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DATE:	November 4, 2011
TO:	Iron Horse Corridor Advisory Committee
FROM:	Carrie Ricci, Public Works Department
SUBJECT:	Record of November 2, 2011 Meeting

The following is a record of the Iron Horse Corridor (IHC) Advisory Committee meeting on November 2, 2011.

Members present: Stan Hansen, Lesley Hunt, Rosanne Nieto, Stewart Proctor, Christy Slye, David Hudson, and Davio Santos

Staff present: Laura Case, Supervisor Mitchoff's Office; Carrie Ricci, Public Works Department

Public present: Andreas Stavropoulos, XS/LA; Alex Mehran Jr., Sunset Development; Gene DeMar

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

2. **Public Comment (Items not listed on the agenda):** Gene DeMar suggested that any additional money from the Walden Green Phase II project should go towards that area between Mayhew and Lisa Lane to remove rock and improve soil conditions.

3. **Approval of August 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes with no changes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. **Elect Chair and Vice Chair:** A motion was made to appoint Rosanne Nieto to the chair position and Stewart Proctor for vice chair. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. **Iron Horse Corridor Advisory Committee Bylaws:** The committee did not have revisions to the bylaws. The committee requested that staff add the bylaws to an agenda annually to give committee members an opportunity to review them and to ensure that new advisory committee members receive a copy.

6. **Tree Planting Policy and Letters from the Public Regarding Trees and Tree Replacement:** Staff reviewed the October 2011 report to the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee. Staff will report back on this topic at the next advisory

committee meeting and the decision by the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's Board regarding the caged trees in their easement. Committee member Lesley Hunt commented that Jim Hunt's letter was well written and summarized the history of the IHC.

7. **Sunset Development Plant Palette:** Alex Mehran, Jr. and Andreas Stravropoulos shared the plant palette for the landscaping project between Norris Canyon Road and Bollinger Canyon Road. Committee member Lesley Hunt has concerns about the proposed Nasella tenuissima grass because it can be invasive. She suggested replacing it with Nasella cernua. Other concerns were the use of the Honey Locust tree and how they would do in hot weather and the use of Melica ciliate grass. Lesley requested that Andreas get in contact with John Montgomery, a previous IHC advisory committee member who assisted with the development of the IHC Landscape Element to get his input on this and why they were not included. Lesley will review the plant list and send any other questions or concerns to staff. An updated plant list will be provided at the next advisory committee meeting.

8. **Review IHC Trust Fund Fiscal Year Report:** Staff reviewed the updated budget report for the first quarter of the fiscal year. Staff has started to discuss the budget situation with both District 2 and 4 Supervisors. Staff will report the status of the trust fund to the Board of Supervisor's Finance Committee in 2012. Also, staff is researching the feasibility of a non-profit assisting with maintenance of the IHC and possible cost savings. Committee members requested a longer discussion about the budget at the next committee meeting and asked staff to contact Seth Adams with Save Mt. Diablo regarding possible grant opportunities.

9. **Reports from Committee Members and Staff:** Staff reviewed the project status report.

10. **Consider agenda topics and date for the next meeting:** The date was set for Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at Brookview.

    Suggested topics for the next meeting:
    - Updated plant list for Sunset Development
    - Walden Green Phase II project
    - Danville Bicycle Parking Program
    - Budget- discuss options to reduce expenditures

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.