CHO, DAVID

ATTACHMENT 5

From: NAGHAVI, PETER
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 8:43 AM
To: CHO, DAVID; SETHURAMAN, RAJA; JOHNSON, DENNIS
Subject: FW: Paularino Channel of the Proposed Flood Channel Multi-Purpose Trail

David:
FYI and keep this for your record. As of this date, we will schedule the award for Dec. 8th.
Keep in mind, this project may be canceled.

Peter Naghavi
Transportation Manager
City of Costa Mesa

From: ROEDER, ALLAN
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 12:31 PM
To: NAGHAVI, PETER; MORRIS, WILLIAM
Subject: FW: Paularino Channel of the Proposed Flood Channel Multi-Purpose Trail

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From: ROEDER, ALLAN
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 12:30 PM
To: LEECE, WENDY
Subject: RE: Paularino Channel of the Proposed Flood Channel Multi-Purpose Trail

Wendy,

I have not seen this although we are aware that there are residents that back up to the Flood Control Channel who are opposed to the bike trail idea. How many residents are opposed and the basis for their opposition would be simply speculation on my part.

Based on the City Council's support for looking into this possibility, staff has been moving forward with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant for the Preliminary Engineering and public outreach. We are in the process of negotiating that contract at present and expect to bring it forward to the City Council for approval at your December 6th regular Council meeting. That contract would ascertain (1) how should the bike trail be constructed and what are the design/environmental/public safety implications for adjoining residences and (2) if a project can be designed, is there community support to go forward with construction? Based on the estimated schedule, we would begin meetings with residents and all other interested parties in the March 2008 timeframe.

It is not too late for Mr. Bose to submit his petitions.

As Mr. Bose notes, we are scheduled to come back to the City Council on 11/20 with the Project Priority list, including this project. If there is a change of heart by the City Council and there no longer is an interest in pursuing this, it should be dropped from the list. As you know, we have more than enough work to keep us very, very busy and we

should not be allocating manpower and financial resources to projects for which there is no majority support. I do hink it unfortunate that residents are opposing something before they even know what it is but sometimes that happens? Nothing has been looked into as yet so it is premature to conclude that it will be a safety hazard or that esident's homes will be subject to the kinds of acts Mr. Bose poses. That is not to say his points are not very egitimate concerns – simply that they have not been addressed as yet.

Hope this helps.

Allan

From: LEECE, WENDY
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 11:51 AM
To: ROEDER, ALLAN
Subject: FW: Paularino Channel of the Proposed Flood Channel Multi-Purpose Trail

Allan,
Have you seen this? Is it too late for him to turn in the petitions to have an effect?

Wendy Leece
City Council
Costa Mesa, CA
wleece@ci.costa-mesa.ca.us

From: Len Bose
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2007 2:48 PM
To: LEECE, WENDY
Subject: Fwd: Paularino Channel of the Proposed Flood Channel Multi-Purpose Trail

Hello Wendy,
My interest is in the Paularino Channel of the Proposed Flood Channel Multi-Purpose Trail. I have only picked the ball up over the last three weeks and have introduced myself to the Mesa del Mar homeowners and sent out 50 letters to the homeowners that back up to the channel. In my letter, I asked the homeowners to return a sign note asking for the removal of the Paularino Trail from the proposed flood control channel trail. At this time I have 30 returned letters and am looking to get all 50. We have volunteers walking the streets this weekend trying to complete or task of contacting the impacted homeowners.

Under New Business, on your next agenda, the Council will prioritize the current City projects. This a good time to ask the Council to consider our request to remove the Paularino Channel from the proposed Flood Channel Trail?

Understand we are note against the rest of the proposed trail. I encourage you to contact me to discuss this issue at greater length.

This is a copy of the letter I sent out with a return envelope.

Hello Concerned Homeowners.

My name is Len Bose and I live on St. Clair Street in Mesa del Mar. This letter is to inform you of the city's plans of placing a Multi-Purpose Trail on the Paularino Channel. YES! **That's just behind your backyard fence**. PLEASE SIGN this letter and place it in the return envelope and I will present these letter's as a petition to try and stop this trial.

WHY AM I DOING THIS?

It's not the bike riders I am concerned about, it's what comes after. The thought of someone looking into our back yards will lead to possible home intrusion, burglary, vandalism, graffiti, homeless living along the trial and the teenager who just threw an object over your fence and hit one of you kids.

WHERE THE BIKE TRIAL PROPSAL STANDS AT THIS TIME? In June of 2007 the City Council directed staff to commence with the preliminary conceptual plans and start with the public outreach program. The city staff is overwhelmed with other projects at this time. Within the next two months staff will return to council and ask to hire a consulting firm to perform the outreach and the design of the trial. At this point I would like to come in and present our petition and ask Council to remove the Paularino Trial from their plan.

SHOULD YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION? Just email me or call and I would glad to present the facts to this program as fairly as I can?

SHOULD YOU WISH TO HELP? Just send your email address and I will keep you in the loop with my progress.

Respectfully,
Len Bose
828 St Clair

DEAR CITY COUNCIL,

As a homeowner along the proposed Paularino Trail I feel the safety and security of my family and home is at risk and respectfully request the removal of the Paularino Trail from the proposed flood control channel trail.

_____

Name

_____

Address

Phone & email

Len Bose

CHO, DAVID

From: CHO, DAVID
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2007 7:52 AM
To: NAGHAVI, PETER
Subject: RE: Proposed Flood Control Channel Multi-Purpose Trail

Peter, yes her address is on the mailing list, so she should have received the letter.

David

-----Original Message-----
From: NAGHAVI, PETER
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2007 9:03 AM
To: CHO, DAVID
Subject: FW: Proposed Flood Control Channel Multi-Purpose Trail

FYI and record.
Did she get a copy of our letter?

Peter Naghavi
Transportation Manager
City of Costa Mesa, Ca

-----Original Message-----
From: PROCTOR, CAROL
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2007 7:24 AM
To: BEVER, ERIC; dixon FOLEY, KATRINA; LEECE, WENDY; MANSOOR, ALLAN
Cc: FOLCIK, JULIE; NAGHAVI, PETER
Subject: FW: Proposed Flood Control Channel Multi-Purpose Trail

Council Members: FYI

Carol

-----Original Message-----
From: Allison McKibbin
Sent: Saturday, June 30, 2007 11:51 AM
To: CMCouncil
Subject: Proposed Flood Control Channel Multi-Purpose Trail

Dear Mayor Mansoor and City Council Members,

I am contacting you concerning the proposed bike trail that would be directly behind my home at 848 St. Clair Street. I have lived in my home for over two years and my husband and I have two small children ages 3 and 2. I am a stay at home Mom and on numerous occasions have encountered people trespassing behind my home with spray cans getting ready to graffiti the walls behind my home. I have gotten very brave and on many occasions yelled that I'm calling the police to scare them off. I have a very large dog that seems to alert me when anyone is behind our house, and knowing that no one is supposed to be trespassing back there always gives me the option to call the police.

I am STRONGLY opposed to opening up the path to bikers and the entire public. I am sure that the entire wall behind my street on St. Clair that faces Bear St. would be covered with Graffiti, if it is to become a public access way. I think that crime on my street would be increased due to the chance for people to climb the fences behind our homes. The trail would be connecting a known gang related area right behind our homes which scares me to think of the consequences of what could go go on behind my home, with the recent gang shootings in the area.

Many of my neighbors are elderly who are original owners in Mesa Del Mar and I fear for there well being and worry over this situation. Please help protect my neighborhood by NOT approving this Multi-Purpose Trail.

Sincerely,

Allison McKibbin
848 St. Clair
CM, CA 92626

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CITY OF COSTA MESA

CALIFORNIA 92628-1200 P.O. BOX 1200

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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JUN 28 2007

PUBLIC SERVICES

June 26, 2007

SUBJECT: PROPOSED FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL

Dear Resident/Tenant:

The City of Costa Mesa as part of its General Plan, maintains a Master Plan of Bikeways (MPB). The MPB provides for off and on street bicycle facilities connecting not only different areas of the City, but also provides direct access to many "regional" bike trail facilities. Staff continually looks to improve and expand our bike trail/bike lane system to promote such uses for not only recreational purposes, but also as another mode of transportation for many residents. As part of this effort, in 2006, City staff undertook a field investigation of the possibility of utilizing existing flood control maintenance roads as multi-purpose trails.

At the conclusion of the field investigation of all flood control channels within the City, staff identified the Paularino Channel within the Mesa Del Mar neighborhood as well as Santa Ana Delhi Channel as providing a unique opportunity for a multi-purpose trail along the existing county maintenance roads. The maintenance road of the Paularino Channel begins at Fairview Road and continues east to Bristol Street where it intersects with the Santa Ana Delhi Channel. Located further east on Bristol Street, the Santa Ana Delhi Channel continues south of Bristol Street, crosses Santa Ana Avenue, and ultimately connects to the existing Santa Ana Heights and the Newport Beach golf course. Completion of a multipurpose trail on these flood control maintenance roads will ultimately connect the Santa Ana regional trail at Santa Ana River in the west to the Upper Back Bay in the City of Newport Beach.

At their regular meeting on June 5, 2007, the City Council received a full staff report and presentation on the above proposal and directed staff to commence with **preliminary conceptual plans** for a multi-purpose trail along Paularino and Santa Ana Delhi Channels. This plan includes a **public out-reach program** with all affected residents and businesses adjacent to the flood control channels. This action does not include approval for final design and construction of the multi purpose trail.

The public outreach program will afford all residents and businesses located along the proposed project the opportunity to voice concerns and discuss issues. At the conclusion of the development of preliminary conceptual plans and the public-outreach program, the proposed project will be presented to City Council for further consideration. Only at this point if the proposed project is approved by City Council, staff shall pursue grant funding sources for final design and phased construction.

77 FAIR DRIVE

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The access points of the flood control channels are currently secured with locked gates and are effectively closed to public access. The City recognizes that the Paularino and Santa Ana Delhi Channels are located directly behind a number of residences and that there may be concern for safety and liability with a multi-purpose trail open for public access. City staff, including staff from the Costa Mesa Police Department, intends to work with all affected residents through the public out-reach program, receive input, and address all concerns, such as need for additional fencing or walls to preserve safety and privacy of the community, including children and pets. Staff will contact every single household to conduct several neighborhood meetings over the course of the next several months and your participation is encouraged as the City welcomes your input and ideas regarding this proposed project.

The City hopes that the proposed multi-purpose trail will provide additional walking and bicycling opportunities while preserving the current level of safety and security for the community. If you have any further questions regarding the proposed project, you may contact David Cho, Assistant Engineer, at (714) 754-5017.

Sincerely,

ALLAN R. MANSOOR
Mayor

c: City Council Members
Allan Roeder, City Manager
Christopher Shawkey, Police Chief
William J. Morris, Director of Public Services
Peter Naghavi, Transportation Services Manager
Dennis Johnson, Assistant Engineer
David Cho, Assistant Engineer
File

David C: Please see me.
P.

June 10, 2007

C: Council
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ACM
✓Bill Marris

Costa Mesa
City Council Members -

Having viewed the City Council meeting on TV this Sunday, I was surprised to learn of the decision of a bike trail plan. I am a homeowner on St. Clair St and absolutely do not like the idea of a bike trail going behind my house. I don't think there is a proper width of the alley for this project and don't like the liability problems that could arise of having passers by view my swimming pool - will there be funds to build additional fencing along the path?

Sincerely -

Eric Feesel
868 St. Clair St.
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

C. Council
CM
ACM
Bill M

June 12, 2007

To the members of Costa Mesa City Council,

Among one of my concerns of having a bike trail and pedestrian walk behind my home may seem like nothing, but it is the worry about our outdoor pets. Almost every home has a cat or dogs. There have been times when dogs have been teased by an occassional "trespasser" and one case of hamburger in a nylon stocking thrown to a dog, which caused extensive expense in intestinal operations.

When we purchased our home in Mesa del Mar 45 years ago, one of the main points was the quiet, "private" and protected locked area behind our home along the drain ditch. It has proven to be quite safe to us and our children over the years, as promised, except when gates have been accidentally left open by workers allowing homes to be easily robbed and accessible by trucks carting away furniture from over the back wall, (2 years ago at 848 St. Clair).

I will not be happy or feel safe with strangers having free access to this area both day and night. What additional police patrolling will be available, especially now with the recent nearby-adjoining apartment gang activities that seem to be the newest Costa Mesa problem?

Over the years we have gone to the expense of rescuing and taming some of the cats that were dumped at the Newport-Mesa school bus lot by the channel, and they have lived happily as pets in our homes at night but during the day they quietly

watch for gophers and mice in the drain area ... we also enjoy and watch the birds and egrets that rest there.

Other neighbors and I are senior citizens and our cats are our companions and we will worry about their safety, too, from bikes and possible children with pellet-guns – the cats have been trained to stay out of the front yard and from the street, but this alley has been their territary for years. There are many other homes with both dogs and cats and I'm sure "bothering" dog barking will also increase in our quiet area with pedestrians and bike traffic.

As senior citizens, and many of us widows, we all are not able to afford additional higher fencing ... how will this be provided for the safety of our pets that were here before this plan?

A bike trail and walk is a wonderful recreational idea, but I wish it could run on the other side of the Channel where there are no residences, but I know there is not adequate space there.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Walter Hempstead

Other concerned residents:

Mrs. Harvey Haight
Mrs. Ed Evans
Cham Nguyen
Mrs. R. Bingo
Maria Bell
Terry Jarra
Al Ogata

To:
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Post Office Box 1200
Costa Mesa, Ca 92628

June 13, 2007

Mayor & Council Members,

We the homeowners of Drake and St. Clair Streets, in Mesa Del Mar, are very dismayed at the decision of the Costa Mesa City Council approving the bike trail and pedestrian walk behind our homes.

Without a posting or mailed public announcement, asking for our input, we feel this issue was "sneaked" past the homeowners. We have been awaiting the notice of this issue since its first presentation. Indeed, communication from the council member who resides in our tract has been curiously lacking.

How is an "open gate" policy going to offer more protection for our homes, lessen the possibility of grafitti, and keep out the homeless from their camping sites? Aren't locked gates meant as a deterent for keeping out trespassers? Your sense of logic in this matter escapes us.

What patrol or police service is planned and how is it to be funded? We think this is an invitation for grafitti, increased gang activitiy, and unwanted and unneeded expense for building safe "bypasses" for the path over, above or around the freeway and streets.

Forty five years ago we chose our homes along the private area and have felt a great measure of protection by having it closed to the public. Two years ago when the gate was accidentally left open by a

county worker, one of the homes was looted by a truck. It drove in, parked at the back wall, and proceeded to transfer furniture and belongings into it. And an unlocked gate will provide more protection?

Will proper fencing be provided? Some sections had cinder block walls built by the project developer, others have falling-down fences. Many of the sections may become "playground" areas bringing unwanted bike/pedestrian traffic.

Other concerns include: 1) traffic back up on Bear for crossing and busy Newport/Bristol corner, 2) liability of backyard swimming pools, 3) childcare homes bordering on trail.

This is an unnecessary "recreation project" which is not for the betterment of Mesa Del Mar and other affected areas.

Residents on Drake and St Clair Streets
and Other concerned homeowners in Mesa Del Mar

Irma Ballard - St. Clair Street

Irene Sellers St. Clair St.

Who will be responsible for maintaining
Clean up of this area?
There are people now who walk
their dogs in the neighborhood and
do not clean up after them!

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Lucy Pinkley Adrian

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Donna Y. Ortlieb 855 St Clair St. C.M.
851-5th. Clair Cm.
(Jason Webber)

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