



**ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Friday, September 12, 2014—8:00 AM
City Council Conference Room—City Hall
9701 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City

Committee Members:

Mayor Blum
Councilmember Yu

MEETING MINUTES

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Carl Blum, Mayor
Don Penman, Interim City Manager
Brian Haworth, Assistant to City Manager
Cathy Burroughs, Park and Recreation Director
Michael Forbes, Community Development Director
Ali Cayir, PE, City Engineer, Transtech
Yunus Rahi, PE, Deputy Resident Engineer, Transtech
Jill Wagner, Gruen Associates

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 8:10 a.m.

2. Roll Call:

See meeting attendees listed above.

3. Public Comments:

A resident reported that parking spaces have not yet been striped in front of his property (east side of Rosemead Bl between Hermosa Dr and Garibaldi Ave) where original design plan had a bump-out and later taken out in response to residents' request for parking spaces. The City will install the parking space markings.

4. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of August 15, 2014, Standing Committee Meeting was approved as submitted.

5. Construction Update/Punch Lists:

Staff provided a brief status report on Rosemead Blvd project and updated on the punch list of construction activities.



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a. Plant Issues:

Gruen reported that the weed-like plant that contractor has planted in the sidewalk parkway areas and in the median island was not the right kind of *Festuca mairei* that plans specified, according to the plant specialist they contacted. Committee believed that replacement of these plants with more green, drought tolerant species might be an option, but would be expensive. City will ask City-contracted landscape maintenance contractor, CLS, for a bid.

b. London Plane Trees:

Treatment of the fungus on these trees has not been always successful. City will accept the trees from the construction contractors as is, and continue observing the trees and look for options in the future when necessary.

c. Monument Uplights:

The lights at the base of the monument at the south end of Rosemead Bl may need to higher wattage lights. The existing lights were approved before installation by the Standing Committee based on samples shown in the field. City may consider any updates if necessary later.

d. Street Name Signs:

City maintenance staff is working on hanging street name signs to replace current signs hanging from signal pole mast arms. New signs need additional metal bracing around the sides, so they will be sent back to manufacturer, and will be installed after staff gets them back.

e. Sweeping of Bike Path Areas:

Separated Bike Path areas are being cleaned by City crews. City management will talk with Athens regrading sweeping these areas, as Athens has promised the City at the beginning of the project that they would find a way to sweep them as part of their trash collection process.

6. Project Budget:

Mayor Blum indicated that if additional budget is needed for the additional items being added to the project, staff can go ahead and request it from City Council, once the project costs is finalized.



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- 7. Update by Gruen Regarding Trees and Tall Ground Cover Recommendations:**
Included in Items 5a and 5b above.

- 8. Public Art:**
Brian Haworth stated that the two Sculptures at Rosemead/Las Tunas and Rosemead/Broadway need to be protected from potential damage by water from nearby sprinklers. CLS provided a bid to replace the sprinklers with drip-system for a cost of approx. \$2,000 per location.

- 9. Landscape Maintenance:**
City -contracted landscaper, CLS has been maintaining all trees and plant materials since August 4, 2014. They are currently resolving a few issues with project contractor, LAE.

- 10. Open Discussion:**
Gruen reported that they submitted the project for an ASLA award, and the project has already been selected for a prestigious ASLA award.

- 11. Adjournment:**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. until next meeting on October 3, 2014, 8 a.m.