



## Saugus Action Committee Meeting Minutes

The Saugus Action Committee met on April 12, 2007. The following is a summary of the issues discussed.

### ATTENDEES

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| Mark H. Weiss, Sr. | Committee Chair               |
| Jerald Schneider   | Committee Member              |
| Jacqueline Sofen   | Committee Member              |
| Myron Sofen        | Committee Member              |
| Linda Cormack      | Committee Member              |
| Bill Dinsenbacher  | Committee Member              |
| John Lukes         | L.A. Bicycle Coalition & CCAC |

### SUMMARY OF MEETING/OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Chair Mark Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

- The Committee took a few minutes to introduce themselves with some general background also shared.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

- None to approve.

#### **New Business**

- John Lukes and Jerald Schneider, representing the L.A. Bicycle Coalition, presented ideas regarding the City's "Non Motorized Master Plan" for the upcoming ten to fifteen years. As Bouquet Canyon Road will likely be re-stripped to handle the growing traffic, an alternate bicycle route should be established, not just for recreational use, but also as an alternate means of transportation for Valley commuters. Bike trails, which would parallel the washes in the surrounding neighborhoods, should be considered and added back into the Master Plan. Bill had concerns regarding the safety and security along such paths (as his home would be directly impacted). He relayed instances where individuals used the path at "off" hours and cut through neighbor's back yards to access the neighborhood. Feeling a wall between the path and the homes, in addition to existing property walls, are an alternative, but is not pleased with this idea either. Jerry discussed safety of homeowners and users of the trails, noting that there are several locations

throughout the City where backyards butt right up to the trails, some only having wrought iron fences between private property and the trails, no incidents have been reported by homeowners or trail users. Bill expressed the desire to speak with City officials, see a map of the area, with possible alternatives and a listing of the features of such trails and their use. He noted that a trail behind Bouquet Park was possible, as there are no homes in that area. He also noted now that Copperhill goes through, that was a safe bike trail and already in place. John offered to take Bill to several locations where trails and homeowners happily co-exist, which Bill was open to checking out. Further discussion to take place at future meetings.

### **Old Business**

- Eggstravaganza discussion and critique took place. Everyone was very impressed with the turnout! The Event came off perfect, as usual! Some ideas for next year include, starting the music much earlier, elevate the sound system for better hearing, target the elementary schools in Saugus and to have Mr. E. Bunny in a more centralized location. All excellent ideas and will be added to the package for inclusion for our 2008 Eggstravaganza.
- Guest speakers for 2007 - New Chief of Police, City representative to give update on Central Park and one time proposed Dog Park, City Manager.
- SCVSOS-Discussed the progress of the Open Space initiative and the Council's approval to move forward. The plan is to acquire open space and leave 90% of it "as is" to form a green belt around the City.
- Discussed the movie night in the park – Costly for the amount of participants. Should we consider sponsoring a larger event with more attendees, like a picnic or Bar-B-Q with various participants, like the sheriff and fire departments. Work with the PTA's to involve more families. Further discussion held over for our May meeting.

### **Open Discussion**

- None this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Orchard A&B Conference Rooms, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor City Hall.