

Santan Landscaping and Mitigation Community Working Group
July 7, 2001

Attendees

Michael Apergis
Mark Kwiat
Cathy Latona
Cathy Lopez
Nan Dawson
Marshall Green
Kimberly Pugh
Mark Bauman
George Pettit
Maggie Cathey
Scott Morrison

Absent

Jason Marton

SRP Attendees

Randy Dietrich

The third meeting of the CWG was conducted on the morning of July 7, 2001 in the Gilbert Municipal Building.

Roster

Mary Orton asked if all members received the CWG roster that was sent to them via email. Both Kimberley Pugh and Nan Dawson indicated that they are having problems with attachments to emails, and requested that all attachments be faxed to them in the future. Cathy Lopez indicated that she hadn't received minutes or the draft agenda. Mary asked for corrections to the roster. Michael Apergis indicated that his telephone number should be marked "facsimile." In response to a question, Randy Dietrich indicated that Jason Marton was not able to serve on the CWG. SRP has chosen Richard Andrews, a member of the original CWG, to replace Jason. Richard was not able to make the third meeting given the short notice, but planned to attend meetings thereafter.

Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was reviewed by the CWG members and no changes were made. The CWG also reviewed and approved the draft minutes of the first and second CWG meetings, June 2 and June 13, without any changes.

Ground Rules

The group agreed to make a change to item #3 in the ground rules; reference will be made to Condition 41 in the text.

Based on discussions with Dave Wilson, the landscape architect, and the SRP engineering staff, Mary proposed that item #18 read, "The CWG will complete its on-site landscaping plans by October 21, 2001." The focus on 'onsite plans' was due to Dave Wilson's need for more information on water and power availability at the off-site locations before developing a timeline. She also distributed a draft timeline for the landscaping activities so that the CWG had

a better idea of the individual tasks and how long each might take to accomplish. The group agreed to this target date. It was clarified that “on-site” includes improvements along the south side of Warner Road.

The CWG discussed some draft proposals related to missing meetings. It was clarified that if a member sends a substitute it is not considered an absence. After debating a few different alternatives, the group decided that if a member misses two meetings, Mary would contact the member, and the CWG would decide at the next meeting whether the offending member could continue with the CWG. The member would be replaced by the same method by which the replaced member was chosen. The CWG also agreed to a change for item 9 in the ground rules, which clarified that written authorization is always needed, whether or not the substitute is a CWG member.

Adding HOA members

The group members discussed the motion before the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) filed by Cathy Lopez, which asks that two HOA representatives be added to the CWG. Mary clarified that the CWG has no authority to change the composition of the CWG, as that composition was established by the ACC. However, if the CWG had a consensus position on the issue, Cathy and SRP might use that consensus to resolve the issue. After some discussion, the group agreed that there was no consensus on the issue.

The group also agreed that some HOAs in the vicinity might wish to participate in the CWG process, and that some sort of enhanced communication could facilitate representation for other HOAs beyond the number that were specified in the conditions listed in the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility.

The group also discussed the inclusion of individuals in the unannexed land to the south of Santan in this communication process, as well as those neighborhoods impacted by the off-site mitigation efforts. SRP will investigate whether it is possible to prepare a mailing list of residents in the unannexed land area, and will report on which neighborhoods EPG had proposed for off-site mitigation. George Pettit will also look into a mailing list for the unannexed areas.

The group clarified what information might be included in any sort of enhanced communications with area organizations. The list would include CWG meeting agendas, meeting notices, approved meeting minutes, and possibly draft landscaping plan documents. It would NOT include draft meeting minutes, or items of an organizational or internal (CWG) matter.

A few CWG members volunteered to research the HOAs that are located within a one mile radius of the Santan plant site; these HOAs would then be candidates for the enhanced communication list. Volunteers included Kimberley Pugh, Maggie Cathey, and Michael Apergis with George Pettit taking the lead. The committee will report at the next meeting.

A member of the audience expressed a problem with receiving CWG-related information after he signed up on the SRP website. Randy Dietrich responded that SRP does not have a specific website for the CWG. The individual was probably on the Santanfacts website, which has been in existence for over a year and contains all sorts of information related to the project. Randy

will look into modifying the website to clarify the SRP messages, and perhaps set up a better-defined section relating to CWG activities. The CWG agreed that people who express an interest in the CWG process, by contacting someone connected with the process or signing up at a meeting, would also be candidates for enhanced communication.

A follow-up question was raised about the possibility of listing CWG meetings on the Gilbert town television channel. George Pettit indicated that the town would make an exception to their policy, and will mention the CWG meetings on their channel.

Overview of process

In response to a question, SRP committed to obtain all photo simulation material from EPG. SRP will also obtain all work that was done by EPG on the offsite landscaping concepts.

The group talked about their impressions from the recent visits to the plant site to observe the plant perimeter. Cathy Latona raised a concern related to truck traffic during construction. It was agreed that the CWG members will prepare a list of concerns that arose from their field trip to the plant site. They will send their ideas to Mary, and she will prepare a collective list. She also indicated that she would take the members through a process in the next meeting where they can indicate all their concerns and issues with the landscaping mitigation.

George provided a brief update on the Warner Road construction. Construction should start around September 1, 2001.

Cathy Lopez asked about the possibility of preparing a 3D model of the landscaping plans on the plant site. That question will be discussed after the landscape architect starts attending the CWG meetings.

George Pettit reviewed the process that the town staff will use to review the landscaping and mitigation plans. He indicated that the town staff will conduct an informal review and will provide comments and suggestions. He does not intend to have the Design Review Board engage in its normal process since the landscaping plans will have undergone an extensive review by citizens of the town via the CWG process. George added a caveat from his past experience with landscaping projects – that some landscaping contractors can't always obtain the vegetation types and species required in the plans.

The group discussed the timing of the planning work for the on-site and off-site landscaping. Some CWG members felt that it is important to get the off-site planning completed soon.

Mary and Randy led a discussion of the proposed timeline chart that had been distributed to the CWG members. Cathy Lopez suggested that task 5 (landscaping and berm along the north and west boundaries) be completed by the summer or fall of 2002.

Education

Mary asked the group if it needed an educational period. They agreed that any education would happen as the process unfolded and questions were raised.

Meeting schedule

The group agreed on a future meeting schedule. The evening (6-10 PM) of July 17 is the preferred time and date of the next meeting, with July 23 as a backup. The morning (8-noon) of July 28 is the preferred date for the fifth meeting with August 4 as a backup. SRP will contact Dave Wilson of Ten Eyck to see if he is available for these dates, and will communicate such to Mary and the CWG members.

Agenda for the next meeting

Mark Kwiat asked about the possibility of removing the third oil tank. This item was put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Paul Hollar, an audience member, asked for time at the next CWG meeting to present material related to the urban heat island effect. It was agreed to add Paul's item to the agenda for the next meeting.

Maggie Cathey suggested that the group should consider the possible remaining life of the existing vegetation. This question will be raised after the Ten Eyck representative starts attending the meetings.

Public comment

Mary asked for any comment from the public. There was none. The meeting adjourned.