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February 12, 2013

Green Team #2 – Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: February 6, 2013
Meeting Location: City Heights Library

Attendees:

Anne Correia
Randy Van Vleck
Ty Sterns
Eric Bowlby
Beryl Forman
Jim Varnadore

Michael Prinz
Jenny An
Mark Carpenter
John Taylor
Patty Vaccariello

Meeting Minutes

Summary of Workshop Presentation:

Green Team Meeting #2 started at about 6:15 PM. Mark Carpenter from KTUA began with introductions for the team and introductions were made around the table as well. After introductions, Jenny An began with a review of the agenda and then moved onto the focus of the evening. The primary focus of the #2 meeting was to review the urban greening vision and each topic's goals, action items, and challenge statements. The Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment was also discussed to provide context to the vision, goal and challenge statements. The Green Team was encouraged to help augment the existing conditions report by identify gaps in data and providing additional information related to previous efforts within the community.

John Taylor (KTUA) reviewed the urban forestry component and identified two goals and three action items of Urban Forestry. As John began to review the mapping, one of the first concerns was that the edges of City Heights are not simply the middle of the street. The Green Team suggested that the study area should consider the impacts to both sides of El Cajon Blvd. and 54th Street. In addition, there were several comments relating to accuracy of the tree inventory. Missing data as identified by the Green Team included: 21 missing Palm Trees along Euclid that were planted 5 years ago and identifying missing Isle neighborhood palm trees. It was also requested that we help Identify the organizations that are maintaining specific improvements in City Heights. The Green Team thought that the separation of the Tree Type and Invasive Species Type Figures in the existing conditions report would be helpful. This is an action item identified later as well.

There was a general concern about the accuracy of the tree inventory. There were several recommendations including making sure that street tree spacing is coordinated with lighting as well as intersecting the street trees with parcels to identify which parcels have no trees. However, this plan is not tasked with providing a tree inventory. Tree inventories will occur along community identified green corridors after the public workshop

process. A tree master plan is part of this plan. The consultant team will verify the date of the tree inventory and check to see if any updates are available.

Mark reviewed the stormwater runoff goals, actions, and challenges. There were several questions of clarification about where green streets are being implemented today. There were also a few questions about how to address runoff at the canyons versus in the street. Mark responded with the idea that water reuse can be designed into the street environment so the impact at the canyon is reduced.

Jenny reviewed the bike and pedestrian connectivity and mobility. There were several gaps of data in this section but the Green Team had few comments on goals or actions. The related studies that were identified are as follows: SANDAG North Park – Mid City east/west Bike Corridor Study – high probability of SANDAG funding the implementation of this plan; there is now a bike lane on 54th Street; Sharrows have been added on Central Ave and should be identified as a bike route; Teralta bike path needs to be added. There was a general consensus from the Green Team that this plan should build on the Bike/Ped Master Plan recommendations. The consultant team and City of San Diego staff fully agreed with this.

Due to the boundary being along the center of El Cajon Blvd and 54th Street, there are some missing information points on the mapping. This includes: 3 major bus stops just outside the boundary should be added on El Cajon and 54th; Hoover High needs to be included in the study, and the 955 Bus Route is missing. The consultant team stressed the importance of finding funding for capital improvement projects. Because the public workshop process will identify key areas of change, implementing bicycle facilities and pedestrian crossings are key to improving community connectors.

Jenny also reviewed the open space goals, actions, and challenges. There were no comments regarding the language, however there were questions about the park information. There was concern that all the parks were not being reflected with the correct information. One example of this is the Hollywood Canyon Park. The Green Team requested that Hollywood Canyon be split into Park (south half) and Open Space (north half). The consultant team will look at this again. The Green Team requested that Parks be split from Open Space in the mapping and analysis. In addition, it would be helpful to identify joint use fields separately as well. There is a concern that joint use fields aren't functioning as parks due to a lack of amenities.

The consultant team is incorporating SD Canyonlands work into the open space and recreation section. The CHAPC also noted that the CHAPC voted for unanimous support of the trailheads as shown in the SD Canyonlands' plans. However, the trails subcommittee felt bikes in Canyons are likely inappropriate: serenity of canyons; erosion from tires; and wildlife corridor/usage concerns. The consultant team would like this as a discussion point for the community during the public workshop process. In addition, there were some Green Team members who thought there were limited opportunities for bike connections such as Manzanita Canyon.

The presentation wrapped up about 7:40 PM and due to the shortness of time, a preliminary agenda for the first public workshop would be sent out to the Green Team Meeting #2 after this meeting. The City of San Diego did note the meeting date for the first public workshop as March 9th and asked if there were any conflicts. The Green Team did not identify any conflicts.

Action Items:

Action 1: KTU+A will distribute meeting minutes. (Target Date – 2/16/13)

Action 2: KTU+A to review maps and obtain updated data as available & incorporate comments into the existing conditions report. (Target Date – 2/20/13)

Action 3: KTU+A will distribute the preliminary agenda for public workshop #1 (Target Date – 2/20/13)

Action 4: City & KTU+A will plan for Public Workshop 1 (Target Date – March 9)