

Mill Creek Steering Committee
Meeting Notes
November 22, 2005

Ryan Hurley proposed that the group meet more frequently and assign tasks to be accomplished before each meeting. Discussion toward the end of the meeting concluded that we should work to accomplish more between meetings and communicate more via e-mail. Not everyone could commit to more frequent meetings.

Ryan also clarified that the Hinton conceptual plan was just that, a map of one concept. The group agreed that more concept alternatives were needed, but that establishing core values should be the top priority.

Mary Ann Simonds noted that several national foundations and non-profits have expressed significant interest in the planning process we are using, including the Sonora Institute and the Pew Partnership for Change. There is also a large Federal grant program that supports planning for sustainable communities.

Action item: Mary Ann will sort through the opportunities and criteria and generate a matrix or report.

Mary Ann also noted that she had been researching the use of conservation easements as a replacement or option for habitat buffers, because they provide significant tax benefits and can be combined with trails projects to provide corridors for humans and other animals. This tool could be useful in Mill Creek area.

In response to questions, Marty Crisp said she could not guarantee that a school would be built on the BGSD property in Mill Creek. It depends on bond measures and whether the location makes sense for serving the students (where the UGB moves and development occurs).

Community Core Values - The following were suggested as a first draft:

- Preserve green space and protect wildlife habitat
- Restore & maintain a sense of community
- Ease traffic congestion and expand opportunities for walking and recreation. (We probably meant something closer to "Tame/slow traffic within the neighborhood, while providing safety, accessibility and convenient circulation for cars, bicycles, pedestrians and equestrians.")
- Promote collaboration within the community and between neighborhoods.
- Design neighborhood around a public elementary school (I'm not sure if there was a consensus on this one.)

Other ideas that may be implementation measures included 1) consider one or more large storm water facilities designed as amenities instead of the typical

small fenced dry pond; and 2) adopt some kind of design standards to ensure consistent, quality development (again, not fully discussed).

Action items: Mike Mabrey will post the draft core values on the webpage and get the rest of the website up and running.

Participation by residents in Steering Committee meetings – Several residents attended and had questions about the process, timing and likely outcomes. The Steering Committee will try to accommodate comments and questions from visitors if it doesn't impede progress. The concerns leading to this position were: 1) the group was formed by people who could commit to long-term and continuous participation in the meetings and 2) the group can't keep bringing new members or visitors up to speed. It was noted that these are not public meetings in the legal sense, because the steering committee is not an official body or appointed by local government. The group has received a list of questions from people in the neighborhood and will prepare answers as soon as possible.

Action item: Mike Mabrey will work on responses to the questions raised by community members in the form of a Q&A page.

Goal by the end of the year is to reach agreement on values. We did not clarify how this outreach would get done.

Action item: Blair will schedule the next meeting by e-mail.