

# Dry Creek Greenway Multi-Use Trail Planning & Feasibility Stakeholders Representative Group Meeting #5

July 13, 2009 6:00 p.m. Maidu Community Center

## Introductions & Project Status

Gladys Cornell of Aim Consulting led introductions.

Ms. Cornell discussed the reason for the gap Stakeholder Representative Grou meetings. These included state grant milestones, scheduling of field trips and changing consultant project managers.

# Summary of Stakeholder Representative Meeting #4

Ms. Cornell summarized the meeting.

Mr. Orsini expressed concerns with maintenance of the proposed bike trail. Will the bike trail be considered Open Space or a park? Will Open Space or park rules be observed? A general discussion regarding open space maintenance occurred.

#### <u>Presentation</u>

City staff provided a powerpoint presentation on the project. Discussion items included:

- Next steps
- Upcoming release of draft plan
- Upcoming Transportation Commission Meeting, and possibly Planning Commission and/or Parks & Recreation Commission meetings
- Environmental Review
- Alternative segment analysis

There was discussion on project funding, grants and environmental process as it affects project timing. There was also discussion about the public outreach approach during the EIR process.

Mr. Orsini believed that in addition to looking at the bike trail, open space maintenance policies should be considered. Mr. Allen noted that where trails are

present, there may be a need for different open space maintenance standards. Mr. Orsini stated that aesthetic should play a role in enhanced maintenance.

Mr. Dour noted that the presence of the trail would increase public viewing and thus public concerns. Trash is cleaned up in open space. However a fallen tree may be left if it is deemed safe. Habitat is given a higher value than aesthetics.

There was also discussion about the designation of multi-use trails as open space or parks. It was noted that the presence of a trail doesn't change the status of the area it is in, whether park or open space.

Mr. Dour noted that the City is in the process of adopting an open space management plan that will provide additional guidance and management and maintenance of open space.

# Discussion of Trail Segment A2 vs. B2

Questions were raised regarding the span of bridges. Mr. Dour noted that bridges will be built to 100 year flood standard. One stakeholder asked if the bridge will be built with a design so as not to back up water. Mr. Dour noted that there is sufficient space around the bridge for water to go around.

One Hillcrest neighbor stated that they prefer A2 to B2 for aesthetics, and that views will be destroyed if B2 is built. Also, B2 would require stabilization of the bank and would be very expensive due to needed walls. The neighbor stated that the trail should be built to suit the site.

Some neighbors noted that the on-street option raised neighborhood concerns for neighbors fronting that street, especially along Joanne Lane/Court. Also, there is not enough width for parking along Joanne Court.

Mr. Dour noted that both options will be considered in the future and that environmental factors may determine the decision.

### Discussion of Trail Segment A7 vs. B11/12

Jim Williams of Meadow Oaks Neighborhood stated that Segment A7 would provide child safety. Also service road has already been established and is suitable for the trail.

Mr. Williams also asked how the trail would cross Sunrise.

Mr. Stevenson stated that property owners preferred segment A7. He noted that Segment B11/12 may increase vandalism and graffiti due to proximity to buildings on adjacent properties. He also expressed that property values may go down and that there are safety concerns for workers in the adjoining business.

Another stakeholder representative noted that Segment A7 loses access to retail and that it is dangerous for bikers to cross through parking lots to get to Sunrise Avenue.

Mr. Stevenson asked if segment B11/12 is chosen would liability to owners be waived? Would City accept responsibility for bikers to go through parking lot? He also asked if a consensus could be reached on A7 if access to Sunrise Avenue?

One stakeholder argued that alignment B11/B12 trail would decrease crime.

Mr. Dour noted that both segments have issues with access to Sunrise Avenue. At the next meeting, look at access to Sunrise.

No consensus on this segment.

Mr. Dour also stated that he will arrange a trail walk along the Sunrise area.