
**CITY OF DANA POINT
TOWN CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

The Subcommittee reconvened the meeting at approximately 2:05pm.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. SUBCOMMITTEE ROLL CALL

Beverly Sells was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Liz Fitzgerald – Suggested prohibiting bars and restaurants below residential uses in the Town Center to avoid potential conflicts.
- b. Ross Teasley – Discussed his support for 2-way traffic circulation.

4. PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATED

Kathy Barnum stated that the Town Center Newsletter would be mailed first-class to all Dana Point residents prior to the April 27th Subcommittee meeting. Brenda Chase stated that the Council, at their 4/12 meeting were scheduled to approve an extension of Kathy Barnum's contract.

5. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM

Karin Schnell provided an overview of the recommendations developed by the 13 member Task Force and presented photos of art pieces in Anaheim. Public comment was provided by Nancy Jenkins, a member of the Task Force, who indicated the need for the recommendations to be applied citywide.

Following discussion the recommendations were approved unanimously (Motion made by Jim Howard and seconded by Steven Weinberg). Staff will develop and present an ordinance amendment which reflects the recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council.

6. LINKAGES WITH THE HARBOR

John Tilton presented the existing policies which the Subcommittee has recommended which address the need to create linkages with the Harbor. Following discussion of a variety of options, including a gondola, escalator, and funicular, as well as additional signage and improving the entry to Heritage Park, the following circulation policy was recommended:

Policy 3.7: Investigate options for linking businesses and events in the Town Center and the Harbor, such as gondolas, escalators and funiculars.

Modifications to existing policies were also made (modifications shown):

Policy 6.1: Create a public signage and banner program which creates a unified design which reflects the character of the Town Center for street signage, and direction signs to public parking locations and community serving uses (i.e., public buildings, parks, harbor, scenic attractions, coastal access points, bike and pedestrian paths, cultural/historic structures)

Policy 6.2: Encourage ~~pedestrian~~ signage oriented to the pedestrian, such as projecting signs.

7. TOWN CENTER POLICIES (LANDSCAPE POLICIES)

John Tilton reviewed the current landscape policies and those recommended. The Subcommittee recommended several new landscape policies. Those recommended by the Subcommittee include (Motion made by Terry Walsh and seconded by Lara Anderson):

Landscape Policies

Policy 9.1: Benches, kiosks or art features should be incorporated into the landscaping as amenities to pedestrians.

Policy 9.2: Nighttime illumination of landscaping, paths, trees or art features shall be designed to contribute to the safety and beauty of the downtown, but should not overflow onto residential areas.

Policy 9.3: Landscaping must be selected and maintained at a scale that is consistent with the building site and overall pedestrian scale of the downtown.

Policy 9.4: Landscaping shall be designed to not conflict with pedestrian circulation (include diagram depicting optimal sidewalk dimensions).

Policy 9.5: Best Management Practices (BMPs) for landscaping, in addition to those required by the City's Local Implementation Plan, shall be considered.

Policy 9.6: Landscaping should compliment and not interfere with visibility of businesses and signage.

Policy 9.7: Temporary planters and pots placed by business owners in the public right of way shall be limited to items identified in an encroachment permit issued to the business owner by the Public Works Department.

Policy 9.8: Street trees shall be limited to the maximum allowed building height (40-feet).

Policy 9.9: Street landscaping shall be selected which are appropriate for sidewalk environments to limit the potential of root systems which may buckle sidewalks.

Public comment was provided by Barbara Johannes who requested that the existing policy related to lanterns be modified as follows:

Policy 7.1: Seek to protect and revitalize historic structures, as well as other elements, in the Town Center, such as the original lanterns and historic concrete curb & sidewalk stamps.

8. NAMING TOWN CENTER & STREETS

Because of the uncertainty related to the street circulation this item was deferred (motion by Lara Anderson and seconded by Wayne Rayfield). Name suggestions may be forwarded to Brenda Chase who will compile them for the City's Economic Development Manager.

9. FOLLOW-UP FROM MARCH 20TH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

The 3/20/06 minutes were approved. However, in regards to Land Uses, it was suggested that hotel uses not be permitted adjacent to residential uses (south of Del Prado and north of PCH). Consideration of this modification will be forwarded to the Subcommittee at the wrap up meeting, to be scheduled in May. JoAnn Christman provided comment indicating concerns with proposed building height and traffic.

10. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Kirsten Reynolds reviewed issues which she requested to be addressed in the policies, including franchise architecture/formula-based businesses and development of guidelines for historic preservation. Other issues she raised included research she has conducted related to parking cash card programs and cross diagonal cross walks. Ronna Kincaid stated that a policy should be included requiring underground of utilities for new development. Policies will be developed to address these issues and presented to the Subcommittee at the wrap-up meeting. Karin Schnell asked for a summary of the survey.

11. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 5:05p.m. Next meeting April 27, 2006 at 5pm.