

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LANCASTER ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN COMMISSION

May 3, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bartlett called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Mercy, Wiley, Vice Chair Bartholet and Chairperson Bartlett.

ABSENT: Commissioners Carlson and Hawse.

Also present were the following: Brian Ludicke (Planning Director), Chuen Ng (Associate Planner), Elma Watson (Assistant Planner), Marion Coleman (Recording Secretary), and an audience of one.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Wiley and seconded by Chairperson Bartlett to approve the minutes from the Meeting of April 5, 2012. Motion carried with the following vote (4-0-0-2).

AYES: Commissioners Mercy, Wiley, Vice Chair Bartholet and Chairperson Bartlett.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners Carlson and Hawse.

NEW BUSINESS**2. INTRODUCTION OF THE SOUTHEAST TRANSIT VILLAGE AREA PLAN PROCESS**

Brian Ludicke introduced the Southeast Transit Village Project Context (handout attached). He welcomed the Commissioners to be involved in charette efforts of the plan process, and stated that staff would be available if there were any inquiries. He informed the Commissioners that the kick-off meeting with the consultants for the project was on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, and concluded that one of the consultants stated that bicycling and pedestrian access will be important components to review, especially with the metrolink station in the area.

Vice Chair Bartholet inquired about the boundaries that were outlined on the map. Elma Watson responded that the boundaries were part of a transit orient development which is approximately one-half mile from the metrolink station. Vice Chair Bartholet asked if the ultimate goal of the project was to build a structured parking area. Elma Watson stated that ultimate goal with the participation of Antelope Valley Transportation Authority (AVTA) is to construct a multi-modal transit area, which would allow buses to enter the area instead of parking on the street. She concluded that the City desires to continue the revitalization of the Downtown, and growing into this area would be beneficial.

Chairman Bartlett inquired how the demographics of the transit area would be handled, especially with the homeless shelter. Brian Ludicke responded that the shelter would be reviewed in the plan along with the potential uses in the area. Vice Chair Bartholet stated he favored the idea of the public using the metrolink from Los Angeles to visit the Lancaster area, and asked if there were numbers to support the building of the Southeast Transit Village. Brian Ludicke stated the numbers to support are unknown at the time; the metrolink is used as a commuter station, and the AVTA has suggested for more frequent service schedules of the metrolink to Los Angeles. He stated the better the facility, the more likely people will use the facility.

Speaker Leonard Delpit stated he is a member of the California Democratic Party Central Committee and visitor to the Lancaster area. He asked staff whether the system of “smart” sidewalks and “smart” pedestrian zones had been considered for the Southeast Transit Village Project. Brian Ludicke affirmed the system has been considered for the City’s Master Plan for Trails and Bikeways. Leonard Delpit commended the City for the previous development that have been implemented, and expressed that he is concerned about the safety of the public due to the high rate of accidents in the Southern California area. He concluded that in development projects advanced technology available should be used to reduce the liability on the pedestrians as well as the City of Lancaster.

3. REQUEST OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY – INSTALLATION OF BICYCLE LANES ON 50TH STREET WEST

Chairperson Bartlett informed the Commission that the County of Los Angeles is currently constructing a sewer project along 50th Street West, between Avenue K to Avenue L-8. She stated she had spoken with the City Manager and inquired if there were plans for bicycle lanes in the stated project area; the response was there had not been any plans for bicycle lanes in the area, and suggested that the ADC should submit a request to the County to include bicycle lanes in the subject project area.

Speaker Leonard Delpit stated his request was as before, and included to especially consider the safety of seniors and children in the pedestrian and bicycle zones, using the technology as emphasized in his statement earlier.

Commissioner Mercy suggested that the same plans as stated in the Master Plan for Trails and Bikeways be made in request to the County for the project area of 50th Street West, such as maintaining the car lanes. Vice Chair Bartholet asked staff if the ADC had ever made a request to the County before on any related matter. Elma Watson responded that there was communication with the County concerning the Master Plan for Trails and Bikeways, and had recommended that 45th Street West would have the future proposed bike lanes. Vice Chair Bartholet asked if the County considers cost when the requests are made for the bike lanes. Elma Watson stated a request had not been made before of the one presented. Chairperson Bartlett stated the request added a one mile stretch from Avenue K to Avenue L.

It was moved by Chairperson Bartlett and seconded by Commissioner Mercy to submit a request to the County of Los Angeles to install bicycle lanes along 50th Street West, between Avenue K to Avenue L. Motion carried with the following vote (4-0-0-2).

AYES: Commissioners Mercy, Wiley, Vice Chair Bartholet and Chairperson Bartlett.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners Carlson and Hawse.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 7, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

RUSSELL BARTHOLET, Vice Chair
Lancaster Architectural and Design Commission

ATTEST:

BRIAN S. LUDICKE, Planning Director
City of Lancaster

Southeast Transit Village Project Context

