

ECOS Land Use Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday November 10th, 2014
Mogavero / Notestine 2012 K Street
6:00 – 7:30 pm

MEETING NOTES

In attendance: Ron Maertz, John Deeter, Alex Kelter, Rob Burness, Barry Wasserman, Molly Wright, Ken Wilcox, Lynn Wheat, Moselle DiPane, Ralph Proper, Robert Meagher, Michael Seaman, Kathy Stricklin, Tony Stewart and Chris Erias

I. Galt Presentation

City Planning Director Tony Stewart and Senior Planner Chris Erias updated the Committee on planning issues in the City of Galt.

The City has recently adopted a General Plan that anticipates a 2030 population of 50,000. Within the city limits there are currently 70 finished vacant lots, 500 units in approved tentative maps, 500 units in pending tentative maps and 260 lots based on zoned density of vacant property. There is holding capacity overall for 250 high-density units.

Mr. Stewart summarized the proposed Eastview project adjacent the northeast corner of the City. The project is a request for annexation and approval of a specific plan with full entitlements. Committee members offered input on the design of the proposed project, including the following: Lack of mixed use, dominant single family with little variation in housing types, lack of neighborhood-serving commercial land and the need for a recreation vision involving ped/bike links to recreation sites to the east.

Mr. Stewart also updated the Committee on the proposed Galt Casino project, which is under the authority of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The EIS is being prepared. The Committee noted that the project will have definite growth inducing impacts beyond the current City Sphere and that mitigation of those impacts would be appropriate.

Also noted was the fact that Delta Junior College owns land in San Joaquin County adjacent the City limits and they want to build a small campus facility on the property. Approximately ½ of the 100 acre site would be set aside to protect and mitigate for wetland loss.

II. Project Updates

Sports and Entertainment Complex – Judge Frawley’s final judgment was disappointingly short on redressing the Alliance’s legal challenges. It is highly unlikely the decision will be appealed.

Sacramento City General Plan Update: The plan will go to the Planning commission on Dec 11 and to the Council on January 13.

Sacramento County Zoning Code Update: There will be a workshop this coming Wednesday. The County has not addressed ECOS' concerns. Alex will address these concerns at the January 27 hearing on the issue.

Natomas Joint Vision: The County Planning Commission and County Board will hold workshops early next year on the Natomas Joint Vision process involving the development of 5700 acres outside the Urban Service Boundary.

Sacramento Commons – A planned presentation to ECOS has been postponed. The California State Historic Resources Commission recently approved the designation of several buildings in the complex as historically significant.

III. Report Backs

Michael Seaman presented a written argument for setting aside two projects in Arden Arcade in the vicinity of Country Club Plaza that neighborhood groups feel do not address the potential for creating a vibrant mixed-use committee in the area. The Committee discussed the letter and designated an ad hoc subcommittee to edit the argument for possible letter to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.