

Kentfield Planning Advisory Board

P.O. Box 304, Kentfield, California 94914

Minutes of January 13, 2016

Anne Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the COM Student Union's Deedy Lounge. Other board members present: Dale Hansen, Neil Park, Pam Scott. Guests: Project consultant Darren Graves of Perkins Eastman/LBL, Steve Lamb, and Cindy Winter.

Minutes of October 28, 2015. Unanimously approved as submitted.

Minutes of November 11, 2015. Unanimously approved as submitted.

Marin Healthcare Hospital Replacement Design Review (Tejirian)

The KPAB reviewed final plans for a new hospital building to be added on to the west wing of the existing Marin General Hospital structure, and its associated parking, public transit arrangements, walkways, and changes to Bon Air Road. The project has been deemed complete by the County, including a comprehensive list of conditions. Project consultant Darren Graves provided a number of visual aids and reviewed the project in detail with the board. A tree removal permit, sign review, and temporary use permit are also included in this application.

Mr. Graves noted that the hospital is considering proposing changes to the front elevation louvers to strengthen the vertical presence and better match the west wing architecture.

Board members identified paths of travel and transit locations, as major concerns, given that many persons using the hospital could be elderly or infirm. Board noted that the proposed route from Bon Air to the mental health building should be modified and simplified, and that buses would preferably take people to the hospital entrance to disembark at the canopied entry.

Cindy Winters and board members also discussed the need for secure storage for employee bicycles, perhaps in a portion of the older building once it is vacated. Ms. Winters expressed concern that having bicycles parked for the day in a visible location could encourage vandalism.

KPAB Recommendation. Board members unanimously recommend or comment as follows:

1. Conditions of approval as recommended by staff should be required: to require that MGH restore Bon Air road pavement from SFD to Larkspur limits following completion of grading activities, and to limit hours of operation for off-haul traffic,
2. Board supports Department of Public Works efforts to ensure safe and accessible pathways to and from buildings for persons of all income and levels and disabilities.
3. Parking on Bon Air Road should not be included in the hospital's parking counts and once the parking garage is operational, those spaces should be assigned time limits, perhaps for two or four hours, so that this parking is available to the public at large, particularly persons using Hal Brown Park at Creekside.
4. Parking spaces leased from St. Sebastian's should not be included in the hospital's parking count so long as these spaces are only available on a year to year basis and subject to cancellation or change, as is currently the case.
5. Consider retaining the bus stop that is currently near the main entrance, part of the Make Ready plan, as it is accessible to the hospital.
6. Include audible signals for the visually impaired at signalized intersections and crossings.

Other Business. Scoping for the Army Corps of Engineers Corte Madera Creek flood control plan EIR will be held January 28, 6:30 PM at the Marin Art and Garden Center in Ross. Scoping comments are due by February 16.

This project, which will be done in conjunction with but not in place of, the Ross Valley Flood Control and Watershed program, is solely concerned with channel modifications to Unit.4, which is the creek through Ross and Kentfield.

Sir Francis Drake Blvd Rehabilitation Project. County planners are holding two walks for interested public along the Greenbrae and Kentfield routes for which changes could be recommended. The project is funded by Measure A, the Marin County Transportation Sales Tax measure passed by voters in 2004. The project, to improve the SFD corridor from the Ross line to Hwy 101, continues in fact-finding mode; a preferred alternative design should be ready this spring or summer, with construction starting in fall 2017. A walk for the eastern or Greenbrae portion was held earlier today attended by a couple of dozen members of the public. A walk along the Kentfield portion, starting at Bacich School, is set for 4 PM on January 25. Changes that appear to be under consideration are addition of a third eastbound lane along the stretch about from El Portal to 101, some sidewalk widening, and restriping of left turn lanes at SFD and La Cuesta Drive and Eliseo Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes: Ann Thomas