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Correspondence

Meeting of September 28, 2010

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 - i) Bill Spurgin – Broker/Realtor – Email
 - j) Michael L. Bledsoe - Letter

b. **eComment**

1. Attached

From: George Allen [mailto:gfallen916@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 8:54 AM

To: Alisa Johnson; Aubrie Fong; Anne Romo; Berenice Gallardo; Bonnie Pannell; Courtnie Thomas; Dinah Fischer; Daniel Roth; Elvia Medina; Faviola Ramirez; Helen Hewitt; Joann Cummins; Jessica Equihua; Kim Blackwell; Kevin McCarty; Katherine Piper; Lauren Hammond; Lisa Nava; Maria Alvarez; Matthew Bryant; Nancy Stevens; Patricia Clark; Pauline Lawrence; Robert King Fong; Randi Kay Stephens; Ray Tretheway; Robbie Waters; Sue Brown; Steve Cohn; Sandy Sheedy; Terri Lyn Larsen; Tyson Sheedy

Subject: Curtis Park Village

Dear Mayor & Council: It's bad enough that you are squandering the opportunity to make Curtis Park Village a truly transit-friendly development (no direct access to the two adjoining Light Rail stations!), thereby trashing one of Sacramento's finest neighborhoods. Now, you are being asked to allow the developer to bury toxic soil under the "park" he promises to build. This seems like something from a David Foster Wallace novel, rather than the action of a responsible city government. It is preposterous to consider this a viable solution.

NO toxics under Curtis Park Village, please.

George Allen
2470 5th Ave.

From: mooneyar [mailto:mooneyar@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 10:17 AM

To: Lauren Hammond
Subject: No toxics under the park

Please pass a resolution prohibiting toxics under the park!

Thank you.

Muriel Rosenberg
2724 Curtis Way

From: Doris Brown [mailto:dorisdlite@surewest.net]

Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2010 11:24 PM

To: Lauren Hammond

Subject: Toxics under park

I very much appreciate your facilitating an agreement on most points of concern by Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association and Paul Petrovich.

I understand that the final plan for Curtis Park Village still includes a plan to bury toxics under the park. This sounds extremely dangerous and I am concerned. Apparently, final approval is planned September 28.

I do support in-fill development and want the project to be completed. However, I also want this to be a safe development, both now and for future inhabitants.

Sincerely,
Doris Brown
2624 Fourth Avenue
Sacramento 95818

From: henry.gordon@yahoo.com [mailto:henry.gordon@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 10:05 AM

To: Alisa Johnson; Courtnie Thomas; Elvia Medina; Helen Hewitt; Lauren Hammond

Subject: CPV concerns

From: Henry Gordon Councilmember Hammond,

Your continuing efforts to resolve Curtis Park Village development issues in a manner that satisfies the concerns of both neighbors and the developer are greatly appreciated. I urge you to remain firm and oppose the burial of toxic wastes beneath park lands in the new development.

Thank you.

Henry Gordon
2191 4th Ave.
Sacramento, CA

From: Susan Levenson-Palmer [mailto:susanandgaryl@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2010 1:22 PM

To: Lauren Hammond

Cc: Suzanne & Bill Harrel; info@martinezglass.com

Subject: Traffic Mitigation from Petrovich Development for 5th Avenue, Donner Way and other Curtis Park Streets

Hello Lauren,

We were hoping to meet with you about this topic but your calendar was full by the time I contacted your assistant, Alisa. A number of years ago a small group of my 5th Avenue neighbors (including Bill Harrel and Rudy Martinez, to name a couple) and I met with you about concerns with traffic impacts for 5th Avenue from the Petrovich development. We expressed concern that 5th Avenue would become a thoroughfare extending from Broadway past McGeorge, past our doorsteps, through the Petrovich development and out to Freeport. You said you would never let that happen.

We also presented you with a petition signed by almost all of our Fifth Avenue neighbors, from 5th Avenue between Franklin and 24th Street, asking for traffic mitigation in the form of tree wells along our very wide section of 5th Ave. At that time you said that such traffic mitigation should come from the developer. We trusted you and believed you would take care of our concerns.

At a recent SCNA meeting several of us learned that our concerns have not been addressed and the Petrovich Development plan is going before the City Council for final approval this Tuesday. We are asking that you please follow through with your promises from that meeting. Please prevent 5th Avenue from becoming a thoroughfare. Please require the developer to set aside (in a City controlled account) an appropriate level of funding (say \$250,000) to mitigate the traffic impacts from the Petrovich development to 5th Avenue, Donner Way and other Curtis Park Streets.

At some recent meetings of Fifth Avenue neighbors a number of traffic mitigation ideas were discussed. One of our neighbors, Keith Miles, now thinks a median going down the length of Fifth Avenue from 24th Street to Franklin (with breaks for intersecting streets) would narrow the street enough to make Fifth Avenue a less desirable street to drive down especially at high speeds. There is plenty of width on 5th Avenue to accommodate this idea and still have room for parking on both sides and two-way traffic. This would be similar to T Street around the 4000s blocks, but the parkway would be narrow. And, this would be similar to what Petrovich is doing within the new development on Donner Way. This is one alternative to tree wells which Keith thinks would create blind spots. Other neighbors had ideas like alternating half closures at Franklin and 5th and 24th and 5th along with signs that restrict truck traffic and a roundabout at 5th and 26th Street. I would be happy to host meetings of traffic engineer and/or Petrovich and my 5th Avenue neighbors to explore/decide on the best option for us.

Thank you for attention to this matter. Sincerely,

Susan Levenson-Palmer

2450 5th Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95818

455-0370 (home)

847-0370 (cell)

From: Peter Thomsen [mailto:pkthomsen@mindspring.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2010 5:28 AM

To: Lauren Hammond

Subject: Curtis park village

We live in south west Curtis park and want very much to NOT have auto access at 10th. Bike and pedestrian only please. We will already be impacted by changes in traffic for college and elimination of light at 24th and Sutterville. Peter Thomsen 2527 Coleman way 95818

From: Pearson-Rounds, Vicki [mailto:pearsonr@skymail.csus.edu]

Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2010 2:52 PM

To: Lauren Hammond

Subject: CPV Entitlements - 10th Avenue

September 25, 2010

Dear City Council Member Hammond:

Curtis Park residents sent you a letter on September 21, 2010, concerning the upcoming City Council meeting regarding entitlements in Curtis Park Village (CPV). As you are aware, we are opposed to vehicular access on 10th Avenue which will negatively affect the quality of life in Curtis Park, especially at the park. Cut-through traffic to and from the CPV commercial area, via 10th avenue, will exacerbate already heavy traffic in the southwest section of Curtis Park and especially on 24th St. and around the park. We request your support in returning to the original plan for 10th Avenue—bicycle and pedestrian access only.

On September 23, 2010, the California Air Resources Board adopted target standards for greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to Senate Bill 375. The Sacramento area reduction target for greenhouse gas emissions for automobiles and light trucks of 7% for 2020 and 16% for 2035 was adopted at this meeting. Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) agreed with these targets and also suggested a 21% increase in bicycle and walking trips by 2035.

The CPV infill project presents an opportunity to utilize sustainable land use planning and practice smart growth principles. Closing 10th Avenue off to vehicular access and providing a bicycle and pedestrian only access point encourages alternative transportation complying with Senate Bill 375 and the recommendations of SACOG.

We hope to have your support on this vital issue at Tuesday night's meeting.

Sincerely,

Bill Rounds & Vicki Pearson-Rounds

2400 10th Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95818

cc: City Council Members

From: John Bailey [mailto:johnbailey115@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 3:24 PM

To: Lauren Hammond

Subject: Curtis Park Village, 10th Avenue

John Bailey
2533 Coleman Way
Sacramento, CA 95818

September 24, 2010

RE: Curtis Park Village, 10th Avenue Plan

Dear Councilwoman Hammond,

I am writing to express concern about the entitlement that would result in vehicular access into Curtis Park Village via 10th Avenue. Currently, Sutterville Road often times becomes congested with cars headed west toward Sacramento City College. In order to avoid long waits at the stop light, on a daily basis dozens of cars turn north on West Curtis Park Drive, west on Coleman Avenue, and south on 24th Street (circling the southwestern most block of the neighborhood counterclockwise), in order to make a 'right-turn on red' turn onto Sutterville Road. This apparently saves time.

If access to the Curtis Park Village Shopping Center were made available via 10th Avenue, a similar phenomenon is bound to occur. Motorists would find they could readily access the shopping center by heading north on West Curtis Park Drive, and west on 10th Avenue. This level of traffic would represent a safety hazard to children playing in the park and others.

Some residents living farther to the north want 10th Avenue to be open to traffic, anticipating that some intra-neighborhood traffic would be diverted from the 5th Avenue access into Curtis Park Village. They have overlooked the substantial impact of cut-through traffic off of Sutterville Road and the associated safety risks.

Please note the following:

- The Planning Commission has recommended that 10th be bike/pedestrian only.
- According to the Director of Traffic for Sacramento, and the traffic study, the impact on Donner Way and 5th Avenue of not having a road at 10th would be "insignificant."
- According to the Director of Traffic for Sacramento, no assessment of likely cut-through traffic has been attempted.
- This section of Curtis Park already suffers from much cut-through traffic due to the congested conditions on Sutterville.
- The congestion and amount of cut-through traffic will worsen as City College continues to expand, and after Curtis Park Village and Shopping Center are built.
- Paul Petrovich, the developer, has stated publicly that he doesn't care one way or the other if 10th is a road or bike/pedestrian only.

- Our neighborhood association passed a resolution (unanimously) stating that 10th should be bike/pedestrian only.
- The resolution that was passed at the City Council meeting on April 1st which included an entitlement that 10th Avenue should be a vehicular access point into Curtis Park Village should never have been passed. The public had been told that the Council was only going to deal with the EIR (Environmental Impact Report). I was in attendance that evening and by all appearances the public hearing and votes were cast upon the EIR, and there was no public notice with regard to the entitlement. Almost nobody was aware that this entitlement was within the resolution. The very fact that this entitlement was passed is undemocratic and unfair. It seems to have been snuck in via a secretive arrangement.

I very much appreciate your support for initially making the 10th Avenue access bike/pedestrian only. I understand that you wish, however, for the City to be able to convert the access to accommodate vehicular traffic at will. Given the secretive entitlement process cited above, I believe that would not be in the spirit of transparency in public affairs. In addition, would further congestion resulting in incentives for increased cut-through traffic, and an increase in the associated safety hazard, be likely to serve as sound reasons for opening 10th Avenue up to vehicular traffic in the future? Cut-through traffic is a poisonous mix now, and will only become more poisonous in the future. I do believe it makes sense that the 10th Avenue access should be built with removable bollards or some similar approach so that it is available for emergency vehicles as needed. But vehicular traffic on a regular basis would turn several blocks of Curtis Park West and 10th Avenue into virtual "arterial" streets. That would be improper and extremely unsafe.

Sincerely,
John Bailey

From: Bill Spurgin [mailto:bspurgin1@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 10:27 AM

To: Robbie Waters; Lauren Hammond

Cc: Bonnie Pannell; Sandy Sheedy; Ray Tretheway; Robert King Fong; Kevin McCarty; Bonnie Pannell; susanandgaryl@yahoo.com

Subject: Toxic materials - Traffic Mitigation from Petrovich Development for 5th Avenue, Donner Way and other Curtis Park Streets

Hello Robbie and Lauren,

I'm addressing this to you as I have had the pleasure of knowing both of you for years.

Please consider the traffic problems that will be created by this development. My MAIN CONCERN IS THE BURYING OF TOXIC SOIL AND BUILDING OVER IT. Two decades ago we (Curtis Park Neighborhood Association) were able to stop the fast tract approval of Major Serna and developers. The toxic soil was found on the majority of land, especially where the shops were and the settling pond. I recall one of the first meetings at that time and the settling pond was addressed. The officials stated that the pond was filled with dirt and I asked how much fill was added and the reply was 22-23 feet. I then asked how far down did you test and the reply was 19 feet. I walked out in disbelief that our city fathers & mothers would disregard our health issues and even consider this project. Luckily we had people like Chester Fiscus that had documentation and other evidence of the toxic soils and were able to stop the development at that stage.

Please consider the impact this will have on our health and traffic congestion.

Sincerely,
Bill

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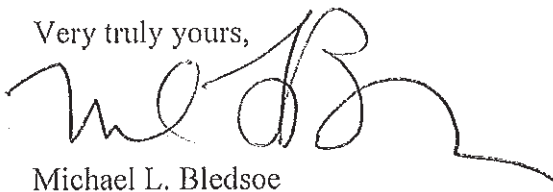
The Honorable Kevin Johnson, Mayor
Members of the City Council
City of Sacramento
915 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Curtis Park Village Project (P04-109)

Dear Mayor Johnson and Members of the City Council:

You are scheduled to consider the Curtis Park Village Project in a public hearing tomorrow night. Please be advised that I object to the project because the Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project is inadequate under California law, and I urge you not to approve the project.

Very truly yours,



Michael L. Bledsoe

Enclosure


City Council (Closed Session Begins at 5:30 pm)

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Top Discussion Item



Public Comments Summary

Opinion	Agenda Item	Support	Oppose	None	Total
	Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda	1	0	0	1
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Public Comments Details

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John Downs downsjn@gmail.com 2634 28th Street District 5 Sacramento CA	Regarding allowing chicken keeping in the city of Sacramento: Our family supports the ability to keep back yard chickens in the city. Many home owners in our neighborhood have ample room in the back yard for gardens and chickens. Currently our family keeps our few chickens with friends who live in an area that allows them. We would love to bring them home.			Support 9/28/2010 