



HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 25, 2009
Edgumbe Recreation Center

Committee Members: Mary Davis, Leo Viktora, John Errigo, Steve Matysik, Carrie Au-Yeung, Will Au-Yeung, Joel Clemmer

Also in Attendance: Melissa Martinez-Sones (staff), Afton Martnes (staff), Anna Schumacher (community market task force idea), Doug Hennes (UST)

Meeting called to order. Attendance roster distributed. Committee introductions.

St. Thomas Athletic Building Site Plan

Doug Hennes from UST distributed handouts on the new St. Thomas Athletic Building. Details: same site as existing building -- a little larger, part of student center project. Handouts included floor plans, elevations, renderings, and interior views. The look is collegic gothic, gabled roofs, consistent with other UST buildings, etc. Doug walked through the construction timeline and the public hearing will be on April 16th. There will be a site plan review with the demo to happen right after Memorial Day; will be about a 15-16 month project. Don't yet have UST Board approval for student center (start in summer 2010); the EAW will happen this summer and open in early 2012. Landscaping and greenery will happen, performance and seating capacities are not increasing significantly; student center will have a ballroom for big dinners (600-700 people). Losing 600 parking spaces, adding 725 for a net of between 250 to 300 spaces.

WSNAC will be following all the development and no HLU committee action was taken.

Community Market Idea

Anna is a student at St. Ben's and is interested in a farmer's market in Mac-Groveland. She originally was considering the corner at St. Clair and Fairview, but is mostly interested in something that's walkable and offers local produce from local vendors. This idea is in the early stages and there are logistics to consider, the location being the main issue. There was committee discussion and it was agreed that there was support for the idea and the committee would be interested in helping Anna pursue this project. Staff agreed to start publicizing the concept to gather names of interested folks for a future task force.

Tracking Document

Staff talked about the idea of a tracking tool for committee members to use and for a historical record of how an issue moved through our committee. Committee members made suggestions about what information would be helpful to include, and staff agreed to put together a draft for discussion at the April meeting.

Approval of HLU workplan

Final workplan was reviewed and approved (with one tiny grammatical change).

Staff Updates and Announcements

Melissa made some announcements and gave some updates.

Meeting adjourned.