

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
April 3, 2006 – 5:30 P.M.
Pasadena Senior Center, Multi-Purpose Room
85 East Holly Street

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. (Absent: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Vice Mayor Madison)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:43 p.m., to discuss the following closed sessions:

Vice Mayor Madison arrived at 5:46 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Councilmember Holden arrived at 5:59 p.m.

**Agency Negotiators: Karyn Ezell, Art Chavez
Employee Organizations: Pasadena Management Association**

Councilmember Gordo arrived at 6:04 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

**City Negotiators: Karyn Ezell, Art Chavez
Employees: Non-represented Management Employees**

The above two closed session items were discussed, with no reportable action at this time.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:41 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Holden.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Steve Madison
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Steve Haderlein (Returned at 7:05 p.m.)
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Paul Little
Councilmember Joyce Streater
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler

Staff:

City Manager Cynthia Kurtz
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Jane L. Rodriguez

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

The Mayor presented a proclamation designating the week of April 3-9, 2006 as Public Health Week. The proclamation was received by Dr. Takashi Wada, Health Officer.

Dr. Wada enumerated various services provided by the Public Health Department and invited the community to participate in the activities planned to celebrate Public Health Week's theme of "Designing Healthy Communities – Raising Healthy Kids."

The Mayor recognized various members of the Public Health Department who were in attendance.

Police Chief Bernard Melekian introduced Sergeant Pete Hetterna as the incoming Sergeant-at-Arms for the Council meetings. The Chief announced that the former Sergeant-at-Arms, John Dewar, had been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, congratulated Lt. Dewar on his recent promotion, and thanked him for his service.

Lt. Dewar thanked Chief Melekian for the opportunity to serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms; and, as a resident of Pasadena, expressed his appreciation to the Council and staff for their service to the community.

The Mayor expressed appreciation for the professional attention given to Council by Lt. Dewar and Sgt. Hetterna.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following persons expressed concerns regarding the treatment by the representative of Overland, Pacific & Cutler of Peoria Street tenants who are being relocated, asked that the representative (Jacqueline Mireles) be replaced with a new person to negotiate with the tenants, and asked that the move-out date be moved from May 15, 2006 to the end of June 2006 to accommodate the school schedules of affected children:

Councilmember Haderlein returned at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Irma Muñoz, Mujeres de la Tierra, representing the Peoria tenants, submitted a copy of a letter that she had sent on behalf of the Peoria tenants to Gregory Robinson, Housing/Community Development Administrator, dated March 12, 2005, outlining numerous concerns.

Ms. Herminia Ortiz, Pasadena resident
Mr. Patricio Rivera, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Gordo indicated that his field representative, Vannia de la Cuba, has been working on these issues, outlined a possible dispute regarding the availability of relocation assistance for all tenants of the property, and noted a need to correct and monitor any misconceptions or missteps related to Council's prior action on the project. He suggested the City Manager and staff work with his field representative to organize

a workshop with the tenants to discuss their rights and reach some resolution of the issues.

The City Manager indicated staff will arrange a workshop to be held on a Saturday to address these issues: translation of forms into Spanish, verification of the tenants' rights, consideration of altering the move-out date, and communication of all necessary information to the tenants in the appropriate language.

Mr. Roman Ruiz, Day One representative, invited the Council and community to a Town Hall Meeting on underage drinking to be held on April 4, 2006 at the Pasadena Public Library in collaboration with the City of Pasadena. Mr. Ruiz announced a Spring Fling dance for students will be held on April 11, 2006 at Robinson Park, and that April is Alcohol Awareness Month.

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 6, 2006
March 20, 2006

MINUTES APPROVED

CLAIM RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 10,065	Curtis Kyle Banks	\$ Not Stated
Claim No. 10,066	Rod Bailey	800.00
Claim No. 10,067	Jovonna L. Hollins	580.00
Claim No. 10,068	George E. Falardeau	250.00
Claim No. 10,069	Maria Amparo Osorio	30,044.16
Claim No. 10,070	Eleanor Rodriguez	2,300.00
Claim No. 10,071	Joseph Riggs	1,900.00
Claim No. 10,072	Larry Smith	531,000.00
Claim No. 10,073	Walter and Bernice Nishikawa	463.15

PUBLIC HEARINGS SET

Setting of the April 24 public hearings discussed separately at the request of Councilmember Gordo.

~~April 24~~ May 8, 2006, 7:00 p.m. - Zoning Map and General Plan Amendment for the RM-12 Section of the Los Robles/Adena Study Area

Setting of the May 1 public hearing discussed separately at the request of Vice Mayor Madison.

~~April 24~~ May 8, 2006, 7:00 p.m. - Zoning Map and General Plan Amendment for the RM-16 Section of the Los Robles/Adena Study Area

~~May 4~~ May 15, 2006, 7:00 p.m. - Mayfield Senior School Master Development Plan, Zone Change and General Plan Amendment

May 15, 2006, 8:00 p.m. - Schedule of Taxes, Fees and Charges (Rescheduled)

It was moved by Vice Mayor Madison, seconded by Councilmember Little, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exceptions of setting the two public hearings on April 24, 2006 and the public hearing on May 1, 2006, which were discussed separately. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**CONSENT ITEMS
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

Councilmember Gordo
recused himself at 7:16 p.m.,
due to a possible conflict of
interest.

~~April 24~~ May 8, 2006, 7:00 p.m. - Zoning Map and General
Plan Amendment for the RM-12 Section of the Los
Robles/Adena Study Area

~~April 24~~ May 8, 2006, 7:00 p.m. - Zoning Map and General
Plan Amendment for the RM-16 Section of the Los
Robles/Adena Study Area

The City Manager indicated a change in the date of the April 24
public hearings was necessary to accommodate the absence
of Councilmember Holden on that date, and recommended that
the two hearings be set for May 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Madison, seconded by
Councilmember Little, to set the above two public hearings for
May 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

~~May 4~~ May 15, 2006, 7:00 p.m. - Mayfield Senior School
Master Development Plan, Zone Change and General Plan
Amendment

Vice Mayor Madison commented on the level of public interest
in this matter and asked that consideration be given to allow
additional time to elapse prior to the public hearing to provide
ample time for the public to review the information.

The City Manager indicated staff will coordinate with the
applicant and Council's availability using a date of May 15 at
7:00 p.m. for the public hearing, with an alternative date of
June 12 at 7:00 p.m., if necessary.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Madison, seconded by
Councilmember Little, to set the above public hearing for
May 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
FROM COUNCIL
COMMITTEES**

**APPROVAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT BY
AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND GREEN
HOTEL, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND
GOLDRICH AND KEST, LLC., FOR PURCHASE OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COVENANTS AT GREEN HOTEL,
50 EAST GREEN STREET**

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that
the City Council take the following actions:

(a) Approve the terms and conditions of the Affordable
Housing Agreement between the City of Pasadena and Green
Hotel, a California limited partnership, and Goldrich and Kest,
LLC., ("Owner") for the purchase of affordable housing
covenants for 138 senior rental units at the Green Hotel for a
consideration of \$1,750,000;

(b) Approve a Journal Voucher transferring \$1,750,000 in Housing Opportunities Funds (Inclusionary Housing Trust Funds - \$1,000,000 and State Local Housing Trust Funds - \$750,000) to the Green Hotel project account; and
(c) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, in a form satisfactory to the City Attorney, all documents necessary to implement the transaction. (Agreement No. 19,050; Journal Voucher No. 2006-40)

Recommendation of Community Development Committee:
The staff recommendation was considered by the Community Development Committee at its regular meeting on March 23, 2006. Staff will report orally to the City Council on the Committee's action.

Councilmember Gordo
returned at 7:28 p.m.

Councilmember Little, Chair of the Finance Committee, introduced the agenda item, explained the federal funding arrangements for the project, and responded to questions.

Ms. Aldra Allison, Project Manager, reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions.

Mr. Gregory Robinson, Housing/Community Development Administrator, specified that this project falls within the approvals for use of inclusionary housing funds, and responded to questions.

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Vice Mayor Madison, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

DESIGNATION OF THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL AS THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LRA) FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE DESIDERIO ARMY RESERVE CENTER
Recommendation of City Manager: Adopt a resolution seeking to be recognized by the Department of Defense as the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) for the closure of the Desiderio Army Reserve Center. (Resolution No. 8572)

The City Manager introduced the agenda item.

Ms. Stephanie DeWolfe, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Department, summarized the agenda report and responded to questions. Ms. DeWolfe introduced William J. Cassidy, Jr., Defense Conversion Resources, LLC President, who will be handling the property negotiations between the U.S. Army and prospective purchasers of the property.

Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, responded to questions regarding environmental factors related to the property and the process for transferring ownership of the property.

Discussion followed on the size of the property and possible subdivision of the property.

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

VACATION OF SEAT HELD BY TRACY HOWARD FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Tenant Representative)

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve the above vacation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

REJECTION OF ALL BIDS AND AUTHORIZATION OF A RE-BID FOR THE PASADENA CONFERENCE CENTER EXPANSION

Recommendation of Pasadena Center Operating Company (PCOC):

- (1) Reject all bids received on February 9, 2006, in response to the Specifications for Construction of the Pasadena Conference Center Expansion Project; and
- (2) Authorize the PCOC to modify the project to reduce scope and construction duration and solicit new bids for the project.

Vice Mayor Madison, Council representative on the Pasadena Center Operating Company (PCOC) Board, introduced the agenda item and responded to questions.

Mr. James Canfield, Acting Chief Executive Officer of PCOC, reviewed the agenda report, discussed the status of the pro forma/financing options for the project, and responded to questions. Mr. Canfield stated it was the intent of the PCOC to complete the re-bid process and obtain the cost figures for the project, then roll this information into the debt service and pro forma with revenue figures, and then present this information to the Finance Committee for review with PCOC's recommendation for Council action. He confirmed the new bid process will contain an opportunity to place deductive alternatives in the bid package.

Mr. Thomas Seifert, PCOC President, discussed the proposed re-bid process and responded to questions.

Ms. Ann-Marie Villicana, PCOC Vice President and Chair of the PCOC Expansion Committee, outlined the project review process being conducted by various PCOC committees and the Board and responded to questions. Ms. Villicana indicated the current revenue information for the project will be provided to Councilmembers Haderlein and Tyler, per their requests.

Mr. Darold Pieper, Esq., legal counsel for PCOC, explained the changed circumstances and the rationale for changing strategies and re-bidding the project; discussed an option to extend the bid period, if necessary; and responded to questions.

Discussion followed on the budget/financing plan for the project, viability of the project, timing of the re-bid process, means and timing for providing the pro forma/financial information to Council, providing a reasonable and adequate amount of time for the new bid process, and consideration of extending the bid period.

Councilmember Holden commented on the original bid amounts and cost estimates for the project, and encouraged the PCOC to explore financing options before the new bids are due in order to provide an opportunity to address the gap between increased costs of the project and the projected revenue budget.

Councilmember Tyler expressed concerns regarding the lack of access to an operational pro forma for the project at this time and possible manipulation of the financial assumptions used as a basis to back up revenues for the project.

Councilmember Little suggested bidders be encouraged to present their own cost-saving ideas with the bids for the re-scoped project, and noted the pro forma would be presented to the Finance Committee for review and analysis prior to being presented to Council.

Councilmember Haderlein stressed the need for access to a revenue analysis prior to the bid opening.

Councilmembers Holden and Gordo emphasized that bidders must understand the need for subcontractors to meet necessary standards for safety records and labor relations, and not have a history of problems with litigation.

Mr. Canfield informed Councilmembers Haderlein and Tyler that he could be contacted regarding any questions on the pro forma/revenues for the project.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Madison, seconded by Councilmember Little, to approve the Pasadena Center Operating Company's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 8:44 p.m. to the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission.

RECONVENED

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at 8:45 p.m. (Absent: None)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, INCLUDING ALLOWING WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN PARKS, CONVERSION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES TO OFFICES IN THE WEST GATEWAY SPECIFIC PLAN AREA, INCREASING THE ALLOWABLE SIZE OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN THE RM-12 DISTRICT AND VARIOUS OTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDING CODIFICATION OF INTERPRETATIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Adopt the Initial Study and the Negative Declaration (Attachment B of the agenda report) for the proposed Zoning Code Amendments;
- (2) Acknowledge the De Minimis Impact Finding on the State Fish and Wildlife Habitat (Attachment C of the agenda report);
- (3) Approval of a finding of consistency with the General Plan as contained in the agenda report;
- (4) Approval of the proposed Zoning Code Amendments as contained in the agenda report; and
- (5) Direct the City Attorney's Office to prepare an ordinance codifying these amendments and return within 60 days for first reading.

Recommendation of Planning Commission: The Planning Commission recommends approval of this Zoning Code amendment.

Recommendation of Recreation and Parks Commission: The Recreation and Park Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendment to the Council. The Recreation and Park Commission made several recommendations to the Council regarding this amendment. They include:

- (1) Funds to be used for both maintenance and capital improvements;
- (2) Funds generated by the use of the park for wireless facilities cannot be used to offset money from the general fund;
- (3) There be no displacement of park activities during construction or maintenance of a wireless facility;
- (4) Electrical meters be consolidated to the extent possible; and
- (5) Park be restored after construction, minimize disruption of parking during construction.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on March 20, 2006 in the Pasadena Star-News and on March 23 and 30, 2006 in the Pasadena Journal; and no correspondence was received.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item, provided a brief history of the proposal to allow wireless communications in parks, discussed the proliferation and regulation of placement of wireless equipment, and responded to questions. She noted that staff concurred with the recommendations of the Recreation and Parks Commission as cited above and will include these recommendations in the guidelines and/or Code, as applicable.

Mr. Denver Miller, Principal Planner, reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions.

Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, described the role of the Director of Public Works Department in the process involving wireless communications, and responded to questions.

The City Attorney explained the distinction in the discretionary rights allowed for properties that are City-owned, privately-owned, or a public right-of-way.

Discussion followed on the process for approving wireless communications in the parks, projected revenues for the wireless communications permits/fees, issues involving the design of the wireless installations, use of revenues generated by the permits/fees, regulation of wireless equipment, and problems of the cumulative impact of the wireless equipment.

Councilmember Streator expressed concerns regarding the complicated nature of the process involving wireless communications approvals, the height of the poles, and the possible need to limit the number of poles permitted.

Councilmember Haderlein suggested inclusion of a requirement that the installed pole be no larger in diameter than the existing pole.

Councilmember Little suggested a requirement be included that would not allow attachments to be added to the pole.

Councilmember Gordo suggested a provision be included for removal of the equipment at the owner's expense, if the company should move out or the technology becomes outdated.

Councilmember Holden expressed concerns that the proposed benefits did not outweigh the negative impacts of the wireless proposal.

The Mayor expressed concerns regarding problems in ascertaining the ongoing budgetary use and benefits derived from the wireless installations for each park as differentiated from the general fund allocations for each park.

Ms. Anita Fromholz, Chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission, spoke in support of the Commission's recommendations as cited above.

In response to a concern expressed by Ms. Fromholz, the City Manager clarified that procedurally, the allocation of funds is not included as a part of the Zoning Code, but is dealt with as a part of the budget process.

Councilmember Streator suggested the wireless communications proposal be referred to the Economic Development and Technology Committee for review.

Discussion continued on other proposed amendments and the relationship of habitable space to the calculation of the floor area ratio (FAR) and illegal conversions of attic space to living space.

It was moved by Councilmember Streator, seconded by Councilmember Little, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

It was moved by Councilmember Streator, seconded by Councilmember Little, to approve the City Manager's recommendation, excluding the provisions to allow wireless communications facilities in parks which are referred to the Economic Development and Technology Committee for further study and recommendations. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Councilmember Little suggested staff notify the Recreation and Parks Commission that the Economic Development and Technology Committee will be reviewing the wireless communications provisions and the date of the meeting/discussion.

The Mayor indicated he would also update Ms. Fromholz on Council's action.

PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF 220 NORTH SAN RAFAEL AVENUE AS A HISTORIC MONUMENT

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Acknowledge that the designation of a historic resource is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Section 15308);
- (2) As recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission, find that 220 North San Rafael Avenue is significant under Criterion "a" for its association with events from 1926 to 1974 in the scientific community that were major contributions world-wide in the field of seismology, especially those contributions of Charles F. Richter, Beno Gutenberg and Hugo Benioff;

- (3) Approve the designation of the property at 220 North San Rafael Avenue as a historic monument;
- (4) Adopt a resolution approving a Declaration of Historic Monument Designation for 220 North San Rafael Avenue, Pasadena, California;
- (5) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Declaration of Historic Monument Designation for 220 North San Rafael Avenue, Pasadena, California; and
- (6) Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder. (Resolution No. 8573)

Recommendation of Historic Preservation Commission: On February 6, 2006, at a noticed public hearing, the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the designation of 220 North San Rafael Avenue as a historic monument.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported 14 copies of the notice of public hearing were posted on March 20, 2006; 37 copies of the notice were mailed on March 20, 2006; and no correspondence was received.

Ms. Mary Jo Winder, Senior Planner, summarized the agenda report and responded to questions.

The following persons spoke in support of the historic monument designation:

Ms. Sonia Ransom, representing the property owner (Rod Youngson)

Ms. Christine Lazzaretto, Pasadena Heritage representative

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Streator, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

It was moved by Vice Mayor Madison, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

ORDINANCES – ADOPTED

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 16, (SUBDIVISIONS), TO REQUIRE THAT CONDOMINIUM CONVERSIONS MEET THE PARKING REQUIREMENT OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED, AND TO PROHIBIT COMPACT PARKING SPACES” (Introduced by Councilmember Streator) (Ordinance No. 7034)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:
AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Haderlein, Holden, Little,
Streator, Tyler, Vice Mayor Madison,
Mayor Bogaard
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 17 (THE ZONING CODE), ARTICLE 2 (ZONING MAP) TO ESTABLISH A HEIGHT OVERLAY DISTRICT (HL-28) ON CERTAIN PARCELS ALONG NORTH ALLEN AVENUE AND AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS OF THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS TO LIMIT THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT AND LOWER THE ENCROACHMENT PLANE REQUIREMENTS WHEN ABUTTING RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS" (Introduced by Councilmember Little) (Ordinance No. 7035)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:
AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Haderlein, Holden, Little,
Streator, Tyler, Vice Mayor Madison,
Mayor Bogaard
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

INFORMATION ITEM

REVISED PREDEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW FOR THE FORMER EAST CAMPUS OF AMBASSADOR COLLEGE (WESTGATE PASADENA, 134 EAST VALLEY STREET)
Recommendation of City Manager: The report is for information only.

Mr. Vincent Gonzalez, Senior Planner, summarized the agenda report and responded to questions.

Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, noted that page 3 of the agenda report, "Trees" section should be corrected to reflect that the five public street trees are protected by the tree ordinance. Mr. Bruckner noted that a model of the project could be viewed at the Permit Center, and responded to questions regarding various features of the project and requirements under the Central District Specific Plan. Mr. Bruckner discussed the timing and review process for the project and responded to questions.

The City Attorney confirmed that the process as set forth in the Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) does not offer the option for Council to refer this project to the Planning Commission; and clarified the legal issues related to the prohibition for the project to be reviewed by the Board of Zoning Appeals (as part of the process) and the Planning Commission.

The City Manager responded to questions regarding conformance of the project to the Specific Plan, the process to be followed for the project, the content of the FEIR, and the separate financial impact report that will be presented at the same time as the FEIR.

Discussion followed on the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), need to provide ample opportunity for the community to review and comment on the documents, adequacy of the current process in reviewing a project of this magnitude, and differences in the project and in the processes to be followed from the project as originally presented to Council in November 2005 and as it is currently being presented.

Councilmember Tyler stressed the need to provide an adequate period of time for the community to review and respond to the FEIR.

Councilmember Haderlein suggested the Recreation and Parks Commission review the "trade off" provisions of the project as this pertains to the residential impact fee requirements.

Since review of this project by the Recreation and Parks Commission is outside of the normal review process in this instance, the City Attorney indicated staff will look into the viability of referring the project to the Recreation and Parks Commission, with scheduling to occur so as not to interfere with the process that is set forth under the Code; will determine if review by the Commission would be consistent with the PMC; and will inform Council if this action is appropriate and allowable. She cautioned Council regarding the establishment of additional review bodies for a project that is already in the process.

Vice Mayor Madison discussed the public's perception of this project being manipulated to alter the review process and the unintended consequences that could be created by the size of the project, and expressed support for a maximum opportunity for review by the community.

Discussion continued on due process issues for the developer if the review processes are altered for the project, possible establishment of an ad hoc task force to review the project, shaping of a project through a Planned Development process, cumulative impact of the project on the Central District, and financial impacts of the project.

Councilmember Little suggested setting a 45-day review period for the FEIR.

The Mayor expressed concerns that the normal process does not allow as full a consideration of important environmental issues related to the project as is necessary.

Mr. Fred Zepeda, West Pasadena Residents Association (WPRA) representative, expressed concerns regarding the project as currently proposed and the review process being followed for the project, and suggested the FEIR be reviewed by various advisory bodies.

Ms. Sonia Ransom, Los Angeles resident, asked staff to provide information on the length of the review period between the issuance of the FEIR and the public hearing for the Rose Bowl project and the Conference Center project.

The City Manager indicated staff will contact Ms. Ransom with this information.

In response to Vice Mayor Madison's question, Mr. Bruckner will research and provide the Vice Mayor with information on the history of the changes that were made in the guidelines for environmental review as this relates to the changes in review and certification by the Hearing Officer rather than a Commission.

Following brief discussion and by Council consensus, the report was received and filed, and staff was directed to extend the review period for the FEIR from 25 to 45 days prior to the public hearing on the project.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Mayor reported staff was continuing to work with the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) on the scheduling of a joint meeting of the City Council and the PUSD Board of Education.

Discussion followed on the scheduling, televising, and setting of agenda topics for the joint meeting.

Councilmember Holden suggested setting the joint meeting on a Monday evening (replacing a Council meeting) to accommodate televising the meeting.

Councilmember Haderlein suggested the agenda contain a limited number of topics in order to provide adequate time for discussion.

Councilmember Tyler suggested inclusion of a discussion of the Board's long-term planning for the District and a discussion of the financial underpinnings of the District (where the money is coming from, how it is distributed, where it is spent, and issues to be addressed).

Councilmember Little suggested the discussion include identification of the issues facing the District; how the Board plans to address these issues; and the long-term financial, faculties, and space usage plans of the Board.

Vice Mayor Madison requested the Legislative Policy Committee review Proposition 82, Preschool for All Act and report to Council on a possible position for the Council to take.

In response to Vice Mayor Madison's question, the City Manager confirmed the ordinance to change the membership of the Design Commission was agendized for the Council meeting of April 10, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 11:00 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



Jane L. Rodriguez
City Clerk