

Jan Lee Marshall – Ms. Marshall spoke of how an arts and cultural center would be vital to a theatre in Concord. People are coming from other communities to the theatre; this can make Concord a really creative space. A theatre close to BART is vital.

Roger Petersen – Clayton resident. Mr. Petersen would like the CAC to view this as once in a century opportunity to create a new veterans building. The veterans are going to ask the County supervisors to make a request to the Council to swap the current land with land on the base for a new memorial building.

Sandi Sherwood – Concord Arts Association. Ms. Sherwood stated the association brings people into Concord to enjoy the arts. Concord needs an arts center to provide after school programs, provide community classes for all ages and support the arts in general.

Brian Beckon - Concord resident, Board member of NETO Community Network. At NETO we believe the key to getting Concord on a financially sustainable path is to develop homegrown artists, change-makers and entrepreneurs, in other words we need to build a creative economy. At NETO Community we want to do our part in collaboration with the arts community, we are planning to establish a creative economy hub for artists and entrepreneurs to be called Concord Co-Lab and we are planning to raise seed capital via a crowd funding campaign. We believe that an arts, cultural and entrepreneurial hub will be essential to catalyze the kind of economic development that Concord needs.

Nathan Johnson – Concord resident. – Mr. Johnson expressed the need for a new veteran’s memorial building. He requests the CAC require from the developers and the City that land and funds be included in the plan that is eventually adopted.

Ken Scoles – Mr. Scoles is concerned information is not getting to people because he hasn’t heard anything from the City as encouragement that they are going to provide affordable housing to vets. He inquired if Mercy Housing has been involved in any meetings.

Kathy Renfro – Ms. Renfro has worked with a lot of different committees in bringing services to the area. She feels we need to create an environment where people will come and keep the economy going and spend tax money in Concord.

Richard Loechner – Mr. Loechner would like the veteran’s memorial building on the flat land for handicapped vets. Please think about what the veterans want and need.

Diana Farias – Ms. Farias shares support for building an arts center on the site. It would be good for economic growth and entertainment; there is a need for programs for all ages.

Hope Johnson – Ms. Johnson encouraged the CAC to continue to ask probing questions, push back staff and for the CAC to do research on their own. She is concerned about the proposed land plan by BART, feels this is what Concord already has and it is not getting filled. There is not enough to make the village centers

successful in a long term basis. In lieu fees are not working as well as people think to create affordable housing and the homeless need certain wraparound services, not just affordable housing.

Smitty Ardicy – Bike Concord. Mr. Ardicy invited everyone to attend the Tamales and Bikes Festival event on December 2 in downtown Concord. It is Bike Concord's third annual fundraiser festival.

Eric Haynes – Mr. Haynes would like to see veterans needs met, concerned about Willow Pass Road, feels it is an impediment on traffic and has safety issues. Plan shows no cross-overs in intersections for people to cross, has potential for roundabouts.

3. **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS**

The public is entitled to address the Committee on items appearing on the agenda before or during the Committee's consideration of that item. Each speaker will be limited to approximately three minutes.

A. Confirmation of Chair and Nominations for Vice Chair and Election

Director Bjerke asked if there were any objections to elevating Vice Chair Arnold to Chair, no objections were made. Director Bjerke asked for nominations for a Vice Chair. Claudia Hein moved to nominate Randy Horton as Vice Chair, no other nominations were made. Peggy Tweedie seconded the motion, none opposed. Philip Arnold is the new Chair and Randy Horton is the new Vice Chair.

B. Transportation and Circulation Presentation

- *Overview of Area Plan Transportation Summary; City staff*
- *Transportation Vision for the Specific Plan by David Fields, Nelson Nygaard, Developer's Transportation Consultant*
- *Preliminary Transportation Model for the Specific Plan, Kathrin Tellez, Fehr & Peers, Developer's Transportation Consultant*
- *Review of Primary Street Network and Street Sections; Rachel Flynn, Lennar | Five Point and Eron Ashley, Hart Howerton*
- *Mobility of the Future; Rachel Flynn, Lennar | Five Point*

Joan Ryan gave a presentation on the overview of the Area Plan Transportation Summary. CAC members asked staff to explain the traffic impact fee program.

Rachel Flynn introduced David Fields, Nelson Nygaard. Mr. Fields gave a presentation on the transportation vision for the Specific Plan and what transportation can do for a community. CAC members expressed some concerns in the areas of:

- Some members liked the lollipop design vs. the grid design.
- What is the impact on Concord regarding the maintenance of streets, sidewalks, medians?
- Who is paying for the impact fee?

- Some members felt like this information should be presented in a study session and have the opportunity to discuss what fits the needs of the project.

Katherin Tellez, consultant with Fehrs & Peers gave a presentation on a preliminary transportation model for the Specific Plan. CAC members commented and asked questions:

- Are you looking at the way street lights are working?
- Concerned about secondary road on the maps cutting close to the homes at Bishop Estates. Residents displeased with this new roadway.
- Has there been a study done on Bailey Road?
- Possibility of a bridge over or a tunnel under Willow Pass Road for pedestrians and bicycles, is this still a possibility?
- Who is going to pay for and maintain the buffer around the project? This will be expensive and create a separate community.

Eron Ashley of Hart Howerton gave a presentation on a review of the primary street network. CAC members made comments and asked questions:

- When planning the bus stop area, incorporate bike repair stations.
- Will Willow Pass Road have the two bus lanes in the middle?
- People want to park in front of businesses, not necessarily in garages.
- Separate bike lanes would be best, people don't look when opening car doors or turning right.
- What is going to happen to the EIR if the developer wants to make a major change to streets?
- Haven't heard anything on cost of construction or maintenance for the plan.
- Concerned impact fees will raise cost of homes.
- Object to the formation of various agencies.
- Where would the bridge/tunnel on Willow Pass Road be? Would the bike path/trail go under the road?
- Are you exploring a no left hand turn lane on Willow Pass Road? Look at a left hand turn pocket to relieve traffic.
- Consider a bus like Emeryville has.
- Consider lights that let pedestrians cross the street before cars.
- If you change the nature of Willow Pass Road to be an urban zone like downtown Concord, it will mean bigger loads on the freeways.

Rachel Flynn, Lennar|Five Point gave a presentation on mobility of the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –

Kenji Yamada – Mr. Yamada expressed appreciation for the threshold of the 20 mph maximum for car traffic and hearing the committee's support of intersection designs to

make bicycling safe. He suggested looking into simultaneous green. The cost of sidewalks, bike ways, medians that was brought up in discussions from time to time, it is important to consider how things will be funded, and how much this is going to cost but also important to ask compared to what, that answer is compared to more cars.

Claire Linder – Bike Concord – Ms. Linder feels the land use area policy should put people close to their jobs and questioned how does the developer plan to get good paying jobs in phase one. She stated there should be protected movement through intersections for walkers and cyclists, keep speeds low and designs should be safe.

Suzanne Delbou – Ms. Delbou reminded everyone the Downtown Specific Plan has been approved by City Council and the plan is going to put 20,000 people in downtown and north Concord. Keep this in mind when thinking about roads; we can't keep putting everything up north.

Hope Johnson – Ms. Johnson stated the CAC has to stop saying Pt. Chicago is not relevant to this project, there are tons of road by BART and almost nothing down below, unprotected crosswalk doesn't work in Concord. There is a disconnect on transportation between the City Council and the CAC.

Unknown Speaker – There are only two entrances off of Olivera Road, Willow Pass Road is backed up every day to Todos Santos, slowing the speed on Willow Pass Road will create more traffic.

Ron Kappesser – Mr. Kappesser stated low speed on Willow Pass Road is a good idea, will eliminate some of the cut through traffic. He is concerned about the traffic modeling and the low transit use, thinks we can do it better.

C. Next Steps

- CAC members asked if they could tour the NWS property again as a group.
- What are the barriers by Pt. Chicago Highway in Book 1 of the Area Plan?
- The area by Pt. Chicago Highway and BART need to be addressed as well.
- Will the study session with the Council be televised?
- Can we invite someone from the Navy RAB to have a short presentation to the CAC?
- Still haven't heard how we are going to make this a World Class project.
- Request for a CAC study session that includes these five topics: elements of proposed land use plan, how the revised Phase One area boundary differs from the adopted Area Plan; approved grading plan; commercial development; steps to take to reduce impact of traffic on city streets and highways.
- CAC members would like more intra-committee dialogue, felt the small breakout sessions were useful, less presentations.

Upcoming meetings

- December 19 – *Infrastructure Overview*
- January 16 – *Smart Cities Overview*
- February 20 – *Design Guidelines and Development Standards*

4. ADJOURNMENT- 9:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 19, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.