

# **CITY OF FOLSOM**

## **Landscaping & Lighting Districts Advisory Committee**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**September 15, 2011**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Folsom Community Center  
Activities Room**

**52 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630**

**(916) 355-7207**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER L&L DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Ferrari. Members present: Nick Ferrari (Willow Springs), Joe Marceau (Natoma Station), Mary Mast (Cobble Hills Ridge), Ray Spierto (Broadstone), David Weizer (ARCN2), David Taylor (ARCN), Patty Soulsby (Blue Ravine Oaks)-7 present and a quorum of 5 is required.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-June 16, 2011 Minutes**

Meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Member Joe Marceau and Seconded by Member Mary Mast. Meeting meetings were approved as presented.

#### **III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR-Members of the public can address the Advisory Committee concerning items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. The Advisory Committee is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda.**

No items were presented from the floor.

#### **IV. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Poggione presented the project and manager update (attached)

#### **V. STATUS OF FINAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR L&L DISTRICTS (PUBLIC HEARING WAS JULY 12, 2011) AND NEW PROPOSED BLUE RAVINE OAKS #2 L&L DISTRICT (PUBLIC HEARING WAS JULY 26, 2011)**

Manager Poggione reiterated that the Final Engineer's report for all the districts was approved and the new L&L District, Blue Ravine Oaks No. 2 was also approved.

#### **VI. STAFF RESPONSE: COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE IN THE L&L'S (REGARDING DEVELOPER'S NAME ON SOME SIGNAGE IN L&LS)**

Manager Poggione reviewed memo regarding use of L&L funds to maintain signage with a developer's name on it (memo attached). There was discussion about what the Committee might do if a sign with a developer's name on it needed a repair and whether replacement of the name would occur. Manager Poggione mentioned that replacement of the developer's name did not necessarily have to occur if it was the wishes of the City/Committee not to replace it. Furthermore, when signs are proposed in the future, the Committee's view about whether a developer's name is included on the sign can be expressed to the Project Review Committee and Developer at that time. A particular outcome of whether a developer's name is included on a sign would be evaluated on a case by

case basis and the Committee's opinion can be considered but the Committee may not have the final discretion as there are several commenters included in the process.

## **VII. REVIEW COMMITTEE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

Chair Ferrari presented the topic as an item that he and the Committee have discussed in the past. Chair Ferrari mentioned that the Roles and Responsibilities of the Committee members are described in the Municipal Code but it is not always clear as to what the roles of the Committee are. Manager Poggione reviewed the handout (attached) of the codes and ordinances that members of the Advisory Committee and all City Commissions and Committees must abide by. Manager Poggione also provided some history of the L&L Advisory Committee stating that it started in 1993 as an Ad Hoc Committee established to apprise residents of assessments, changes to assessments, and identification of what type of items to include in assessments. In 1999, Ordinance No. 916 was created that established the Landscaping and Lighting Advisory Committee and it outlined the functions as two-fold; to educate residents about the necessity of a district and the costs to maintain their district and to make recommendations to staff about the L&L Act. Chair Ferrari indicated that he thought that both functions could be interpreted as being "done" and no further work was required. Chair Ferrari also mentioned that one item for discussion is whether the Committee "advices" or "directs" the City on matters. There was discussion amongst the Committee and the members agreed that it is their role to learn about what is going on in their district, to provide input and ideas to staff about their district, and to apprise residents in their district of items pertaining to their district. There was discussion that the purpose of the Committee seemed more to advise the City and Staff rather than direct. Several members cited examples of where they provided input to Staff to participate in and advise on L&L items. Such examples included were ARCN prioritization and discussion of projects (David Weizer), discussion of birch tree replacement in ARCN (David Taylor/David Weizer), outreach for new assessment in Blue Ravine Oaks (Patty Soulsby), and identification of key issues along Willow Springs trail (Nick Ferrari).

Understanding the specific directive or purpose of each L&L district also was discussed. Manager Poggione mentioned that what a district maintains is included in the formation documents of each Landscaping and Lighting District. Each district is different and some reports are more specific than others.

## **VIII. INPUT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON L&L DISTRICTS**

**ARCN**-David Weizer-drainage issue on ARC Drive. Still an issue that staff is working with Canyon Falls Village.

**ARCN**-David Weizer and David Taylor-birch tree die out and replacement. Staff will be formulating a plan and will discuss that with the reps before proceeding. One idea is to remove the dying trees incrementally and then stump grind and replace with turf.

**E.Bidwell Tree Loss** -David Weizer expressed concern about many of the new trees that died along E. Bidwell. Dan Rivers stated that there's been about a 40% mortality rate and that the Arborist is working with our division and Public Works about to clear out the dead trees and keep the existing trees alive.

**Blue Ravine Oaks**-Patty Soulsby asked for schedule of replacement of sidewalks. Staff is meeting with Public Works in late September. A more precise timeline will be developed and provided to the residents soon.

**Natoma Station**-Joe Marceau presented concern about the continued drainage problem that impacts 4 to 5 home frontages in his neighborhood. Public Works installed drains a few years ago and the problem is still there. Joe wanted to inquire about cleaning the street periodically which should be directed to our public works streets division.

**IX. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Evaluation of a sample Engineer's Report (Natoma Station)-Understanding the language in the Formation Documents

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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