



TOWN OF LOOMIS
MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION &
THE PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
LOOMIS TRAIN DEPOT
5775 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD
LOOMIS, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY

MAY 25, 2010

6:00PM – 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER 6:03 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PLANNING COMMISSION

PARK, REC. & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

All Present:

COMMISSIONER ARISMAN
COMMISSIONER FETTKE
COMMISSIONER OBRANOVICH
CHAIRMAN THEW
COMMISSIONER WILSON

Present:

BECK
CALVERT, CHAIR
EMERT
KNISLEY
MILLER, VICE-CHAIR
SEERS
SETH
WALLIS

A motion to switch items 1 and 2 on the agenda was made by PROS Committee member Calvert and seconded by Commissioner Obranovich and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

2. TOWN OF LOOMIS DOWNTOWN PARK ROADWAY DESIGN

RECOMMENDATION: Hear presentation from the Town Engineer and give recommendation to staff to forward to the Town Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *The Town Engineer gave staff report to the Commission and PROSC. He showed the four parking lot configurations that the Commission and PROS Committee have been asked to consider:*

Option A1- Straight configuration; 2-directional; 40 parking stalls; 0.77 acres for park (80' park width)

Option A2- Straight configuration; 1-directional; 29 parking stalls; 0.90 acres for park (95' park width)

Option B1- Curve configuration; 2-directional; 38 parking stalls; 0.66 acres for park (55' park width)

Option B2- Curve configuration; 1-directional; 31 parking stalls; 0.73 acres for park (75' park width)

PLANNING COMMISSION

(voting - 3 for Option A1 & 2 for Option A2)

Janet Thew – Selected Option A2 – Decomposed Granite parking lot instead of asphalt. Soft curves along the parking lot wherever possible. Restrict to 2 hour parking. Tell employees of businesses to park elsewhere.

Greg Obranovich – Selected A1 – No Comments written down.

JC Arisman – Selected A1 – Change parking lot edge to curve not straight.

Jean Wilson – Selected A1 – Was concerned about large trucks if the road was one-way.

Kim Fettke – Selected A2 – “Naturalize” the lot by adding curves to curbing rather than a big curve to the roadway. Lose drop off and use cul-de-sacs on each end instead. One Way from Christensens to Depot. Employee parking in Depot lot. Put 2-3 hour parking limit in new parking lot. Combine trash areas.

PARK, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

(voting – 5 for Option A1 and 3 for Option A2)

Sandra Calvert – Selected Option A1 – Would like to see alternative vehicle parking. ie. electric, bicycles, motorcycles, and use drop off as parallel parking or add more stalls. If 1-way which direction and why?

Kathryn Seers – Selected A2 – No Comments written down.

Hillary Wallis – Selected A1 – Drop off in excellent spot for dropping of elderly and food & ice chests when families enjoy the covered picnic area. One way feels safer for children’s area, but if it affects traffic on Taylor Road then not a good idea. Quaint look for downtown would be good.

Jennifer Knisley – Selected A1 – No drop off parking.

Pat Miller – Selected A2 – Need to reserve new parking for customers or park users.

Paulette Emert – Selected A1 – No Comments written down.

Nancy Beck – Selected A2 – Customer parking available.

Thomas Seth – Selected A1 – Eliminate drop off area in middle of parking lot.

Total Voting:

Alternative A1 – 8

Alternative A2 – 5

Alternative B1 – 0

Alternative B2 – 0

1. HUNTER OAKS SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OPEN SPACE NON-DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT DONATION

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and give recommendation to the Town Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *The Town Engineer gave staff report to the Commission and PROSC.*

Dave Smith (5508 Grouse Ct., Loomis, Head of HOA)- He addressed the Commission and PROSC and gave them the background on the Homeowner's Association request. There is an Assessment District setup with the Town that pays for the maintenance of the berm. The HOA currently pays for the insurance for the property and that their donation request would allow each property owner to save money if the Town were to accept the Open Space Easement.

Commissioner Obranovich stated that he hoped the HOA would pay for any hidden fees if the Town does agree to accept. Mr. Smith stated "absolutely".

Miquel Ucovich (5911 Craig Ct., Loomis)- If the Town does accept the Open Space Easement, no precedent will be set, as the Town has already done something similar to this with the Sunrise Loomis development.

PROS Committee member Calvert asked what other Loomis residents would gain by the Town accepting this easement? Asked if there were any future plans of widening Interstate 80? Mr. Ucovich responded "not in that easement area, possibly on the other side of I-80." PROS Committee member Miller asked if there was a park on the site? Mr. Smith indicated that there is a small park on the freeway side of the easement and that many kids use it. PROSC member Miller liked the idea that the homeowner's within the Hunter Oak subdivision would save some money if the Town accepted the Open Space Easement. PROSC member Seth asked how much property tax the HOA pays for the Open Space easement? Mr. Smith stated they pay under \$500 per year.

A motion to recommend that the Town Council accept the Hunter Oaks donation request, pending any unforeseen expenses, was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissionern Arisman and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURN: 7:27 pm

Janet Thew, Chairperson

Matt Lopez, Planning Department