

Hillside District Plan Scoping Meeting

September 29, 2005

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was held at O'Malleys on the Green on O'Malley Rd starting at 7pm on Thursday September 29th.

The meeting was sponsored by eight Hillside area Community Councils and hosted by the area's Home and Land Owners Organization (HALO). The sponsoring Community Councils are Abbott Loop, Basher, Bear Valley, Glen Alps, Hillside East, Huffman-O'Malley, Mid-Hillside and Rabbit Creek.

The meeting was publicized through a newsletter mailed to all 7,000 home addresses in the area. The mailing was paid for by HALO. In addition, the eight Community Councils announced the meeting in their monthly newsletters. The Council newsletters are sent to approximately 2,100 emails and postal addresses. On the day of the event, the meeting was announced on the radio including AM650 and KNBA.

A head count indicated over 100 participants, the sign-in sheet had 68 names. At the end of the meeting a hand count showed participants reflected a good distribution from the area's Community Councils. The meeting was also attended by members of the MOA Planning Department and other departments. The area's Assembly members and state legislators also attended.

The meeting began with an introduction by HALO President Chris Hamre. MOA Planning Department director Tom Nelson followed. Most of the meeting was a public input process facilitated by Ky Holland, Rabbit Creek Community Council President.

To begin the public input process, participants wrote comments on sticky notes and put them on poster sheets labeled with broad topic headings. After a review and some organization and consolidation of the comments, participants were each given six small stickers. The stickers were placed on the comments the participants felt were most important. This resulted in a loose "vote" pointing towards community priorities. The "voting" was followed by a group discussion and clarification. Finally, a discussion of future steps in the process of developing a Hillside District Plan.

The comments are presented here in three ways. A summary highlights the most prominent points indicating priority issues and listing comments made at the end of the meeting regarding future steps. The comments are also grouped in the order and headings they were in at the meeting with a tally of the frequency of the comment and a count of the "votes" for that comment. A final grouping puts the comments more specifically under topic headings.