



March 4, 2014

To: Open Letter to HVHIA Residents

Subject: The Circulation Committee: 3/3/14 Meeting

Dear Neighbors,

I wish to personally thank all of the attendees who took time from their busy schedules to make their presence, thoughts and concerns known to the Commissioners, Staff and Liaison Members last evening (3/3/14). From past experience, I could sense the commission was somewhat taken aback prior to the beginning of the meeting with the large influx of humanity signing speaker slips. I counted 28 people in the room. I know there were more standing in the hallway. Ten people spoke to the Commission and not one speaker exceeded his allotted 3 minute limit, at least I heard no timer bells. The Commissioners were attentive and I saw one (Hiden) taking copious notes. I believe our first concentrated effort went very well.

The second phase will be next Monday at 7:00pm at Design Review Commission. The meeting place is again in the Art/Science Discovery room. A replication in attendance and topic (Lennar Project Traffic concerns) speakers would be marvelous! After last night, I can anticipate Design Review Commissioners may be expecting our presence. The Third Monday (Mar. 17) will be the Planning Commission meeting in the Library Community Hall, a much larger facility therefore requiring us (HVHIA) to be there en masse, as many bodies as we can muster to fill the room!

CALL YOUR NEIGHBOR. BRING YOUR WIVES AND HUSBANDS. STRESS THE FACT THAT THIS IS PRE-EMPTIVE AND WE WILL NO DOUBT BE REQUIRED TO REPEAT THIS PROCEDURE AGAIN.

I remained to hear the discussion on the Downtown Design Guidelines (DDG) Agenda item 5a. The sub-committee reviewed the draft DDG, Parking and Circulation Section, page by page, item by item. Commissioners made suggestions and received explanations of the various terms contained in the document. Sub-Committee member Chastain (Vice Chairman, Planning Commission) was main speaker in explaining content. He stressed the points that DDG is not a planning document and is not an ordinance. It provides guidance to City Staff and Commissions.

The suggestions will be incorporated into the document for final submission to City Council. Adoption and implementation forecast for mid-year 2014. This will apply to NEW applications, not those already approved.

I had a brief discussion with Tom Chastain as we departed the premises and he volunteered the comment, "I'm sure we will meet again soon". I said, "You can count on it".

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Thielke, President HVHIA