

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council
Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2005
By: Mel Mitchell

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm
Attending:

Robert Berg
Irwin Cohen
Mike Dobry
Sue Hammarlund
Becky Leveque
Jae-Min Mandala
Ron Nagai
Pat Pope
Mel Mitchell, Chairperson

Actions:

1. Land Use Committee projects were discussed with a status update:
 - a. Community Center – NO STATUS
 - b. New school sites – SEE BELOW
 - c. Community park with soccer, ball, etc. fields – WORK IS BEING DONE ON BERNSON PARK ON SESNON & PORTER RANCH DRIVE / NO ONE KNEW ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION
 - d. Bridge over Aliso Canyon at Sesnon – OFF THE PORTER RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN BUT STILL ON THE GENERAL PLAN
 - e. More commercial development versus residential – NO DISCUSSION
 - f. Upscale commercial development like the Grove, 3rd Street Santa Monica, etc. – NO RECENT UPDATE ABOUT THE NEW CENTER
 - g. Traffic – HOT TOPIC WITH MORE DISCUSSION IN THE FUTURE
 - h. New Tampa/Library stop light – LIGHT WAS REJECTED AND AN AUTOMATED SPEED SIGN WAS INSTALLED
 - i. New Rinaldi/Mason stop light – COMPLETED, RINALDI EXTENSION TO DE SOTO IS THIS SUMMER
 - j. Freeway 118/Tampa off ramp change – NO DISCUSSION
 - k. Town Center entrances/exits changes – NUMBER ONE ISSUE FROM STAKEHOLDER SURVEY, MORE DISCUSSION IN THE FUTURE
2. Becky updated the Committee about the status of a new school in Porter Ranch. The Education Committee is now being formed to work on this project. Becky Leveque and Sue Hammarlund will be active on the Education Committee and will schedule and post the next meeting date on the PRNC Web site and conduct other outreach.
3. The Committee discussed the status of the Rinaldi Street Park. The PRNC was given until May 1, 2005 to request park design changes to the City of Los Angeles or construction would begin based on the last design specification. The only difference between the original design and the last design involved 2 different types of trees. Other proposed changes like an updated sign and statue that require PRNC funding

were not included in the last design spec and the expenditure was not approved by the PRNC Board of Directors. Much discussion occurred and it was decided that the Land Use Committee would not request design changes and therefore we would not call a special Board of Directors and General Meeting before the May 1 deadline. It was agreed that the PRNC would hold a party celebrating the Park when construction is completed.

4. Next Meeting to be scheduled for May 2005.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 pm