



City of Thousand Oaks

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE (BR)

March 11, 2008

The Acorn Room

2100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard

Summary Notes

Call to Order by Phil Koonce (Chair), 8:15 a.m.

Roll Call: Present: Phil Koonce (Chair), Denis Wilson (Vice-Chair), Cheryl-Lee Brown, Mark Jessee, John La Rocca, Suzanne Luce, Dan Overton, Dr. Ashish Vaidya

Staff: Gary Wartik, Economic Development Manager; Dean Morales, Engineering Division Manager; Mike Tohidian, Senior Engineer; Mary Lech, Assistant Analyst

Absent: Rick Principe, Susan Murata, Dixie Vollmer

Public Comments:

Discussion of 2008 Roundtable Workplan -

The 2008 Workplan was unanimously approved at City Council meeting of March 4, 2008 (City Council highlighted the assignment of green building principles). Discussion of Workplan will be agendaized for May 2008 Business Roundtable meeting, following the appointment of Roundtable members to their 2008-2009 terms in April.

Green Building Standards

Public Works staff Dean Morales and Mike Tohidian reviewed the City's Transportation Center currently under construction and its LEED certification; The United States Green Building Council determines standards for LEED certification, several requirements must be met to qualify for certification; various levels of compliance are available (standard certification, bronze, silver, gold, platinum).

A few considerations for LEED certification guidelines include: Sustainable site, water resource protection, roofing, energy efficiency, insulation, door and window quality, solar panels, highly effective electrical and mechanical operations, ensure building benefits the environment, sustainable building materials, dual flush toilets.



City benefits gained from certification include: Increases opportunities for grant funding from the State, environmentally friendly, saves on energy, reduces operational costs, increases tax rebate opportunities, good marketing tool.

Thousand Oaks began practicing green building in 1999 and in 2004 City Council formerly requested green building principles be implemented as often as possible. It was noted that it is more challenging to meet the LEED standards when working with rehab projects. Various features (i.e. parking lots) are already in place and changes would be costly.

Business Roundtable members requested additional information on green principles; it was suggested Community Development Director John Prescott be invited to the next Roundtable meeting to discuss green standards, the City's Resolution, and efforts to develop appropriate language and policies for green building standards. Mr. Tohidian commented that the usual progression in encouraging community support for implementing green building standards includes: 1) City beginning to use green principles on its own construction; 2) City requires builders to implement standards; 3) Principles are extend to the business community, home construction, and remodeling projects.

Jim Aidukas (citizen) expressed concerns regarding sub-systems resulting from green standards (i.e. How do residents dispose of mercury light bulbs? Are clarifiers installed for excess water run-off? When energy saving systems are used, what residue problems occur? How do residents dispose of residue? Are we certain systems are the most effective and cost efficient for the purchase?).

Future City projects that will be designed to LEED standards include construction of Household Hazardous Waste Facility and bus depot.

9:05 a.m. Messrs. Morales and Tohidian left the meeting.

Sub-Committee Member Assignments -

Discussion of committee assignments was postponed to April 8, 2008 Business Roundtable meeting. Roundtable members will prioritize Workplan topics for discussion; issues will be removed from the plan as they are completed.

Sub-Committee Reports/Action -

City website is being updated to be more user friendly and include increased information for Thousand Oaks' businesses; the focus will be small businesses (50 or less employees).



Thousand Oaks Blvd.

The Thousand Oaks Boulevard Association consultants continue to update the Specific Plan working draft. In a few weeks, following completion of the Specific Plan, a presentation will be made to the Business Roundtable. An Environmental Impact Report will also be completed and it is anticipated to be submitted to City Council by the end of 2008.

Permit Processing

Report pending Thousand Oaks Blvd. Specific Plan completion.

Parking

City Council approved the Auto Mall parking plan. This new angled parking will generate parking for employees.

Building Heights

Report pending Thousand Oaks Blvd. Specific Plan completion.

Business Roundtable Comments and Open Forum –

Phil Koonce - Expressed his appreciation for Roundtable member condolences on the passing of his mother-in-law.

Gary Wartik – Mr. Wartik will provide Mark Jessee with Zip Code change information (As of March 13, 2008, Zip Codes changes will not be implemented). Additionally, Mr. Wartik advised City staff met with Amgen representatives and indicators infer future growth is positive.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned 9:30 a.m. to Tuesday, April 8, 2007, 8:00 a.m. in the Acorn Room.

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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM ROUNDTABLE

1. **Is the City requiring staff to be up to speed on green principles?**
2. **What is the City's timeline for implementing green principles? Gary checking with CM on timing.**
3. **Where can Roundtable members go for guidance?**
4. **Recycling program is not convenient for residents and should be adjusted.**
5. **Schedule sub-committee assignments for April meeting.**

