

SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Oak Park
Redevelopment Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 12, 2006
6:30 PM
Oak Park Community Center
3524 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

***These meeting minutes are unapproved. The Oak Park RAC will take action on the minutes at the May 10th RAC meeting.**

- I. Call to Order
Committee Chairperson, Edenausageboye Davis, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
- II. Roll Call
Committee Secretary, Linda McDonald, conducted roll call.
Present: Bud Aungst, Edenausageboye Davis, Mary Lou Lackey, Linda McDonald, Sandy Redmond, James Taylor, Rose Thomas
Absent: Kim Curry-Evans, Edgar Hilbert,
Staff Present: Erika Bumgardner
- III. Welcoming Remarks
Edenausageboye Davis welcomed members of the community.
- IV. Approval of the March 8, 2006 RAC Meeting Minutes
The minutes were approved. Aungst abstained.
- V. Redevelopment Items

A. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Discussion and related Actions – Erika Bumgardner, SHRA

SHRA recommends approval to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) a Master Plan and Urban Design Plan for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard streetscape and South Oak Park. This would include an Infrastructure Needs Assessment for South Oak Park. This priority was identified through the workshops and subsequent meetings of the RAC as a high-priority strategic investment for bond funds. At this time a dollar figure need not be approved, however, it could cost \$750,000 to \$1 million.

The boundaries were shown on a map, along with several vacant lots that could potentially be developed on MLK. RAC members expressed concern about dictating the use of private property and how to avoid slowing down some of the more “common sense” improvements, such as replacing street light covers. Lisa Bates from SHRA explained that the planning could be phased so that items that did not require a lot of public review and input could move forward.

Aungst noted that the MLK corridor and South Oak have not received the attention they need and it is time to get serious. He strongly supported the release of the RFP so that planning can move forward.

Public members Sumpter, Ganson and Fischer spoke in support of the RFP. Public member Emslie felt that the price was too high.

The motion to release the RFP for the MLK Streetscape Master Plan, including a South Oak Park infrastructure needs assessment passed unanimously.

A request was made that the results of a recent study of street lighting be brought to the next meeting

Linda McDonald was appointed to the MLK Development Project Steering Committee, which meets on the first and third Wednesdays from 2-4. There will also be a community meeting on April 19th at the Oak Park Community Center.

B. Oak Park Street Lighting Project – Erika Bumgardner, SHRA

Staff recommended the approval of a transfer of \$2.3 million of Oak Park Bond funds for the installation of approximately 235 street lights. The lights will be pedestrian level (“acorn style”) to match the existing fixtures in the historic core area.

A motion to transfer \$2.3 million for the Oak Park Street Lighting Project was approved unanimously.

C. Appointment of Oak Park RAC Representative to the Weed and Seed Steering Committee – Erika Bumgardner, SHRA

Oak Park was recognized as a Weed and Seed area by the Department of Justice. Through a grant application process, the Committee will receive \$175,000 each year for 5 years to spend in Oak Park. This is a large committee with 25 members, representing diverse groups in Oak Park. Sandy Redmond was appointed to the Weed and Seed Steering Committee.

D. RAC Officer Elections – Erika Bumgardner, SHRA

The RAC election resulted in additional 1-year terms for the incumbents: Edenausageboye Davis, Chair; Mary Lou Lackey, Vice-Chair; and Linda McDonald, Secretary

VI. Informational Items

A. Oak Park Redevelopment Area Project Updates – Erika Bumgardner, SHRA

1. **A. Donner Field** - SHRA has received the affordability model and will set up the next meeting for next week. The Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) will be coming to the RAC in May or June. It took extra time to review the land trust model they plan to use, where the ownership of the land will remain in a trust.

2. **Design Guidelines** – Other than those made at the last RAC meeting, no other comments were received on the final guidelines. They will be voted on at the May 17th meeting of the Redevelopment Commission.
3. **4th Avenue Lofts** – There will be a groundbreaking ceremony during the May 13th Home Improvement Street Fair.
4. **Markets** – Days Market's business owner and residential tenants have received a 90-day notice to vacate and will be out by late June. Washington Market will receive theirs very soon.
5. **RAC Vacancies** – April 28th is the last day to submit applications. There are two positions for homeowner occupants and one for a residential tenant.

B. Oak Park Design Review Subcommittee Update – Bud Aungst

The subcommittee reviewed eight houses and were impressed with the quality of the designs.

VII. Communication from RAC Members and Public on Items Not on the Agenda

- A. Edenausageboye Davis invited everyone to attend the Women's Civic Improvement Club (WCIC) Open House and Membership Drive on Saturday, April 22nd between 2 and 6 PM.
- B. Of the 5 HUD homes that were mentioned last meeting, three have applications into design review. The RAC will receive a more formal update at the meeting in May on the status of these and other Housing Authority properties.
- C. The request from Lauren Hammond that the RAC receive a report of the inventory of SHRA-owned properties in Oak Park was reiterated.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.