacienda Heights residents with many features of interest throughout the region.

The same request applies to park creation. Often quoted Federal standards suggest 10 acres of parks per thousand residents. Like most of the basin, Hacienda Heights is park-poor. The plan should cite a target acreage of parks to be achieved in the next 10, 20, 30 years and a workable, updatable plan should be developed for achieving this target. I applaud the goal to create parks north of the Pomona Freeway—an area largely built out. Without a plan, I am concerned that nothing will happen. As we meet here tonight, seeking to adopt this goal, a bare piece of land, 1/3 acre in size, sits in this area with a "For Sale" sign on it. Not much, but it would be a start toward achieving this goal. I hope I am not the only person who has connected these related facts. Let's all work together to not only adopt these goals, but to develop an implementation plan that meets these objectives.