

TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER  
FROM: BOB LATA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR *Bob*  
SUBJECT: FIELD TRIP REGARDING HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS  
DATE: MARCH 7, 2000

Needs: For the City Council to consider setting a date for a field trip with the Planning Commission to discuss Hillside Grading / Development options.

- Facts:
1. At the July 6 and August 3, 1999 Council meetings, the City Council discussed options regarding hillside grading.
  2. The Council directed staff to provide alternative approaches to grading in hillside areas. There was also interest expressed in conducting a field trip to look at examples of hillside development. A copy of the August 3, 1999 minutes are attached.
  3. In follow-up to Council direction, on February 24, 2000, a meeting was held with local civil engineers and developer representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to help identify issues and options for Council consideration.
  4. It is proposed that the collected information will be presented to the Planning Commission for their review and comment on March 28, 2000.
  5. In order to view various examples of hillside grading, a joint City Council – Planning Commission field trip is suggested during April. Friday, April 28, 2000 is a possible field trip date that would allow local engineers / developer representatives to join the Planning Commission and City Council.

Analysis  
and

Conclusion: A field trip to view examples of grading treatments was discussed by the City Council.

Local civil engineers and developer representatives have indicated a willingness to join the Planning Commission, City Council and staff on such a field trip. The intent would be to arrange for a dial-a-ride / transit vehicle.

Friday, April 28, 2000 has been suggested as a possible date for a field trip. In order to make arrangements for the field trip, it would be helpful to confirm a date at this time.

Policy

Reference: Zoning Code provisions regarding grading and development in the hillside areas

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Impact:

None

Options:

- a. That the City Council confirm Friday, April 28, 2000 as an acceptable date for a joint field trip with the Planning Commission, staff, and local civil engineers.
- b. Amend, modify or reject for the foregoing.

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City Council to consider financial assistance agreement for Jerry Reneau Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge (Rose Car, Inc.). Mayor Picanco opened the public hearing. There being no comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

*Councilmember Mecham stepped down from the dais and abstained due to of a conflict of interest.*

It was moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Macklin, to adopt Resolution 99-142 approving financial assistance to Jerry Reneau and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the attached financial assistance agreement with Jerry Reneau, consistent with the recommendation of the Council's Fiscal Policy Committee. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Swanson and Picanco  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Mecham  
ABSENT: None

*Councilmember Mecham was reseated at the dais.*

19. **Estrella Warbirds Museum - Request for City Funding for Full Time Museum Curator**  
(J. McCarthy, Dir. of Public Works)

Consider a request for funding for a full time museum curator at the Estrella Warbirds Museum. Mayor Picanco opened the public hearing. Those persons from the public speaking were: Martin Cassidy and Glen Thompson. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

It was moved by Councilmember Mecham, seconded by Mayor Picanco, not to approve the request for City funding of the Estrella Warbirds Museum curator/director position. Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mecham and Picanco  
NOES: Baron, Macklin and Swanson  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

It was moved by Councilmember Macklin, seconded by Councilmember Mecham, to expand the existing loan amount owed by the Estrella Warbirds Museum by \$12,000, with no increase of existing payments. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham and Swanson  
NOES: Picanco  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None



20. **Hillside Grading/Development Options** (R. Lata, Director of Community Development)

Consider policy options regarding Hillside Grading/Development. Mayor Picanco opened the public hearing. There being no comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.



Staff was directed by Council to provide alternate approaches to regulation of grading in hillside areas at a future City Council meeting. It was further suggested that Councilmembers go on a field trip to look at different grading/development methodologies.

**21. Transit Services - Extended Morning Hours (M. Compton, Dir. of Administrative Services)**

Consider approval of a contract for special transit services with SLOCOG during the Cuesta Grade Improvement Project. Mayor Picanco opened the public hearing. There being no comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed. Staff noted changes to language in the Cuesta Grade TDM Services and Funding Agreement (#TDM PR-1), specifically in indemnification language for insurance requirements Page 2, Item 7 and in maximum chargeable amounts Exhibit A, Page 4, Item 2. Staff recommended approval of the new language if the TDM Agreement were approved.

It was moved by Councilmember Baron, seconded by Councilmember Mecham, to adopt Resolution 99-143, approving a contract with San Luis Obispo Council of Governments for transit services, including changes in language reported by staff. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson and Picanco  
 NOES: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: None

**22. Adoption of Internet Use Policy (B. Partridge, Director Library & Recreation Services)**

Consider adoption of a Library Internet Use Policy. Mayor Picanco opened the public hearing. There being no comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

It was moved by Councilmember Macklin, seconded by Councilmember Swanson, to approve the Library Internet Use Policy. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson and Picanco  
 NOES: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: None

**23. Request from Farmers' Market for Fee Waiver (R. Lata, Dir. of Community Development)**

Consider a request from the North County Farmers' Market Association for a waiver of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) fees. Mayor Picanco opened the public hearing. Those persons from the public speaking were: Bill Spencer. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

It was moved by Councilmember Baron, seconded by Councilmember Swanson, to approve the waiver, with the funds to be drawn from the City Council's economic incentive fund, and direct staff to return with a policy/code amendment that would address zoning application fees for non-profit organizations. Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron and Swanson  
 NOES: Macklin, Mecham and Picanco  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: None