



City of Thousand Oaks

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE Summary Notes Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Call to Order by Vice Chair Dr. Ashish Vaidya, 8:10 a.m.

Roll Call: Present: Dr. Ashish Vaidya, Cheryl-Lee Brown, Edward Garnett, Mark Jesse, Jan Smith, John La Rocca, Dan Overton, and Joel Volk.

Staff: City Attorney Amy Albano, Mark Towne, Deputy Director Community Development/Planning; Gary Wartik, Economic Development Manager; Jeff Ware, Code Compliance Manager; Mike Tohidian, Associate Engineer; Elizabeth Perez, Facilities Manager; Claudia Pedroso, Senior Planner; Dave Hueners, Deputy Director Community Development/Building Division and Gay Mosser, Assistant Analyst.

Absent: Phillip Koonce (Chair), Suzanne Luce, Susan Murata, Denis Wilson.

Public Comments:

Jan Smith of the Thousand Oaks/Westlake Village Chamber of Commerce reported on the following: A Networking Breakfast of Champions Gains the Competitive Edge: Improve Your Human Relations I.Q., featuring Jay Wagner from Dale Carnegie Training, will be held on June 13, 2008 at the Los Robles Greens Banquet Center. The Chamber will also hold a June-After-Five Mixer at The Lakes on June 18, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The 23rd Chamber Annual Westlake Village Auto Show will be held on October 5, 2008 at Countrywide Financial Corporation.

Update and Discussion on City's Proposed Smoking Ordinance:

Ms. Albano distributed the Smoke-Free Outdoor Dining Fact Sheet to all participants, noting that on June 24, the City Council will consider a proposed ordinance that would further limit smoking in outside dining areas of restaurants and other local businesses. Some dialogue among members ensued with regard to issues related to private property rights and the effect of additional smoking restrictions on local businesses.

Ms. Albano noted that a public meeting will be held on Thursday June 19, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in Suite E at the Civic Arts Plaza that will allow for the business community and others to comment on the proposed ordinance.



Update on City Staff Meeting regarding Building Green Principles:

Ms. Perez distributed "LEED Rating Systems" paperwork and discussed the organization and the rating system. LEED is a third-party certification program and is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. The LEED Rating System is based upon various performance criteria. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Each project keeps a running check list of points acquired for use of green building material.

Ms. Pedroso from the Community Development Department distributed a "What is Green Building" guidelines/material to all participants. Build It Green is a professional non-profit membership organization whose mission it is to promote healthy, energy and resource-efficient buildings in California. Discussion also included the design of a new residential construction checklist to include energy efficient items. The City partners with the Ventura County Regional Alliance to promote energy efficiency.

Mr. Hueners from the Community Development Department/Building stated that the State of California is drafting a Green Building Code which will include energy, water, recycling and environmental quality. It is expected to go into effect in 2010.

Mr. Tohidian from the Public Works department discussed how the City has developed sustainable energy at Hill Canyon Treatment Plant including solar and cogeneration systems. There are 273 solar panels which produce 500 kilowatts of energy per hour. The plant has produced 400 million kilowatts within the last year. The plant is producing 25% of energy and the goal is to eventually produce 60%. The City of Thousand Oaks has been pro-active on this subject, and has looked at other cities programs as well as its own goals to ensure continued energy efficiency.

Mr. Towne from Community Development stated he will work on a matrix of the City's accomplishments. He will bring it back to the Business Roundtable for approval before it is taken to City Council for approval sometime in the fall. Staff will conduct research and meet with the sub-committee before the next Business Roundtable meeting.

Review Sub-Committee Responsibilities/Sub-Committee Member Assignments:

Some members were not present, so there was no discussion for this item.

Current Sub-Committee Reports/Action:

- A. Small Business Support Committee – members encourage the City's relationship in support of local businesses. Discussion included the Incubator Program and the need to make the City's website more user-friendly.

- B. Thousand Oaks Boulevard Vision/Specific Plan – No discussion.
- C. Permit Processing – Discussion included entitlement and it's inclusion in Specific Plan.
- D. Parking – No discussion.
- E. Building Heights – No discussion
- F. Building/Living Green – Discussion included Green Building principles.
Vice Chair Vaidya appointed a Green sub-committee to include:
 - 1. Cheryl Lee Brown – Chair
 - 2. Denis Wilson
 - 3. Susan Murata
 - 4. Ashish Vaidya
 - 5. Dan Overton

Business Roundtable Comments and Open Forum:

Vice Chair Vaidya asked for a summary list of Business Roundtable accomplishments as well as a list of the committee's current members.

Adjournment: To July 8, 2008, 8:00 AM in the Acorn Room of City Hall.

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