

**ISLA VISTA REDEVELOPMENT
PAC/GPAC MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 05, 2007
University Religious Center
777 Camino Pescadero, Isla Vista**

PAC/GPAC Member Attendance: Lou Ventura (LV), Craig Geyer (CG), Ken Warfield (KW), Janet Stich (JSt), Arthur Kennedy (AK), Joel Rodriguez-Flores (JRF), Joel Silverman (JSi)

County / Redevelopment Agency Representatives: Jamie Goldstein (JG), Jeff Lindgren, Abigail Nugent, Kris Miller-Fisher (KMF), Terri Mau-Nisich (TMN)

ROMA Design Group: Bonnie Fisher (BF), Craig McGlynn (CM)

1. Welcome and Introduction

CG Welcome

2. Public Comment:

Jill Wallersteat from St. Bridget fellowship– Would like to hear a discussion of the day center in the IVMP. Is it still in IVMP? When will it come up in a meeting, and get on the budget? When is the budget process?

Student – Better advertising.

Kelly Pritchett. – *Picasso Units* – Great that Housing Authority buying units, but it's kicking out and displacing people. They are selling other units in IV, and kicking out people. *Medical Clinic building* – they've put money in to improve the building, but no one knows what's going on now.

Unknown Woman – The Picasso units have needed rehabilitation since the 70's. Concerned about the displacement of people, which leads to homeless. There needs to be something in place for the people they are displacing.

CG – We will have the HASBC staff at the next meeting.

3. Administrative Items:

A. RDA Project Updates – JG update

1. IVMP Status
2. Façade Program
3. HASB Parkview Apartments
 - i. *KW question* – Are there windows over-looking the park? It would be a good idea.
4. Ivy Paradise
5. Anisq'Oyo' Park
 - i. Update by Dale Summersille

B. Adoption of minutes from the April 18th and July 11th PAC/GPAC meetings

- **April 18th – Motion to approve - LV, AK 2nd**
 - *All in favor*

- **July 11th - Motion to approve - LV, AK 2nd,**
 - *Yes: LV, AK, JSt, CG, JRF, SSi*
 - *No: none*
 - *Abstain: KW*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. El Colegio Update

CG update – PC hearing was today. Project passed as two phase project, as proposed. The proposed two phase project was not the PAC recommended one phase project.

TMN – The only PC action today was to approve a Development Plan for of the entire project – Phase I and II.

5. Pardall Road Improvement Update

- JG update and project description
- BF update

Main Elements:

- Street Trees (Brachychiton acerfolius is the recommended tree)
- Sidewalk Treatment/Paving
- Filterra
- Bike racks
- Light Fixtures
- Trash Cans
- News paper receptacles
- Bollards (removable)

PAC Comments

- *AK* – Where is the Brachychiton a native of? *BF* – Australia. *AK* – Is it adaptable to IV? *BF* – Yes. *AK* – How much clean up is there? *BF* – Public Works approval/endorsement means they're ok with the tree.
- *AK* – Light fixture – is it high pressure sodium? *CM* – Review of options. *AK* – High energy use for all of those.
- *LV* – What is the spacing of the street lights? *BF* – 60 ft. *LV* – The lights, right outside the window of the 2nd floor of building will be a nuisance. *CM* – They will have shields to prevent that. *LV* – Are there options to choose from, can we see them? *CM* – Very few options from Edison.
- *CG* – Let professionals do what they're being paid to do.
- *LV* – Is the Filterra in addition to the drainage we don't have on Pardall? *BF* – in addition. *LV* – Concerned with current water flow on Pardall Road. *CM* – Currently no drainage – after the project there will be.
- *JG* – We're working with Project Clean Water on water treatment.
- *LV* – Are LED lights a possibility? *CM* – It's being considered, but there are many obstacles in actually using them.
- *JSi* – Staff has done a fine job, leave it to the professionals.
- *KW* – The Saltillo tile on crosswalks is problematic with breaking in rain before a stop; it's slippery.
- *JSt* – Is it usual to have so many of the same kind of tree as are planned for Pardall Road? How tall does the Brachychiton get? *BF* – 60 ft. *JSt* – It would be nice to get a staggered bloom. Isla Vista needs to keep its funky beach theme. Pardall Road should not have too much flash, shouldn't be too cute. Keep Pardall funky.

- *JRF* – What is the timeline and how is it going to affect traffic in those areas during construction? *BF* – Begin construction in summer 08 to minimize impacts. Traffic impacts will be analyzed more when plans are more set. *CM* – Construction and staging plan.
- *JRF* – Consider skateboarding on Pardall Road – shouldn't be too rough to skateboard. Agree with Janet; Pardall Road shouldn't be too flashy, it should match w/ rest of IV, and stay in character.
- *CG* – Agree w/ *JRF*. What is the street surface? *BF* – Asphalt.

Public Comments

- *Diane Conn – Palms* – Thought Palms were off tree list. They're dirty and dangerous and County PW does not have enough resources for an urban area. Please don't use palm trees. Poor bird habitat; prefer more native trees. Not just objects, a habitat. *Lighting* – Lighting to see road and see bikes and skateboards; it's needed at chest high. 14 ft. is just contaminating the sky and don't really help with visibility. Can we cooperate w/ store owners for lighting, or can the lighting device be lower? *Water drainage* – Water collects on SE corner of Pardall and EDM. *Paving* – Sparkle pavement is great. *Bike Racks* – Straight line bike rack and two circles bike racks are the best.
- *Unknown Woman* – Pardall has always been a difficult place to drive through. Bikes should have the same rules as cars, but they don't observe them. The new lighting needs to address that. Lights shining in store windows saves for store owners. We don't want it turning into another Malibu. Keep it IV and keep it natural.
- *Jill Wallersteat* – Will there be auto traffic on Pardall Road? It's dangerous to drive on Pardall Road; should be bikes only. *BF and JG* – Yes.
- *Kelly Pritchard* – Will the sidewalks design be noisy with skateboards? Either minimize skateboard noise, or make the sidewalks incompatible w/ skateboard so they must go on the street.
- *Lindsey* – Concerned about trees as canopy over Pardall. Unsafe at night, and would like the view of the night sky preserved.
- *Dale Summersille* – Life span of lights? Candlelight power? Is solar lighting a possibility? Could we use permeable pavers in stead of brick pavers?
- *Michael Bean* – 1. Uncomfortable w/ brachychyton tree – no experience w/ it, and few people do. Not a good idea for a main corridor in a town; the Tipu would be a better choice. 2. Palms are dangerous and do not provide habitat value, other than for rats. 3. Appreciate the interest in variety. The bike racks look like they were selected primarily for aesthetics – they should be selected for functionality. The North Hall bike racks at UCSB are a good functional choice. 4. Trash cans – streamlined design, but not coherent w/ IV. Too delicate; a sturdier design would be better. 5. Newsracks good.
- *Unknown Man* – For the north side sidewalks, is there a minimal distance for pedestrians to walk so they can pass each other? Important consideration.
- *JRF* – Fish bike rack is great.

6. Future PAC/GPAC Role

JG update. As IVMP is adopted by BOS, staff recommends dissolving the GPAC.

- *JSi* – What is the ongoing responsibility of the PAC? *JG* – It's different, more focused on projects now. Possibility of a CAC, which is similar, but more focused on projects, and more advisory. Thoughts?
- *CG* – PAC is primarily a public conduit. Has a role in Housing Element. The PC listens to what the PAC wants.
- *CG* – Difficult to get a quorum for PAC. PAC set up by resolution though; it would be difficult to change. But a smaller quorum would be helpful; would like to see it down to 5.
- *JG* – PAC vs. CAC. CAC is just advisory, any number of people and not as formal. PAC sets its own agenda, CAC wouldn't be as autoumous.
- *JSi* – PAC is just advisory right now.
- *JSi* – The PAC's preference is really just the preference of a few people.

- *JRF* – The public process is important.
- *JSt* – We can keep up w/ projects through the PAC; as HO representative, able to update people on current projects.
- *JSi* – If only point is for public meetings, ok, but a quorum, we were formed to act. Disappointed with actions of PAC; for housing, nothing has been done nothing. Is PAC doing anything?
- *CG* – PAC is good for BOS representation.
- *KW* – Example of Pardall tree selection – PAC has decision making power.
- *JG* – Maybe it makes sense to make the quorum be smaller so we can do things.

***Motion to bring before the BOS a reduction of the PAC quorum to 5 people. LV motion, CG 2nd.
Public Comment***

- *Dianne Conn* – Support motion to reduce PAC quorum; disables anyone from holding the PAC hostage by not attending. PAC influence is worth trouble.
- *Matt Belding* – Lived in IV for 4 yrs, alumni of UCSB. More public involvement and better advertisement.
- *Liz Buda* – RDA presentation at Associated Students Lunch Counsel would be good.
- *Michael Bean* – Request Listserve for environment and social justice interested people

PAC vote for motion to recommend reduction of PAC quorum to 5 people:

In favor: LV, CG, KW, JSt, AK

Abstain: JSi and JRF

Motion passed.