



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
Citizen Advisory Panel Meeting
West Newport Landscaping - Design Guidelines

AGENDA

Newport Beach City Hall
Fire Conference Room
3300 Newport Blvd., Building D
Wednesday, September 28, 2011
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Edward Selich, Council Member Liaison
Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director
Jim Campbell, Principal Planner
Ben Zdeba, Planning Technician
Dave Webb, Deputy PW Director/City Engineer
Iris Lee, Senior Civil Engineer
Dennis Stone, Project Consultant

Committee Members:
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1. Procedural Items
2. Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2011 Meeting
3. Project Scope Review
4. Presentation by Landscape Architects, David Volz and Gary Vasquez – David Volz Design
5. Roundtable Discussion of Project Nodes, Landscape Palettes and Elements
6. Public Comments (2 minutes per speaker)
7. City website – <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1959>
8. Next Meeting –November 9, 2011, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
9. Adjournment

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ATTACHMENT 1



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Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

All Committee Members and staff were present.

10. Welcome and introductions

Dennis Stone, consulting project manager, provided a brief introduction of the process and overview of the Brown Act.

Committee Members and staff were introduced. Council Member Edward Selich gave a brief introduction of the committee’s purpose and described his role as Council Member Liaison.

11. Distribution and walk-through of background information

Iris Lee introduced landscape architect David Volz of David Volz Design (DVD) who provided an overview of the conceptual planning process.

3. Overview of West Newport Landscaping Guidelines Process

Dennis Stone discussed the process of formulating landscape plans by distinguishing between concept and construction plan.

David Volz presented and discussed several aerial photographs depicting the proposed scope of the project. A PowerPoint presentation of the existing conditions on West Coast Highway and West Balboa Boulevard was also given and the recent River Avenue landscaping improvements was presented as an example of what can be accomplished.

4. City website – <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1959>

The project schedule was discussed and the website address was provided where the updated agendas and meeting information will be posted.

5. Public Comment and Roundtable Discussion

A general discussion ensued and several key points were made:

- The CAP will focus on design guidelines for landscaping of the West Newport Gateway area, but will tie-in and incorporate design elements of other adjacent areas to create community symmetry.
- An overall plan or goal should be created that can be implemented over time through use of phasing and pocket improvements.
- Although Caltrans owns the Coast Highway thoroughfare and relinquishment to the City is pending, Caltrans guidelines can be negotiated and should not hinder the CAP's vision. Additionally, a Landscape Maintenance Agreement could be secured with Caltrans.
- The CAP should consider incorporating innovative sustainable elements in the design such as bioswales, water-efficient irrigation systems, and drought-tolerant plantings.
- Influence on the landscaping of private properties could be made effective through the use of incentives.
- Because Balboa Boulevard is subject to a high-volume of pedestrian and bicycle traffic, sight distance and safety will need to be considered in the design.
- Bump-outs and median alterations may be considered to provide more surface area for landscape improvements.
- The CAP aims to soften the area with lush plantings, but should be mindful of the mixture of retail and residential when selecting a design palette as mid-level and ground-level plantings may limit the visibility of retail centers.
- Transportation grants and subsidies from various local, state, and federal agencies may be available in addition to City funds.

6. Next Meeting – September 28, 2011 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Fire Conference Room

7. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.