



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
City Council Chambers

Mayor Keith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with all members present.

A. STUDY SESSION

A1. Consider and possible direction on the Facebook Campus Project located at 1601 Willow Road and 312 and 313 Constitution Drive including discussion about the project proposal, Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Draft Fiscal Impact Analysis and Development Agreement Process ([Staff Report #12-019](#)) (Additional documents)

NOTE: Mayor Keith Advised that Starla Jerome-Robinson, Interim City Manager was not present due to being recused from the item due to her husband's employment.

An introduction and overview was presented by Justin Murphy, Development Services Manager.

John Tenanes, Facebook Real Estate Director, gave a presentation on the plans for the Facebook Campus. ([PowerPoint](#))

A presentation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process was given by Rachel Grossman, Associate Planner. Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works presented the impacts and potential mitigations related to transportation. ([PowerPoint](#))

A presentation on the Financial Impact Analysis (FIA) was given by Ron Golem, Bay Area Economics (BAE). ([PowerPoint](#))

A presentation on the Development Agreement process was given by Justin Murphy.

Public Comments

- Yosana Tewolde spoke in favor of the project and stated that Facebook has provided her with a laptop as well as the other participants in the Exploratory Experience Program.
- Delila Tewolde spoke in favor of the project and what Facebook has provided for the participants in the Exploratory Experience Program.
- Cetlalli and Adrian Contreras also spoke in favor of the project and what Facebook has provided for the participants in the Exploratory Experience Program.
- William Nack, San Mateo Building Trades Council, encouraged the Council to move forward with the Facebook Project as it will provide construction jobs to the community.
- Mike Swanson, Plumbers Local 467, requested the Council move forward with the project as it will provide multiple jobs.
- Ray Mueller, Ravenswood Education Foundation, stated that Facebook will allow the Belle Haven community to do great things.
- Chuck Sholtz urged the Council to support the project and requested that bicycle improvements be included in the development agreement.
- Spence Leslie, Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, stated that this is a unique opportunity and Facebook will bring many improvements to Menlo Park.

- Brian Flegel spoke in favor of the project as he is impressed with the tenacity of the Facebook team and what they are bringing to the community.
- Scott Lohmann stated that Facebook is making a significant difference in the community and the improvements they have and will make for the bicycling community is outstanding.
- Mike Harding thanked Facebook for their offer to improve the bicycle amenities and he would like the improvements formalized and urged the Council to work with the City of East Palo Alto to complete the Bay Trail.
- Amy McGaraghan spoke regarding the impacted neighborhoods and requested the Council consider a long term view of the noise and traffic impacts as well as looking at bicycle improvements in more detail.
- William Webster stated that his twenty page letter is included in the non-EIR section of the comments and should be moved and addressed in the Final EIR.
- Ana Adriano spoke in favor of the project and stated that Facebook is a company that wants to know the community because they want to be a part of the community. Facebook is providing computers for a computer lab as well as laptops for the students.
- Mariana Rodriguez a resident in East Palo Alto who attends Willow Oaks School stated that Facebook is supporting the school and they have the opportunity to learn and urged the Council to support Facebook.
- Diane Campbell stated that Facebook needs to come with their eyes open regarding the neighborhood.
- Dick Givens stated that this is a marvelous opportunity and urged the Council to advance the project.
- Adina Levin spoke regarding the completion of the Bay Trail which would create 100 miles of continuous bike trail and improvements to bicycle routes.
- Dorsey E. Nunn asked if he would benefit from Facebook coming to the neighborhood and would he still be able to afford to live in the neighborhood. He asked that the city require the box asking about being convicted of a crime be removed from the application.
- Brett Lider encouraged the Council to accept the bicycle infrastructure and be included in the development agreement.
- Andrew Boone stated there is a shift in how people commute to work and he applauds the improvements to the bike trails included in the project as they will improve safety.
- Tom Linebarger stated that 30% of the painters union is currently not working and he appreciates that Facebook will be using union workers for the project and encouraged the Council to move the project forward.
- Jamie Morgan stated that he lives in the area to be impacted and he would endorse the position stated by Adina Levin and Andrew Boone regarding bicycle improvements.
- Sharon Williams, Job Train, spoke in support of Facebook as they will improve the areas surrounding the Facebook Campus. There were many members of Job Train present, who stood showing support for the project.
- Robert Pronovost, second grade teacher at Belle Haven, stated he feels lucky that the community can welcome Facebook as a new neighbor. Facebook has provided 46 laptops which are going out to kindergarten through third graders as well as mentoring at the school.
- Viet-Trung Luu stated that he cycle commutes from San Francisco to Mt. View and he thanked Facebook for their commitment to bicycle improvements and urged the Council to include cycle infrastructure in the development agreement.
- Louise DeDera stated that she is excited that Facebook is coming to Menlo Park and the location is perfect and suggested that the bicycle trails on Marsh be considered for improvements.
- Harry Bims stated that Facebook is already the largest employer in Menlo Park and the numbers will only increase. There are three open issues in the EIR; traffic flow which is mostly pass through and he has not seen any change in the traffic flow, air quality which

Facebook uses emission friendly buses and noise which cannot be worse than the noise from the recent Hetch Hetchy project.

- Richard Ellson, chair of the Moffett Park Business Group, stated that they applaud Facebook for their alternative transportation methods and encouraged completion of the Bay Trail be included in the project.
- Lisa Villarreal stated the streets are inviting to alternative transportation but could be improved and asked that improvements be included in the development agreement.
- Fran Dehn, Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, stated that Facebook will bring change to the community both directly and indirectly; however, they bring stewardship and community involvement. They are a good neighbor as they listen to the community.
- Josh Arias, Eternal Life Church, is excited for Facebook to be their neighbor.
- Joshua Gurrola, Eternal Life Church, spoke in favor of the project and he is responsible for connecting members of the church to resources in the community. Facebook has shown excitement in partnering with the community.
- Terry Barton stated that he commutes ten miles to the Facebook campus which is 12 minutes faster than if traveling by car. Facebook makes it easy to use alternative transportation and the bicycle improvements will make it better in the future.
- Jim Bigelow stated that there are opportunities in bicycle trails and other improvements through the project. Facebook is the leader in alternative modes of transportation and they will be an excellent partner with the community.
- Nancy Cash, Mt. Olive Church of God, stated they want to go on record as a strong supporter of Facebook.
- Francois Michael stated that nothing stays the same and Facebook is bringing great things to the area.

Recess at 9:02

Reconvene at 9:14

The Council provided guidance for staff in preparing for the development agreement discussion on February 14, 2012.

Council Member Cline departed the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

ACTION: There was no formal action on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

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Margaret S. Roberts, MMC
City Clerk

Minutes accepted at the Council meeting of February 28, 2012