

MARIN CONSERVATION LEAGUE

North Marin Unit Meeting Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009

Home of the Wilhelm's, 21 Hayes St.
(South Novato Blvd. to Arthur to Hayes St.)

>7:30 p.m.<

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Announcements:

3. Notes of last meeting – Oct. 7, 2009

4. Projects & Issues around Novato
 - a. Hanna Ranch – new plan, hotel, 2 restaurants and retail/office
 - b. Affordable housing at Bahia
 - c. Cemetery expansion – new mausoleums
 - d. Council action on Marin Energy Authority
 - e. North Coast Rail Authority EIR is out

5. Status reports:
 - a. Transportation issues – Don
 - b. Water District issues – Rick
 - c. Firemans Fund –
 - d. Todd Rd. alternative – neg. dec. approved by City Council
 - e. Preservation opportunities –
 - Sunset Ridge
 - Pacheco Valle
 - Burdell Island
 - f. MOST progress
 - g. Seepage of water at Hamilton – resolved?
 - h. Hanna Ranch
 - i. Old Hospital site project
 - j. Redwood Landfill permit
 - k. Hamilton wetlands -
 - l. Gness Field EIR – probably available in January
 - m. Cemetery expansion on Bugiea

6. Island schedule for review

7. Other

Next meeting:

Questions or comments, please call Susan Stompe 897-1610

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Draft Meeting Notes

Oct. 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order at the home of Susan Stompe. Also present were Bernie Meyers, Edith Piltch, Don Wilhelm, Gail Wilhelm, Rick Fraites and Ed Mainland.

Announcements: Oct. 17 Angel Island Founder's Grove dedication. Sustainable Novato Toxics Forum on Oct. 28 at 6:30 at the School District office.

Notes of last meeting: M/S/C (Gail, Edith) to approve as distributed

Projects and Issues around Novato:

Commons at Mt. Burdell: The scoping for the Commons was on the previous Monday. Susan delivered the letter from MCL. Don and Gail also spoke on other issues. There was a fairly good turn-out of people. The adjacent neighborhoods focused on traffic and visual impacts. Don summarized the issues raised.

North Redwood Blvd.: Susan reported that the MCL Land Use Committee approved MCL addressing 5 of the 6 issues the NMU requested at the last meeting. The issue that will not be addressed is including a hotel at the north end.

Novato General Plan: The Vision statement recommended by the Steering Committee was shot down by the Design Review and Planning Commission joint meeting. They appointed a committee to draft a rewrite. It will be discussed at the next Steering Committee meeting 10/14.

North Marin Water District: Rick reported that he reluctantly supported NMWD joining the Santa Rosa lawsuit against Sonoma Water Agency (SWA) for dropping the plan to tap Lake Sonoma water. He said NMWD is negotiating with the SWA for guidance on how to plan for increasing water needs in Novato. He said the reason SWA changed their plan had to do with the impacts of piping water to the Russian River from Lake Sonoma and the need to improve habitat below the dam. SWA is working on the habitat improvements.

Transportation: Don reported that MCL has sent in a response on the Narrows final EIR. He pointed out that there are two lawsuits filed regarding inadequacies of the EIR, but doubted that they will prevail.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Notes by Stompe