

Marin Conservation League

North Marin Unit

Meeting Notes

May 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order at the home of Bernie and Barbara Meyers. Attending were Edith Piltch, Dorothy Thomas, Bernie Meyers, Barbara Meyers, Laurie Corrigan and Susan Stompe.

Announcements: The city of Novato is having a 50th Birthday party on Sat. and burying a new time capsule under the new/old city hall.

Minutes: The notes of the April 8 meeting were approved as distributed.

North Redwood Blvd.: Susan reviewed the last meeting of the General Plan Steering Committee at which the land use designations were made for the North Redwood Blvd. Three land uses were approved: Downtown Core (like Grant Ave.), Mixed Use/retail commercial, Mixed Use/Urban Village (a minimum of 10% retail). The committee would not accept inclusion of parking in the FAR (Floor Area Ratio) or a height limit. They did accept putting a maximum of 40% for retail/commercial in the Urban Village land use to assure there would be some housing. The next meeting is on May 26 when NRB policies will be discussed.

Solar Array at Olive and Atherton: Susan reviewed the proposal, but neglected to bring the project description, so the discussion was very tentative. She offered to scan the report and email it to unit members. Unit members wanted to see drawings and a map. Recommendations were postponed until the next meeting. Edith suggested having a Novato or Marin map at the meetings to help orient people to sites being discussed.

Trees on Levees: An article in the SF Chronicle spurred Susan into attending a recent Flood Control Advisory Committee meeting to find out if any of the trees on Novato Creek levee planted as mitigation for the flood control project would be threatened. Staff said the trees are probably not threatened at this point.

Bicycle track at Stafford: This was brought up just FYI since plans have not been generated yet. The proposal is for a pump track somewhere at the Stafford Lake Park. It would have to be done in cooperation with the NM Water District since water quality would need to be protected.

North Coast Rail Authority: Bernie said he had no new information.

Transportation: Don did not attend

Water District: Rick did not attend.

Dorothy Thomas asked if anyone knew about what killed the Modesto Ash on Cambridge and whether the city was going to remove it/them. No one knew. She also asked if the Fire Station in Ignacio was going to be fixed or abandoned since it seems to have structural problems.

The next meeting will be June 16 at Bernie Meyers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Notes by S. Stompe