



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2015 6:30PM

5305 Valburn

Special Called Board Meeting

In attendance: Stacey Brewer, Jen Despina, Cuatro Groos, Rebecca Leightman, Carol Jones, Shannon Meroney, Ernie Saulmon, Joyce Statz, Robert Thomas

Absent: Caroline Alexander, Kirk Ashy, Stephannie Behrens, Debra Danziger, Carol Dochen, Bridget Glaser, Matthew Grant, Chris Hajdu, Miguel Romano, John Sepehri, Jack Skaggs

We reviewed the agenda for the Annual Meeting, and we revised agenda to prioritize the topics, in case time runs short. We now have our PUD presentation as the opening one, with Sheri Gallo following. That provides information quickly to those who are very concerned about this issue above all else. Our parting slides introduce the idea that Ms. Gallo will be leading the community dialogue about this. I talked with her office today, so she knows about this change. [attached has agenda and PUD piece]

We then walked through the PUD slides and made some small adjustments. The flow is essentially to explain the basics of a PUD [some neighbors know the acronym to be Public Utility District, so there is confusion], then talk about what's at the current site and what's most recently proposed (very high level). At their chairs (among other handouts) are the talking points sent out earlier today and the comparison chart we published last week, so those who want to can delve into details. The timeline slide will be essentially eyewash, saying this will be on the web site for you to study in detail; the point is that the timeline is undefined - the TBDs that we had in August are still TBD; the cycle of comments between the City and applicant hasn't yet completed its first round, much less made it to Environmental Board... all of which precedes the ZAP and Council meetings. So the deadline is not breathing down our backs. The last slide highlights our overall intent and then segues to Council Member Gallo's talk.

We reviewed the talking points handout, with no changes made. A question was asked about who is on the Ad Hoc Committee – it's Joyce, Robert, Stacey, Rebecca, Carol Dochen, Shannon, and Leon Whitney.

We discussed a meeting Cuatro had yesterday where he (as an individual, not representing the Board) had a cordial and respectful meeting with Ann Denkler, Ben Luckens, and Dan Germain. Those who are following Facebook know the kinds of exchanges that have been going on with Ann and Dan for weeks now, regarding the PUD. Ben is on our Zoning Committee and a deep expert on zoning and planning. Discussion centered around and agreed on the common goals all of us have and that acrimony needs to be eliminated.

In answer to a question about charrettes, Cuatro described the charrette that was done for The Triangle several years ago. We will want him to describe that experience to the rest of the Board at some point, with the opportunity for you all to ask questions about how that worked. It's an excellent example of what can be done to bring a neighborhood together to design a good result.

Other conversations ranged over how to keep the Facebook conversation focused and how to remind people of NWACA's position when it comes into question again. Our plan is to point back to the talking points as needed, and I'll try to watch Facebook more closely, to make those links before things go awry, but I won't be there 24x7, so feel free to call or email me if I'm not on top of it soon enough.