

SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Oak Park
Redevelopment Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 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 December 13th RAC meeting.**

- I. Call to Order
Committee Chairperson, Edenausageboye Davis, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.
- II. Roll Call
Committee Secretary, Linda McDonald, conducted roll call.
Present: Kim Curry-Evans, Edenausageboye Davis, Edgar Hilbert, Mary Lou Lackey, LaTisha Lawson, Linda McDonald, Melissa Meng, Sandy Redmond , James Taylor, Rose Thomas
Absent: Adolfo Mercado
Staff Present: Erika Bumgardner, Chris Pahule
- III. Welcoming Remarks
Edenausageboye Davis welcomed members of the community.
- IV. Approval of the October 11th, 2006 RAC Meeting Minutes
The date of the expiration of the Oak Park Redevelopment Area was revised to May 29, 2016, based on staff research. The revised minutes were approved.
- V. Redevelopment Items
 - A. City of Sacramento Design Review Update – Bill Crouch, City of Sacramento***
Chris Pahule introduced Bill Crouch, Urban Design Manager, who presented a handout on changes to the design review process. The handout outlined the transition from the current method of doing things to the future model. Beginning January 1, 2007, there will be two commissions – the Design Commission and the Preservation Commission. Mr. Crouch invited members of the RAC and the public to apply for one of two positions on each commission as a member-at-large.

The new review model is streamlined, but does not include a design review process at the RAC subcommittee level. Projects would be available for public review online. Public involvement would be accomplished by phoning or emailing Design Review.

RAC members expressed concern about online access for non-computer users. A bulk email list was requested, so that those who are interested in being notified can sign up. Additional concerns included the level of City staff responsibility for implementing the guidelines and how effective the guidelines will be addressing some of the issues that the community is concerned about with new development.

Chris Pahule clarified that planning related projects are still required to provide mailed notice – i.e. zoning changes or variances. Assistant Planner Leslie Gross explained that the guidelines will go to the City Council on November 21st. She also explained that many of the concerns regarding large homes being built in Oak Park are planning issues, not design review issues.

Public member Chandler opposed the change because Oak Park is very active and wants a greater level of involvement. He felt that there should be multiple avenues for notice, input and response.

Public member Emslie noted that this policy was developed and voted on by City Council without giving the RAC any notice. He suggested that the RAC subcommittee continue to meet and make comments.

Public member Ware opposed this change and encouraged the community to stand up and not relinquish their power.

Public member Boyd opposed the change because he felt that developers are building large homes and renting to the type of people that cause trouble for Oak Park.

Public member Stevenson opposed the change because it serves developers.

Public member Barden noted that the planning code needs to be changed. People need to have a yard. The online posting will not work because not everyone turns on the computer every day.

Public member McKeithern opposed the change because Oak Park is not getting the respect that it deserves. It is the very first suburb of Sacramento.

Public member Sumpter suggested that the Design Review Subcommittee of the RAC meet at the library once or twice a month and look online at the projects. He does not like the lack of notice in the new process.

B. Dissolution of the RAC Design Review Subcommittee – Chris Pahule, SHRA

Chris Pahule gave a background on the formation of the RAC Design Review Subcommittee, which was formed to save time for the RAC. The October 24th action by the City Council will mean a significant drop in items that will be presented. Only those of a substantial scale will come to the full RAC, as they do now. The proposed dissolution would be effective as of March 2007. He also noted that any meeting of RAC members (three or more), without public notice would be a violation of the Brown Act.

RAC members expressed disappointment and made recommendations about how to continue the review process despite the new process.

Public member Stevenson noted that laws should give power to the people.

Public member McKeithern said she had spoken to Council Member Hammond, who said that the subcommittee would meet for six more months, therefore it doesn't make sense to disband it now.

Public member Barden said that the new process is confusing to the community and noted that meeting one to one is not a violation of the Brown Act.

Public member Emslie noted that if information was supplied correctly, the subcommittee could continue to meet.

A motion not to dissolve the subcommittee was passed with one no vote. Chris Pahule suggested that the City and SHRA come back to the RAC with alternatives.

VI. Informational Items

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

1. The Design Guidelines are scheduled to go to the City Council November 21st, 2006 at the 2:00 p.m. session. To view the final revision, go to www.shra.org.
2. Acquisition of the Goodwill property is scheduled to go before the Redevelopment Commission on November 15th at 6 p.m. at 600 I Street.
3. The MLK and South Oak Park Master Plan RFP responses are being reviewed. LaTisha Lawson is the RAC representative on the selection committee.
4. The RAC will get an update on Regent Place at the December meeting.
5. Final planning approvals and building permits are being prepared for the blue bungalow move from 9th Avenue.
6. AF Evans has submitted their entitlements application to the City for planning review.
7. There will be meetings citywide on November 16th called Tall Order Forums to address traffic planning. The meetings are sponsored by SACOG to plan for the expenditure of \$36 billion. For more information, call 325-1634.

B. Oak Park Design Review Subcommittee Update – *Rose Thomas*

Three projects were reviewed, including a 40 x 50' lot with an 8' backyard, also one on Y Street that included a lot split.

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

Rose Thomas wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Ed Chandler suggested that the RAC host a tutorial on the online Design Review process.

Linda McDonald noted that the Bond Act for Affordable Housing passed and that Proposition 90 did not pass. This is good news and shows support for the kind of work we are doing.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.