

## Boulder Ridge Update

November 21, 2008

### *It is looking like a building instead of a tent!*

In our October newsletter we indicated that the latest *unofficial* word from the County was that Rocke Garcia was “going to propose a permanent building” instead of the “Tent”. At that time, we indicated that we thought this could be very good news. Well, the *official* word confirms this.

At the Planning Commission meeting, Rob Eastwood of the Planning Department indicated to the Commission that at the conclusion of the last hearing, the matter was returned to staff to further consider the environmental impacts and whether a new Environmental Impact Report (EIR) would be necessary. Since that time, Planning met with the applicant (Rocke Garcia) and he indicated his plans to modify the current project from a tent to a permanent building. Planning has not yet received that application from Mr. Garcia.

Mr. Garcia was present at the meeting with his attorney and the attorney confirmed the plan to submit revised plans for a permanent structure. The hearing was postponed to a date uncertain to allow time for submission of the new application and for planning time to review it.

Additionally, Rocke Garcia's attorney stated that Rocke would be willing to meet with neighbors to discuss the new plan. The Planning Commission suggested that the Planning Department facilitate setting up that meeting so that all sides would have a forum to communicate. Planning agreed to do so but thought it appropriate to wait until after they received and reviewed the application.

*Please be assured that if such a meeting is scheduled, we will coordinate neighborhood participation to ensure that all issues are discussed.*

Also, of note, a representative of the City of San Jose was present to express the City's concerns over the proposal, even if it is a permanent structure. Again, thank you Nancy Pyle.

So, as we said in October, we are making progress. The devil may still be in the details, but at least we are talking about the details of a soundproof building, not the details of a noisy tent.

Stay tuned. It will probably be February before we hear any news.

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