

Marin Conservation League
North Marin Unit
Meeting Notes
April 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at the U'Ren home. Present were: Frank U'Ren , Pat U'Ren, Joyce Applen, Rick Fraithe, Pat Eklund, Dorothy Thomas and Susan Stompe

Announcements: Next Saturday is Clean & Green Day; there will be a walk in Tiburon at Old St. Hillary's on May 3; City Open House of new Administrative building is May 3.
Notes of January and February meetings were accepted as distributed.

Urban Growth Boundary: The city produced a 'white paper' on the current UGB which expires in 2017. In review of the white paper, the first discussion was whether renewal of the UGB should be done by the city council or by a public vote. It was recommended that a vote of the people would strengthen the support of the measure and would enable the voters to define the reasons for amendments. The next area of discussion was how the changes in LAFCO policies have changed the dynamic. LAFCO no longer requires dual annexation, so the extension of sewer lines into unincorporated areas could increase densities but not require city comment unless the extension crosses city owned property. It was felt that the city should have some comment on extending sewers into unincorporated areas since that is a trigger for urban level development. It was also felt that there should be better review of requests such as: verification of septic failure by an expert, a report on the public health treat issued by Marin County Health and the exploration of all other alternatives. The group recommends that staff report alternative #3 with tighter criteria for accepting sewer extensions outside city limits. Stronger coordination with LAFCO and NSD can be achieved through better communication.

North, north Redwood Blvd. charettes are planned for June 7 and 14, both Saturdays in the mornings. Pat reported that GGBHTD is doing studies on the use of the PG&E site for their bus storage facility.

Downtown Bus Stop: Pat said there is some push back from the two designs presented and that there should be a third alternative that is less intrusive. Creating a major bus 'station' would induce more affordable housing.

Gross Field: The Board of Supervisors intends to appoint a stakeholder group to explore alternative runway lengths. The FEIS is still not available and Susan could find no economic information in the Draft EIS.

MOST progress: Joyce reported that the election in Pacheco Valle to fund the acquisition was overwhelmingly passed. They are also working on Sky Ranch in San Anselmo.

There were brief discussions of pros and cons of synthetic turf and what to do with the Mission Lodge site. Advertising information on the Mission Lodge site does not mention it being in the flood plain or needing city approval to take over a city right-of-way on front St.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30
The next meeting will be at noon on Thursday, May 22 at Stompes.