



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
OPEN SPACE & CONSERVATION ELEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Monday, April 13, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Pasadena City Hall

Grand Conference Room SO38 (Basement of City Hall – southeast corner)

100 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

Web page - www.cityofpasadena.net/OpenSpace

The meeting was called to order by Chair Janisch at 6:38 pm.

Present: Richard Janisch (Chair); Edwina Travis-Chin (Vice-Chair); Don Bremner; Mike Coppess; Anne Dove; Laura Garrett; Madhu Kumar

Absent: Stephen Acker (alternate), Jane Beesley (alternate), Paul Edelman, Belinda Faustinos, Roger Gray (alternate), Cara McLane Meyer (alternate), Carolyn Naber (alternate), Tim Wendler (alternate), George Wilson (alternate)

City Staff: Laura Dahl, Robert Ávila, Rusty Whisman (intern)

I. Public Comment On Matters Not On The Agenda

Linda Zinn—*General Plan Guiding Principles*. Asked if the Guiding Principles of the General Plan have recently changed. Open Space seems marginalized compared to development as there is no mention of open space. Ms. Dahl replied that the guiding principles have not changed since adoption in 1994. Staff is initiating the updating process of the Land Use and Mobility Elements of the General Plan. There will be opportunities to make public comment. Specifically, there will be an opportunity to incorporate sustainability related language into the General Plan, which is currently absent.

Miriam Nakamura-Quan—*Opportunities Site Map for Wireless Facilities*. The review of the Open Space Element of the General Plan is an opportunity to change the criteria for parks from 2 acres to 0.3 acres for sites like the South Lake pocket park. This site is listed in the Green Space Element as a resource. Critical of Opportunities Map review process. Does not like that city owned properties are on list because it includes open space parcels.

Raymond Quan—*Opportunities Site Map for Wireless Facilities*. Does not like that there is no public comment or notice in the process for siting new wireless facilities. Believes the 30-day process is too short to challenge placement. Does not like that the opportunities site map includes locations near residential areas. Believes City will fill pocket parks with wireless facility equipment.

Joan Chin—Feels her neighborhood is subjected to an over concentration of the Opportunities Site Map locations.

Anne Higginbottom—Feels her neighborhood is uniquely and adversely impacted by the Opportunities Site Map. Recommend that the City Council slows down the process until the public understands the matter.

II. **Guest Presentation**—Meredith McKenzie, Watershed Sustainability Program Manager, Arroyo Seco Foundation, *Geography of the Arroyo Seco and How It Impacts the Open Space Network*

III. **Approval of Minutes—March 9, 2009**

Committee Member Bremner moved to approve the minutes and Committee Member Dove seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved without changes.

IV. **Update on Land Use & Mobility Element (LUME)**

The Council released the list of primary/alternate advisory committee members for the Land Use & Mobility Element (LUME). In recognition of interest from multiple Open Space/Conservation Committee members, Chair Janisch will share responsibilities with Vice-Chair Chin and Committee Members Garrett and Kumar on a rotating three month basis. The first LUME Committee meeting is April 29, 2009. Future meetings will occur on a monthly basis or as needed.

First event for LUME is planned for the afternoon of May 30, 2009. The location is going to be the former Stein-Mart retail space at the Shops on South Lake (345 S. Lake Avenue). The event will have three components:

- An open house format like Open Space/Conservation Element Community Fair.
- A series of information sessions. Session speakers and topics have not been set yet. Some sessions will be repeated.
 - Possible video presentation of Will Rogers' speech at Open Space/Conservation Community Fair in either the open house or information sessions.
- A celebration of art with live performances and displays of art by students. Trying to attract people to a planning event that normally would not come.

Four smaller events will be planned in June in different geographic areas around the City.

A continuing activity with LUME is stakeholder interviews to gauge community issues. The goal is to interview about 100 people. Potential dates for upcoming interview sessions are tentatively scheduled in late April. Committee member Laura Garrett volunteered to be interviewed.

V. Update on Land Use Inventory

Updated vacant lands inventory maps to display natural open space and developed open space. This includes land that was suggested at the OS/C community fair to be open space and properties that are not vacant, but that have a large amount of undeveloped land, such as Art Center's campus. Staff are in the process of adding additional layers to the map, such as public safety information.

VI. Vision Statement and Principles

Development of a vision statement and guiding principles for the Open Space Element—the packet included the General Plan Guiding Principles developed for the Land Use Element. This will be updated through the efforts of the LUME and OSC. Also included are the core principles from Recreation and Green Space Element. This effort is an opportunity to add sustainability principles and objectives to the General Plan.

Chair Janisch asked the committee members to write up guiding principles and vision statement and send to Ms. Dahl for incorporation into a draft vision and principles. This will be a major discussion for the May 11 meeting. Drafts from committee members are due May 5th for incorporation into the agenda packet. Staff can also include updated questionnaires responses at the May 11 meeting.

VII. Agenda items for next meeting—May 11, 2009

- Possible Guest Speaker:
 - Sustainability from City Staff
 - Opportunities Map with Staff Presentation
 - Staff from Water & Power

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Janisch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Chair hearing no opposition. Meeting adjourned.



Robert Ávila, Recording Secretary