

MEETING MINUTES

Sierra Vista Neighborhood Association General Meeting

October 7, 2020

Attendees:

Board members:

Ann Newberry

Barb Lucas

Ellen D-Riley

Glenda Hay

and Delia Snipes

special guests

Greg Bitter, Roseville City Planning

Tracy Mendonsa, guest speaker

Lamills Garrett

Minutes will be posted at

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Next general meeting is scheduled for **January 6, 2021**, at 7 pm, location TBD.

A Call for feedback and ideas: please email: sierravista95678@gmail.com with suggestions and questions.

♦As the Covid pandemic continues, the Board offers to try to help find the support needed by our neighbors. People can email or Contact Us on svna.rcona.com to let us know of needs for help or supplies.

The quarterly zoom meeting was called to order by president Ellen D-Riley.

Tracy Mendonsa, candidate for Roseville City Council, district 1

Why is he running? This is the 1st time for electing council members by in Districts; it is a historical time.

Neighborhoods deserve representation in city hall. It is important to rebound on covid, but we need to remember people first.

He owns TBones BBQ and Catering. He works for the Federal government as an investigator.

Barb: how can you fairly represent East Roseville and old Roseville?

My job as a district representative is to represent District 1, and my job on City Council is to decide what is best for our city.

Barb: so will our Neighborhood lose representation after census?

No one knows. He hopes that resident input is applied.

Ellen: how would you help protect our historical landmarks in the old city?

Some things should be preserved: Carnegie library, PO building, etc. The first priority is to allocate funds for maintenance.

Ellen: Would you have an objection to the city flying the LGBTQ flag in June, National Pride Month?

Not opposed; we can make sure to go thru process.

Barb: Traffic flow in our neighborhood is a problem: people going to West Roseville on residential streets. How would you address the effect on us of new developments? Also, John Adams school traffic is a mess.

John Adams has been studied time and again; it is complicated. The landlord has opposed all proposed

Announcements

- Additional Block captains are still needed. Please email us if you are interested in helping out when we all get out and about again. sierravista95678@gmail.com.
- National Night Out, which was postponed until October 6th has been cancelled.
- Our beloved Halloween House decorating contest has been cancelled.

solutions. What needs to happen is for the driveway to be moved, so there would be 2 exits. The owners have to make the changes, so we have to talk to the owners to find a workaround. All the problems are caused in the parking lot.

We need a voice on the east side and in older neighborhoods, including business owners also. Representative issues include needs of old neighborhoods vs. newer areas. The city is 65% dependent on sales tax, so now we have serious shortfalls, and difficult decisions to make. It is not right for city council to address new growth, without impact on older areas.

He wants to join in future NA meetings; please let me know what you need. tracy@tracymendonsa.com.

Greg Bitters, How the planning process works in the city.

We want to be aware sooner of developments like what is happening in Historic Old Town.

Our area is categorized as “infill area.” The process is similar in infill areas to areas in the specific plan, which is more finely developed.

The process is started when a developer comes to the city with idea. First, what is the zoning? Initial discussions are not public. The developer submits formal applications, fees; the city reviews for all technical areas (fire, police, water, etc.).

Now the city notifies RCONA, and it is posted on RCONA’s website, rcona.com. They will let people know in a new map what projects are in the works.

A 2nd way to get the word out could be to contact the NA to see if developer/applicants can attend NA meetings, with city staff attending. City could get earlier feedback from those meetings. Note: Arduous reviews of the project must be done before going to NAs. Until the Staff report, marked Recommend or Denial, the city’s position is not decided.

Then, it is ready to go to hearing: they publish a notice in the local newspaper, and send notice to owners and residents within 300 feet, which is the State planning requirements. Greg did not think it would be valuable to expand the notification area. [This is the reason that we did not know about the Belvedere, or the Post Office development.]. The notice is also sent to RCONA 10 days prior to the hearing.

Question: How do people become aware then of something

that is happening a few blocks away or over the bridge, or across the railroad tracks, which will impact our neighborhood? Greg suggested that we would notice the 4 x 8 sign on the property for changes to land use, with city phone numbers.

Glenda: We've been shut down! We protested the naming of the new "Sierra Vista development" vs. our Sierra Vista Neighborhood, a neighborhood since 1906. We want city support for signs to mark entrances to our neighborhood. Greg will bring that up, and point us in right direction.

Ellen: we already went to public works, we have a design, but no residents want sign on their property. We need help to identify city property for our signs.

Greg was thinking of Media and communications...where would be the best point of contact. He will check in with folks and get back to us.

Greg said that 2022 traffic studies have been done, but they do not address traffic on our residential streets. Roads and intersections are designed based on number of trips. For example the Belvedere townhouses development has been studied, both traffic and environmental, and been through long public hearings. He thinks that the main objection to the large Belvedere development is the loss of the historical hotel.

Barb: what can smaller neighborhoods do when these decisions affect the quality of life?

Greg: Traffic engineering has to get involved. In fact we have changed ordinance such that a charter school would not be allowed today where John Adams is.

Ellen: what conditional approvals are pending in Historic Old Town?

[discontinuity?] Greg said there have to be impact evaluations; e.g. neighborhood streets can handle that much traffic.

Ellen: So by the time the project is public, citizens have no recourse?

Greg: Correct: it's a technical decision. People don't understand the hierarchy of streets.

Ellen: We would look forward to having you in our corner going forward.

Greg: I love the RCONA umbrella to get the word out to the neighborhoods. It's better for everyone to have these discussions early on.

Annual Election of Board Members

This has to be done in October, as announced at our July meeting. We have had one person step up to desired a position on the board, and Ann Newberry does not seek the position of secretary, going forward. It was worked out that Ellen will serve another year as President, Glenda will continue as VP, Delia will be our new secretary, Barb will continue working as Treasurer. Members at large who expressed interest were Anne Sanchez and Krissy Holst, who also served this past year. This was passed unanimously by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Newberry, Secretary

