

Minutes  
Infrastructure Meeting  
Thursday, January 9, 2014, 6:00 PM at FHA Clubhouse

Chaired by Dan Kelly

Over 100 FHA residents attended the infrastructure meeting to discuss the City's 2014 plans for community improvement, which include a lighting improvement project as well as median strip/street repairs on San Marcos and Santa Rita.

Tim Kingsbury (customer outreach for PG&E) **Lighting improvement project for 2014:**

Plans: Streetlight circuit replacement project throughout FH Community – first repair to occur during 2014, S of Ortega and W of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue towards Laguna and continuing down to Dewey; additional loops within FH will be done at a later time. Current circuitry (RO) is outdated/unreliable with serial streetlights( when one light goes out all in series go out), entirely underground and without conduit. The City plans to place new circuitry with conduit throughout and, as well, will repair/replace street lamps and replace all street lamp bulbs with LED(if approved by the City) at up to 120 Watts. A less expensive alternative is bulb replacement with “high pressure sodium vapor” bulbs. Dan Kelly will contact our supervisor and ask him to support replacement with LED. Please note that street lamps, if not replaced, will be “refreshed” and painted. A map including the FH area involved with this project will be posted on the FHA website.

Timeline: January 2014 – Conduit installation will cause some disruption of FH streets, beginning Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. Initially, exploratory “potholes” will be placed to assess and minimize the subsequent excavation. Subsequently ( mid-February at earliest ) and if possible, replacement circuitry with conduit will be placed thru boring and without excavation. Affected homeowners will receive a “door hanger” with timelines. The FHA will attempt to notify all FHA homeowners by email.

Future: Additional circuits will be revised during out-years. With the City, plans will be developed to place at least 8 additional streetlights throughout the neighborhood. Style and exact placement to be determined.

Mr. Barradas, SFDPW, Project Manager Paving Division– San Marcos and Santa Rita Street and Median Strip Repair ;

Plans: 1) revise crown on the street; 2) fix guard rails (N side) and retaining wall (S side); 3) remove 2 trees to allow project to proceed; 4) repair stairs that are within the median and provide railing for safety;

*Tree management:* Carla Short (lead City arborist) noted that two trees have been posted for removal and are without objections at 280 and 180 San Marcos. The City will pay for the tree removals. A third tree at 286 Castenada may be removed in the future to allow another project to proceed. Alternative strategies will be explored to avoid removal of the third tree. Tree species replacements will be determined with the homeowner and will be funded by the City and FHA. Diane Wara will work with Carla Short on the tree replacement project.

*Street and median strip repair:* The City will remove the two trees and then reconstruct the streets around the median strip; curbs will be replaced in some areas and when necessary will “total reconstruct” of streets around median strips; curbs in some areas will be replaced, and the street crown will be modified on the Santa Rita side. Subsequently the median strip guard -rail, walls and stairs will be renovated/replaced. Issues remaining include funding, access and agreement of all parties including FHA. The current plan includes replacing the straight stairs that cut through the median strip, assuring that steps are at a reasonable height for safety and adding rails to both sets of steps. The guard- rail material has not been determined and alternatives include a 24” concrete barrier with reflectors or a “stout” pipe.

Timeline – The proposal is complicated, involves several City agencies and is multipronged and multi-funded. – step 1 )tree removal with subsequent wall and straight stair repair; placement of new rail. Goal is completion by June 30, 2014. Identified contractor should notify affected homeowners 30 days in advance of work, and Dan Kelly will hand deliver postings; 2) roadway re-surfacing as well as curb and gutter repair will be coordinated with utilities and should go to contract around September, 2014 with project completion either before the 2014 holidays or early, 2015. FHA will work with the City to assure appropriate homeowner planning and notification. Project is complicated by limited homeowner access along San Marcos and Santa Rita.