

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Actions Taken by the Dublin City Council

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May 18th

-Plans for Grafton Plaza were dramatically down-sized from its original 2007 proposal. The original plan for four towers ranging in size from 13 to 21 stories was scrapped, and a new concept in scale with the surrounding Grafton Station, Dublin Ranch Villages, and future Promenade was approved. The new concept calls for development consistent with the pre-2007 proposal with total development under 500,000 square feet. It calls for two land-use options, one with Campus Office and another new option called Mixed-Use 2 that allows for a mixture of office, restaurants, retail, and residential, along with other possible uses such as a fitness club or hotel. There will not be over 50% residential under either the Campus Office scenario or the Mixed Use 2 scenario.

-A General Plan Amendment for the Nielsen Ranch off of Tassajara Rd. next to Quarry Lane and Silvera Ranch was approved. The current zoning is for rural/agricultural, and the land-owner Robert Nielsen lives on the property. Currently he uses the land for limited grazing as well as selling Christmas trees and pumpkins. However, his property is literally like an island surrounded by development and is no longer feasible for rural/agricultural uses. The new proposal calls for the possibility of 36 single-family detached residential units. All of the units would be fairly large in size with big yards and great views of the Tri-Valley.

-The speed limit for Amador Valley Blvd. from Stagecoach to Village Parkway was raised from 25 mph to 30 mph. By state law, the City of Dublin was required to do a traffic study, and the City was required to raise the speed limit because it was determined that the lower limit was artificially too low. Under a scenario with a 25 mph speed limit, Dublin Police could no longer use radar, patrols, or give tickets for speeding if we didn't have a speed limit in conformance with the traffic study. However, even though the City Council raised the speed limit, due to the sensitivity of the neighborhood (i.e. 4 schools, 3 trails, dog park, residents backing out onto street) the Council directed Police Services to incorporate various safety measures and beefed up radar and patrols to ensure safe driving speeds that do not exceed the new 30 mph limit

-Under the strong recommendation of our City Attorney, the Council decided not to develop an official City of Dublin Facebook page at this time. Although many public agencies have Facebook pages, the City Attorney felt there were still many potential legal ramifications and issues that have not been resolved, and that the City opened itself up to major liability issues if in fact it moved forward with the creation of a social media site. However, City Staff will continue to monitor current and future laws related to public agencies and Facebook. If the opportunity presents itself and if legal issues are resolved, the City will create a page in the future. In the meantime, the City will continue its development of an enhanced and interactive website with push technologies, along with Twitter updates

-The Council combined the application process for Community Development Block Grants and grants for non-profit community groups and agencies into one process

-Dublin High Junior Matt Reinemann was appointed the Youth Commissioner to the City of Dublin Parks and Community Services Commissioner

-Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold was re-appointed City Historian while Jonnie McCoy-Howell was appointed City Poet-Laureate. Ronnie Holland was thanked for her two years of service as the City's first Poet-Laureate

-An update on the All-Americana City process was given to the City Council. The City of Dublin is one of 27 finalists for the award from the National Civic League, and thus far nearly \$30,000 has been raised from the private sector to send a delegation of residents and community leaders to Kansas City to compete for the honor of being selected

-A proclamation was issued in honor of National Public Works Week