

Walnut Task Force on Mt SAC
07/19/2017

Last night I attended the Walnut Task Force on Mt. SAC. On the agenda were solar, PEP and temporary parking.

As I mentioned in my text, at about 6:30 p.m., Lynn Glover asked that I leave the meeting. Staff remained.

Tom and Justin were not in attendance (for the third time), a point brought up by Layla. Instead, Derek and Joelle lead the meeting.

(Editorial comment: The absence of Tom and Justin is an indication of how much effort the city (Rob) want to put into the task force.

They realize they have created a monster. Tom grew weary of being questioned and doubted.)

Here is the meeting in bulleted form:

- Derek told the group that staff will be asking the City Council at its next meeting to provide funding to hire a firm to assist with PEP CEQA and SEIR comments.
- The group and staff discussed at length the approval of the PEP contracts at last week's board meeting. "Cart before the horse, again." – Layla. Specifically, they discussed how Mt. SAC demolished the stadium before going through CEQA and other processes. Derek said he too was disturbed how Mt. SAC handled it and that the City Attorney will be sending Mt. SAC a letter, bringing up, among other things, that by demolishing the stadium, Mt. SAC has effectively eliminated two of the four alternatives.
- Also discussed was the snafu at the West Parcel with disturbing the habitat, which Dennis attributed to Mt. SAC's habit of ignoring the rules and incompetent staff. Dennis said that Mt. SAC is out of sync with processes and staff is not up to date on state and federal regulations.
- There was much talk about how Mt. SAC doesn't want to follow the rules and isn't concerned with, as Layla put it, "crossing its T's and dotting its I's." The general feeling, among two or three, is that Mt. SAC is just going to do what it wants, regardless of judge's rulings or state requirements. Derek did indicate that Mt. SAC is following the process on solar.
- Tish, the chairwoman, brought up that she is being told by many people in the community that they are no longer supporting the efforts of United Walnut. Apparently, many did sympathize with the parking structure issue, but now they believe

that UWT is nit-picking every project Mt. SAC does. Of specific concern to these people was the opposition to the stadium.

- Layla explained that UWT are not against a stadium but that nowhere in the RR language was a replacement stadium mentioned. You are aware of UWT's arguments on this.
- The Temporary Parking lot was discussed briefly. Derek told the group that the project will be going to the Planning Commission, will require a grading permit and go through the CEQA process.

Thanks,
Jill