

Memorandum

City of Las Vegas Planning & Development

To: Margo Wheeler, Flinn Fagg

From: Jim Marshall

Date: April 6, 2009

Re: April 2, 2009 – Neighborhood Meeting – West Las Vegas Plan Update (GPA-33721)

A community meeting was held regarding an update of the West Las Vegas Plan on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at the Doolittle Community Center. The purpose of the meeting was to review a proposed update of the West Las Vegas Plan, which will be adopted as a General Plan Amendment (GPA-33721). Fifty seven members of the public signed in, while 31 submitted comment cards.

Attached to this memo is the sign-in-sheet with a summary of comments directly transcribed from comment cards handed out to participants. In addition to the comment summary, I have attached letters received via email from participants.

Sign-in-Sheet - April 2, 2009 WLV Neighborhood Meeting

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Latanya Dennie	2800 S. Eastern	Las Vegas NV 89167	755-1136	
Herman Moody	1205 Madison Ave	Las Vegas NV 89106		
D.D. Cotton	1910 Goldhill Ave	Las Vegas NV 89106		
Deloras Guice			643-7204	
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Alex X			649-1308	
Dr. S Rogers			376-1751	
Fateen Seifullah			563-9134	
Patty Jacohe			303-6775	
Byron Goynes			524-4475	
Derek Stewart			587-2877	
Cherie Hawkins			439-9009	
Tonya Fortson			648-7939	
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Darrell Griffin	612 Frederick Ave	Las Vegas NV 89106	642-4580	
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Lacy Gibson	203 W. Harrison	Las Vegas NV 89106		
			245-3972	
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J.O. Cato			435-8989	
Verdia Turner	3309 Amish	North Las Vegas 8903	649-4444	
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Junita Walker	705 W. Van Buren	Las Vegas NV 89106	649-2238	
Dr. Robert Fielden	155 S. Water St.	Henderson NV 89105	435-7234	
Samuel Wright	5605 Port Barrington Wy		401-4602	
Joel Brown	1311 Ralston	Las Vegas NV 89106	647-4607	
Dena Kabat				
Jennifer Frank				
Patricia Hershwitzk	1627 Marion Bennet	Las Vegas NV	228-3394	
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Trish Geran	1881 W. Alexander	North Las Vegas 8903	379-8966	
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Paulette Campbell	1917 Leona	Las Vegas NV 89106	642-0633	
Cheryl Williams			438-5330	
Camille Williams			419-8556	
Jamille Walton			370-5216	
Reme Abdulrahim-Pryor			612-7005	
I-che Lai			361-5869	
Mryon D. Carter			594-2414	
Damian Moody				
Scott Family	1011 H Street	Las Vegas NV 89106		
Jali Briley	1508 River Crest Cir	Las Vegas NV 89106		

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Improve Bonanza between Las Vegas Boulevard and MLK, enhanced sidewalks, lighting, bus stops, shade -
Coordinate infrastructure - painted bike lanes - improve and enhance sidewalks
Art projects should be included in open green space areas and along walk-ways
Establish economic development opportunities
Improve street drainage
Who will own there?
Are you now seeking business to go to this area?
Will the community have a say in what is allowed on Jackson Street?
The landscape down D street should be desert landscape
Have a sign that directs people to this side of town
You will have more buy-in if the whole westside is made over without the few property owners having to give up
Sidewalk wide enough to accommodate scooters for Senior Citizen to have access off sidewalks.
West Las Vegas underground wiring and wooden poles removed from sidewalks
All street repaved not just potholes
Restore Westside School in the same manner that 5th Street School was restored.
Meetings need to be held in the Hispanic part of Ward 5
Put information presented tonight on the city's website
Open F street
Opposed to increased traffic, making streets in WLV major arterials causing drivers to use alternate routes
Opposed to any changes to property owner's land
No medians
Property owners should be notified in writing before any changes are made
Any plans not directed by residents of West Las Vegas Community cannot be justified
Reopen F street
The WLV proposals for redevelopment are good and are needed but I feel that the opening of F Street should be done first, then the whole community can actually see what the development flows will be.
Reopen F Street for economic reasons
Need an action plan based upon the existing plan
Open F street to Union Park and new Westside
Under no circumstance should this update or amendment be made without a detailed showing to the community
The Welcome sign is no good.
Open F Street
Reopen F Street
Have more meetings to inform the constituents of West Las Vegas
Please keep F Street open
Need sidewalks on B and C street, people are still walking on dirt
At my school, there is no cross guard and 2nd and 6th graders have been injured and hit by cars. So can you please put a crossing guard at West Prep on Sapphire and Stone Ave.
Reopen F Street
Reopen F Street, no development means anything
Station #2 No sidewalks on the Westside of D Street
Reopen F Street
Get input from owners before you move on
The Westside needs Public Art and bus stop rejuvenation. We need to bring back a sense of pride to the
It is essential that F Street be open in order for the community to take free advantage of the Union Park and also for other residents to access the "new" West Las Vegas
No median on street, it removes business and parking
Need parking, curbside parking
No parking, destroy business
We are tired of J-walking tickets given in West Las Vegas
Green friendly components, solar-powered lighting would a great start. Recycling trash cans throughout.
Residential communities powered by solar panels with concentration on the Historic Westside.

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Youth Education programs on recycling need to be developed as well.
History needs to be preserved and emphasized: Moulin Rouge, Jackson Ave. Town Tavern, Mrs. Harrison's
Entertainers need to be remembered, "Walk of Fame" needs to be created and the tourist will follow.
The Historic Westside has an incredible niche that can be capitalized on.
Churches need to be emphasized and celebrated instead of being seen as a problem.
Visual improvement grants need to be provided to the churches so that their properties are prepared for tourism to
Open F Street, F Street is essential to the Westside redevelopment, tourists in the Fremont area need an easy
On-site land owners need to be provided with information on Visual Improvement grants available to them.
What about F Street? None of the plans have included the re-opening of this street. We want this street re-
Please have another community meeting before the planning meeting April 23 to discuss re-opening of this street.
Please have a board for it, too. The community's concern is not being addressed.
Under no circumstance should this update or amendment be made without a detailed showing to the community
The Uptown Community Association is a group of like-minded people and Ward 5 community members who would
like to see improvements on the Westside. The UCDA has developed many ideas for rejuvenating the Westside
with the community member input. The UCDA works with "the people" to include them and their wants in our
redevelopment recommendations. The Uptown Community Association is the community association/vehicle
The museum was not mailed anything about this plan.
Reopen F street
I would like to be placed on your mailing list since we are the only museum of Black History in the state to date
(Gwen and Juanita Walker). We have asked for assistance and guidance since 1993.
United we stand divided we fall
Let's work together collaboratively and collectively to reach a goal.
What can we get in return for the closure.
Create an action plan to implement many of the suggestions given at these meetings. This action plan with these
suggestions should be based upon the existing plan.
Hold three more meetings like this one for the community.
Open F Street
Pedestrian overpass should cross Bonanza road to connect this community to the new areas of the city built.
Artists need to be involved in designing streetscapes
A transit center and an express bus stop is needed at MLK and Lake Mead
A bus route that will connect this community to the new downtown
F Street is still in litigation
No plan can move forward until this issue is resolved and more meetings are needed.
Notification process sparse and selective. I did not receive a notice.
A detailed action plan needs to be developed prior to City Council approval - available to the public first.
Where are the phases?
The signage needs to reflect Historic West Las Vegas and be open to traffic outside of West Las Vegas,
More community collaboration is needed for a shared community vision.
Open F Street
Opposed to increasing traffic on Washington, D Street and Owens. No to all proposed changes.
Direct traffic plan to Bonanza. West Las Vegas should not have a major arterial.
Any proposal that requires the taking of property should not be done.
West Las Vegas should be residential
Put your by-pass through the Indian Reservation
Remove the homeless to Summerlin.
Walkways are welcome pedestrian paths. Needed trees, streetscapes, sculptures - representative of the Historic
Totally against using Owens Street for an I-15 flyover or connector or frontage street for freeway ramp. It will
create another wall off street and or another express street serving the freeway system or through-streets for
suburban access. This does not improve the neighborhood. It makes it irrelevant.
The transit access by bus to pick up and transport into downtown and beyond.
Before any improvements are put into place, it is most important for F Street to be reopened. F street should be
the first line of business taken care of. Please reopen F street.

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Transit Development not shown in any of the groupings or stations
MLK not designed for any foot traffic?
We need an area for the arts that would bring revenue for the community.

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Mr. Marshall,

As a local resident, I most appreciated the opportunity of reviewing the updated APA plan for West Las Vegas on Thursday, April 2. Furthermore, all of your representatives from the Planning Division were most patient and attempted to be helpful in answering questions and concerns. However, personally, I still have numerous comments and questions I believe must be addressed prior to moving ahead. Most importantly, there remains a general malaise about the area's future based on several observations:

- Unfortunately, the "F" Street closing which has so aggravated the area's isolation from consumer traffic has also produced an ingrained distrust towards any planning by government. Candidly, those with whom I communicate sincerely advocate for the reopening of "F" Street prior to any "buy in" to what our representatives and agencies propose. Underlying that insistence is the reality that this area has long been either completely discarded or manipulated for commercial and political gain by those in high(er) power. The impression is that the area and its residents are pawns in a shell game with our eyes pointed in one direction while "suspect" actions occur in another area. This presents an enormous responsibility for you and the representatives in convincing us to simply accept "part and parcel" the APA 2008 plan, and even more so, because your presentation was only given in "parts."
- More specifically, however, while the picture beautiful renderings (though quite dated in themselves) portray a revitalized and pedestrian friendly community, other aspects remain blurred. Signage announcing that drivers are now entering West Las Vegas (or the Westside), seemed positioned more for locals than the broader travelers even from Las Vegas, let alone out of state that we will eventually want to draw to this area for myriad commercial, family entertainment, educational, and residential opportunities.

As a working member of the budding Uptown Community Development Association, a nonprofit group with the mission to develop an authentic vision for this area, it is imperative that fore planning include foresight. We cannot be any longer segregated from the millions of visitors to Las Vegas. Moreover, it was troubling that your representatives could not comment on even freeway signage but pointed only to only two sign locations that are far too interior in placement to give that type of visibility we will need.

Even the signage showing our area of town as a Las Vegas "wannabe" illustrates the lack of insight by planners to the community spirit that is thriving or at least attempting to blossom here. That brings me to a crucial point:

- ***The APA Plan as I was told indicated the need for this project to be accomplished through a nonprofit agency, not the city.***

That so many discovered this past meeting almost by accident does not portend well for community collaboration and acceptance. As Ms. Katie Duncan so eloquently voiced, we do not want to be bystanders for 'input'; we want to be the directors. Obviously, the expertise of planners and engineers must reasonably correlate to UCDA's ideas. Yet, the imposition of a dusted off years-old plan however "updated" may not reflect the realities of today. We would need several more meetings to discern that.

The UCDA is prepared to assist you and the city to assemble several groups including a youth council; a faith-based group; business leaders; educators; and residents to explore the applicability of the APA Plan in relation to their extended goals.

Moreover, upon further reflection, other points are being raised about: 1) the fact that the entire area, particularly the southern portion of West Las Vegas is not in redevelopment. It is our understanding (UCDA) that the City Council could make that determination and should for funding purposes; 2) that West Las is currently a hodgepodge of zoning that will repel more than attract redevelopment funding and that should be better planned for identifiable residential, commercial, industrial, and TOD (transit oriented development) mixed use; and 3) the land parcel noted as Enterprise Park may well be the ideal place to start.

The ultimate objective is to rebuild this area to be attractive to visitors while ensuring that it's a place our youth, will want to call home and return after higher education to start-up needed and desired businesses and professions. Furthermore, even as we restore the historic corridors of West Las Vegas, create a multi venue campus with fine arts; performing arts; mass media; and youth opportunities; build tourism, we seek new residents who share that vision from across the country or around the world.

So, aside from the essential collaboration that must still be provided, we would also need "transparency" in the process. What would the approval of a general plan entail? Would it prevent, stall, or reroute funding from the foregoing UCDA's plans from moving ahead? How will we know what is occurring even given a go-head for a general plan when it comes to the specifics? What are your streams of funding? How will HUD, if a funding partner, and the others, affect *all* of our plans?

As you can readily see, Mr. Marshall, there are still many unknowns that need to be fully disclosed. However, as a private and community citizen, I look forward to some answers and clear delineation of the process and procedures. Also, being informed at every step would be most appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this correspondence.

Sincerely

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James Marshall

From: Flinn Fagg
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2009 7:37 AM
To: James Marshall
Subject: Fw: Request for Information

Please have the boards from last night converted to pdf format in the order in which they were displayed - we'll chat on monday

----- Original Message -----

From: karl & Shondra <karlshon@cox.net>
To: Flinn Fagg
Sent: Fri Apr 03 07:07:27 2009
Subject: Request for Information

Hello Flynn,

I would like to have a copy of the boards that were on display at last night's meeting in PDF form. Can you assist me with that? Also, is there any way to have the same info posted on the City of Las Vegas' website?

It would be helpful that when people went to read or download the APA document, the boards would be available to view or download in the same area on the website.

Thank you.

Shondra Summers-Armstrong
245-7664

James Marshall

From: Katie Duncan [uptownward5@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2009 10:39 PM
To: James Marshall
Subject: April 2 2009 Doolittle Planning Meeting

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for allowing the Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce to participate in the West Las Vegas Plan.

We are excited to learn more about the "Main Street" program.

We have already filed documents creating the Uptown Community Development Association, Inc. , a non-profit organization whose sole mission is to create Uptown Las Vegas. The Las Vegas Black Historical Society, a Westside School Coalition, the Southern Nevada Ministers Alliance along with a host of residents, families and volunteers have expressed interest in being involved in the organization.

At this point, we require immediate technical assistance to prepare this organization, the stakeholders and the City for affiliation with the Main Street Program. Nevada is one of the few remaining states without a Main Street Program.

We would like to make a formal presentation to you, at your convenience. In the meantime, could you please email me the presentation boards as soon as possible.

Looking to hear from you soon.

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