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DATE:	March 7, 2011
TO:	Iron Horse Corridor Advisory Committee
FROM:	Carrie Ricci, Public Works Department
SUBJECT:	Record of February 2, 2011 meeting

The following is a record of the Iron Horse Corridor Advisory Committee meeting on February 2, 2011.

Members present: Paul Eykamp, Stan Hansen, Dan Cunning, Lesley Hunt, Rosanne Nieto, Christy Slye, Stewart Proctor, and Dave Hudson

Staff present: Carrie Ricci, Public Works Department; Laura Case, Supervisor Bonilla's Office; Yvonne Papeman, EBRPD

Public present: Larry McEwen, Walden District Improvement Association; Alex Mehran, Jr., Sunset Development; Andreas Stavropoulous, LS Land; Dan Boatwright, Castle Companies; Mary Lou Laubscher, MCP; Kathy Renfrow, MCP; Bruce Lyon, MCP; James Kalin, Virtually Green

1. **Open the meeting:** Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. **Public Comment (Items not listed on the agenda):**

3. **Approval of November 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes with no changes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. **Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for 2011:** Paul Eykamp was elected Chair and Rosanne Nieto was elected Vice Chair. Both passed by unanimous vote.

5. **Sunset Development response to comments from the November meeting:** Alex Mehran, Jr. with Sunset Development and Andreas Stavropoulos with XS Land followed up on comments from the last meeting regarding improvements between Norris Canyon Road and Bollinger Canyon Road.

    - In addition to already proposed seating areas, there is a plan to replicate seating areas at the City of San Ramon borders

- Sunset will maintain the existing mile marker system
- Seating – looking at comfortable wooden chairs which add additional maintenance expenses
- Dog Waste – dispensers will be located near the trail entrances, approximately 8 receptacles throughout the project area
- Habitat for birds and bees – Alex and Andreas are working with staff at EBRPD

6. **Monument Community Partnership:** James Kalin with Virtually Green explained the concept of commercial urban farming and the Sustainable Commercial Urban Farm Incubator (SCUFI) program which trains commercial urban farmers, assists with startup financing, helps secure land and provides technical and business support to urban farmers. Kathy Renfrow with MCP discussed an urban farm project in Concord on BART property. Committee Member Nieto volunteered to meet with MCP and the City of Concord to obtain more information and then contact County staff. This topic was tabled until there is more information on the land MCP is looking at in the IHC.

7. **Castle Companies Landscaping Proposal:** Dan Boatwright with Castle Companies presented a plan to develop a condominium and live/work unit complex on the north east side of Norris Canyon Road adjacent to the IHC. The plan includes landscaping in the Iron Horse Corridor, adjacent to the complex. The committee made the following suggested changes to the landscaping plan:

   - Show existing easements and licensed areas on the landscaping plan
   - Remove some of the proposed trees, introduce variety to make it more interesting
   - Open the area more to allow for seating areas

8. **Donation from Kinder Morgan:** Kinder Morgan donated $2,000 to the Iron Horse Corridor. Several options were discussed regarding how the money should be used: hold onto the money until there is a possible project or use the money to preserve existing trees. The Walden District Improvement Association will come back with a proposal for the committee to consider. It was suggested that all advisory committee members walk their section of the IHC and identify possible volunteer trees that the donation could be used for. Staff was requested to bring guidelines for caging trees and the costs associated with cages.

9. **Work Program for 2011:** The committee requested several additions to the tasks in the work program which include: review and recommendations on the IHC budget and the project status log.

10. **Review IHC Trust Fund Fiscal Year Reports and budget for 2010-11:** Staff reviewed the current budget information. Committee Member Eykamp requested that the committee have a broader discussion about the budget at the next advisory committee meeting.

11. **Reports from Committee Members and Staff:** Staff reviewed the current list of IHC staff projects and their status. Committee Member Eykamp mentioned that Alamo residents had received a survey from County Service Area R-7 asking for community priorities regarding park and recreation services. He suggested that there may be an opportunity for additional partnership projects between R-7 and the IHC.

12. **Consider agenda topics and date for the next meeting:** The date was set for Wednesday, May 18 at Brookview.

    - IHC Budget
    - Grant Fund Matching Guidelines

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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