

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LANCASTER ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN COMMISSION

July 7, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Andrew Mercy called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sandra Pursley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Sandra Pursley, Courtney Stallworth, Timothy Wiley and Vice Chair Andrew Mercy.

ABSENT: Chairperson April Bartlett and Commissioner Amanda Hawse (at roll call).

Also present were the following: Brian Ludicke (Planning Director), Silvia Donovan (Principal Planner), Michelle Cantrell (City Traffic Engineer), Elma Watson (Assistant Planner), Shirley Corder (Recording Secretary) and an audience of one.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Pursley and seconded by Commissioner Stallworth to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 2, 2011 with a modification to the date of the neighborhood walk from July 14 to July 7. Motion carried with the following vote (6 -0-0-0):

AYES: Commissioners Hawse, Pursley, Stallworth, Wiley, Vice Chair Mercy and Chairperson Bartlett.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. MASTER PLAN OF TRAILS UPDATE

Elma Watson addressed the Commissioners and gave an overview of the workshop at Mariposa School. She stated that the event was a success with an attendance of over 160 people. City Manager, Mark Bozigian, presented the opening and welcoming remarks explaining that the Master Plan of Trails and Bikeways is a key part of making our community livable.

Ryan Snyder's presentation recapped the trail's process to date. He indicated that we began the planning process in September 2010, City staff has held monthly meetings, there have been three Technical Advisory Committee meetings, three public workshops, three walk audits, and hours and hours of reviewing background documents and fieldwork. Additionally, Ryan presented the Draft Proposed Bikeway Network map, Colored Bike Lanes map, Pedestrian Plan Improvements map, Equestrian Trails map, Pedestrian Trails map and ADA Transition Plan map.

The workshop included several interactive exercises. One exercise demonstrated how street connectivity impacts walkability. A second exercise introduced "round-a-bouts" as an alternative to signals, stop or yield controlled intersections.

Elma closed her Mariposa presentation by stating that everything can't be changed at once. As a City, we need to change our development requirements to provide the proper environment for biking and walking. We need to strategically use road diets, street redesign, round-a-bouts and other techniques in existing areas of the City to achieve the benefits of walking and biking.

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Brian Ludicke discussed street connectivity and the importance of well-connected street patterns achieving walkable neighborhoods. Michelle Cantrell discussed round-a-bouts, and the benefits they offer for improved vehicular circulation, but also bicycle and pedestrian safety. Modern round-a-bouts are designed to control and slow vehicular traffic at intersections, but offer improved efficiency by allowing vehicles to yield into guided traffic without waiting for signal lights. Since vehicles slow down as they yield into a round-a-bout, the impact of collisions with other vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians are greatly reduced.

Michelle indicated that the City received grant money to put in separated bike lanes but that may not happen until 2017. The Commissioners asked about colored bike lines and Michelle indicated that the State has to approve this and include it in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Brian indicated that the City has engaged a designer for the round-a-bout on 10th Street West, but staff has placed this project on hold until there is further direction from City Council.

Commissioner Wiley asked how many round-a-bouts were in the United States. Using her phone to google the answer, Commissioner Pursley indicated that there were about 2500.

3. ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR ADC REGULAR MEETING TIMES AND DATES

Silvia Donovan presented the staff report.

It was moved by Vice Chair Mercy and seconded by Commissioner Hawse to adopt ADC Resolution No. 11-01, establishing the times and dates for regular Architectural and Design Commission meetings as the first Thursday of each month with starting time of 5:00 p.m. Motion carried with the following vote: (6-0-0-0).

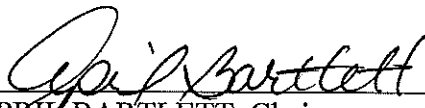
AYES: Commissioners Hawse, Pursley, Stallworth, Wiley, Vice Chair Mercy and
 Chairperson Bartlett.
 NOES: None.
 ABSTAIN: None.
 ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

David Grajeda, a Lancaster resident, indicated that meeting agendas should include every topic to be discussed.


ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to Thursday, August 4, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., in the Parks, Recreation & Arts Large Conference Room.



 APRIL BARTLETT, Chairperson
 Lancaster Architectural and Design Commission

ATTEST:



 BRIAN S. LUDICKE, Planning Director
 City of Lancaster