

Marin Conservation League
North Marin Unit
Final Meeting Notes
Thursday, January 19, 2012

The meeting took place at the home of the U'Rens at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Joyce Applen, Pat U'Ren, Frank U'Ren, Edith Piltch, Don Wilhelm, Gail Wilhelm, Gail Dillon-Knutson and Susan Stompe.

The notes of the meetings of October and November were approved as distributed.

The first issue discussed was the meeting on Sustainable Community Strategies sponsored by ABAG and MTC. Both Don and Gail attended and reported from their experience. The Delphi technique was used which enabled the sponsors to manipulate the range of options of the participants. Land Use and transportation trade offs were presented, but no real way to introduce local desires. Gail suggested that HUD and Federal Dept. of Transportation need to be contacted to get some feedback from communities that are not really participating in the process in the S.F. Bay Area. Last year MCL cosponsored a housing discussion that went well in allowing for participation by attendees. It was suggested that there be a follow up to this meeting.

Gross Field Draft EIR and Draft EIS are out and comments are due by Feb. 6. Don and Susan reviewed some of the issues that MCL will be commenting on. Mitigation for loss of wetlands should be in Marin. The only mitigation sites in the documents are in Sonoma and Napa counties. The ratio of replacement should be no less than 2:1, not 1:1 as stated in the DEIS. Planes capable of using the longer runway need to be identified.

Gail reported that the Mills restaurant site was approved by the City Council as requested by the developer. There will be 3 businesses instead of one and the parking lot will be smaller. Design Review did not agree with the final design, and a commissioner resigned in the process.

Bernie attended the presentation of design plans for the Stafford Lake Bike Park and submitted a report before he left town. The swales MCL requested to catch silty runoff were included and will be maintained so they stay functional. The money to build the facility has not been secured, so a start date has not been identified.

Susan announced that the hearing on the appeal of the Port Sonoma/Carneros Ranch project is scheduled for Jan. 24 at the Sonoma Board of Supervisors. The letter from Shute, Mihaly and Weinberger is excellent, strong and compelling. Susan plans to attend, but no one else was available.

Don reported that the new Novato Transit hub on Redwood Blvd. is being planned. Carole confirmed that it will cost \$3.6 million and is being planned by TAM.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

The next meeting will be at Edith Piltch's house on Feb. 9.

Notes by S.Stompe

