

Sustainable Land Use committee's Next Meeting:

Where: In the PCC library

When: Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 6 PM.

Chinese take-out will be served.

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Preference for Chinese dishes? Contact Karen: 650-906-1104, krbrunton@hotmail.com

1. Introductions
 - a. Excused: Bonnie, Rod, Brandon, Martin D.
 - b. Welcome: Camille King, new San Carlos/Belmont rep' (see attachment)
 - c. Welcome Jon Silver: Polcom chair, newly elected ExCom member
2. Approve 2/7/05 minutes (Attachment 1: available at meeting)
 - a. Note: these minutes will be stored on the server in the LP office (which is used for their office computers. It has no direct connection to our website.)
3. Approve next meeting date: April 12, Tuesday
4. Agenda changes
 - a. Additions
 - i. Legislation?
 - a. (statewide) A.B. No. 1387: CEQA: residential infill projects:
Requires no mitigation for traffic impacts in urban areas.
 - b. (LP chapter) New Mullin bill (see Legislative email attachment)
5. Announcements (upcoming events to partake in):
 - a. Grand Opening, Nugent Square (all-affordable) Apartments: 12 noon on Monday, March 14: 2361 University Avenue in East Palo Alto between Sacramento and Weeks Streets.
 - b. April 9, Sat, Transp & Land Use Coalition 8th Annual Summit, Oakland
 - i. www.transcoalition.org/cal/summit05/summit.html
 - c. Black Mtn Group/SLU Urban Hike, June 25 (agenda # 14c)
 - d. Deadline for May/June LP: April 1

6. Discuss and approve:

LOMAP SLU Draft Standards for Residential Project Endorsement
Karen, Brandon, Shiloh, Rod
February 27, 2005
(See attachment 2)
7. Report on February Conservation Committee meeting: Lynne Paulson
 - a. Attachment 3
 - b. Political training/SLU: Jon Silver
8. Report on March ExCom meeting/Shiloh
9. Sierra Summit: Shiloh Ballard
10. Bay Meadows, San Mateo: March 2 "challenge to the Sierra Club" by columnist John Horgan, San Mateo County Times
11. Mtn View update/Stephanie
 - a. Mayfield,

- b. Farm Fresh Produce (Attachment 4, Mtn. View Voice article, at meeting)
- 12. San Jose: North First St plan update/Alison (see *Loma Prietan*, "Silicon Valley tech workers want to 'get a life'", pg. 5)
- 13. Future SLU meeting guest speakers:
 - a. John McLemore/MTC, JPC
 - b. Chris Mohr/HLC
- 14. Future events: Shiloh
 - a. Tour of Santana Row/meeting site on premises:
 - b. Educational forum @Cupertino
 - i. Organized anti-initiative campaign closer to the election? (Stephanie)
 - c. Black Mtn Group/SLU Urban Hike, June 25, Sat, 9-1 (see pg. 12, *Loma Prietan* "Take an urban hike")/ Ginny
- 15. TALC Livable Communities Campaign to influence MTC, Postcard strategy/Stephanie
- 16. Joining CGF, GA and Audubon in participating in campaign focused on Morgan Hill's current planning to expand their urban limit line/Stephanie. Attachment 5: postcard, at meeting
- 17. Adjourn

Attachment 2, Agenda #6:

The following standards are submitted to the SLU committee for review, comment, modification, and approval at the next meeting.

LOMAP SLU Proposed Standards for Residential Project Endorsement
 Karen, Brandon, Shiloh, Rod
 March 3, 2005

As a minimum, any project endorsed by SLU must meet the following requirements:

1. Project is located in a built urban setting or within an urban growth boundary approved by voters.
2. Project has a net density of at least 25 dwelling units/acre or a significant increase compared to the surrounding neighborhood.
3. Project design encourages walking and bicycling.
4. Project offers alternatives to car ownership and facilitates transit use.
5. Project has no significant ecological impacts or environmental hazards that cannot be mitigated.

The following items are not required of a project endorsed by SLU; however, projects which meet these requirements will be viewed more favorably by SLU and are more likely to receive chapter endorsement:

- Project supports mixed uses, such as residential and retail.

- At least 20% of residential units are affordable to persons at or below 80% of area median income.
- Project includes housing in a range of sizes, types, and price levels.
- Project is located near a downtown or near a major retail, commercial, or employment center.
- Project location has potential for high transit service levels in the future.
- Project integrates the natural landscape and connects with neighboring open spaces.
- Project design uses green building and landscaping techniques to minimize its environmental impact.

No set of criteria can anticipate every situation; thus SLU should reserve the right to endorse a project which does not meet these requirements or reject one that does based on relevant good environmental and sustainable land use judgment in particular situations.

The criteria above only apply to residential projects. For non-residential projects, the subcommittee does not propose additional criteria at this time, but for now recommends that SLU continue to use the Sierra Club California Urban Growth Management Policy Guidelines as specified at <http://www.sierraclubcalifornia.org/policies/growth.shtml>. SLU may wish to refine its guidelines for non-residential projects at a later date.

Attachment 3: report from Conscom/Lynne

Thank you for having me attend the Conservation Committee meeting. I found it very interesting and valuable to understanding how the SLU scope relates to this Conservation Committee.

I was able to give a report on our SLU Committee activities.

--The Conservation Committee is not working on North First San Jose and welcomes the SLU Committee involvement.

--They applauded our Committee's recent successes in impacting the plan for Mayfield, agreeing that this was a real victory.

--I thanked Roger and Alice for presenting at our last SLU meeting.

Surprisingly they did not discuss this material very much at the Conservation Committee meeting, postponing it for a future meeting.

In addition, I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet the other Regional Group representatives for the SLU (Ginny Laibl and Bonnie McClure). Now that I have met them in person, I can find out more ideas on how to be an effective regional rep on the SLU committee for the Guadalupe Group.

Also, I was able to find out about a use permit change request that affects the Guadalupe Group--the Lexington Quarry expansions. The Conservation Committee will coordinate with the Committee for Green Foothills to send a letter supporting the Sierra Club members and neighbors to the quarry that have concerns about the proposal.

Note also the request for action outlined in the email I sent previously.

Legislative email attachment from Bill Allyaud, state legislative directive, SC:

I need your advice on two bills that are for the Loma Prieta Chapter area. I have not put these on the Cal Leg Committee's agenda for this Saturday, but I can add them this week if you think we need to take a position this week. Also, please pass this on to any other person who may be able to hone in on key issues. I am looking for reasons to support, oppose, or how the bill could be amended to allow us to support or not oppose.

AB 939 (Mullin) This bill expands the area where you can put affordable housing if near transit. This looks benign (but I have not researched it) and I would not take a position on it unless the chapter wants me too. Text:

http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0901-0950/ab_939_bill_20050218_introduced.html

SB 680 (Simitian) This bill increases fees for congestion management in the Santa Clara Valley. Full text:

http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0651-0700/sb_680_bill_20050222_introduced.htm---

Attachment: San Carlos/Belmont rep':

Camille King has agreed to represent our San Carlos Belmont Group at your SLU meeting next Tues.

She is on the LP Strategic Plan committee - attended the Jan. workshop weekend and then worked with Terry and the others to put the plan together. She also interviewed The Palo Alto Medical Clinic reps for that article in the last LP. Camille joined our group last year and has become very active. She is secretary of our San Carlos/Belmont Group ExCom, a hike leader, and on our membership committee. She also attended the ExCom meeting this past Tues. so she is knowledgeable of what is being studied.

I trust that you will allow her to vote in my place.

Bonnie McClure