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HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS

Community Working Group No. 14

**Summary Report
June 10, 2019**



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1. INTRODUCTION

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) has developed a Community Working Group (CWG) to engage local participants in planning its Healthy Living Campus. The Community Working Group is an informal, voluntary group of stakeholders from Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance that represent a broad range of local interests. The group is comprised of leaders from local businesses, civic organizations, older adult services, the Blue Zones Project and neighboring residents, and participation is by invitation and recommendation from the BCHD board and staff.

This report summarizes recent Community Working Group activities and feedback received at the 14th Community Working Group meeting.

1.1 Purpose of Community Working Groups

Community Working Groups provide a forum for integrating local input into the design of projects like the Healthy Living Campus. Community Working Group participants represent the interests of a community group, service, agency or organization and serve as an ambassador of these interests. Community Working Groups are limited in scope to the planning and design of the project, are not a formal voting body and are organized to enhance local input into the planning process.

2 COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP MEETING NO. 14 – JUNE 10, 2019

2.1 Overview

The 14th Community Working Group meeting for the Healthy Living Campus convened in the Beach Cities Room at 514 N. Prospect in Redondo Beach. The attendee list, made up of involved community members and diverse stakeholders, was developed by staff and reviewed by the Board.

Four (4) members attended this meeting, and twenty (20) members were unable to attend. The Community Working Group meeting room was arranged in a U-shaped configuration that faced a presentation screen. The format provided opportunities for participants to actively engage in meaningful discussion and share valuable information, insight and feedback with the staff and project team members. Throughout the meeting, Community Working Group members were encouraged to contribute their feedback verbally.

The meeting included a PowerPoint Presentation (Appendix A). Presenters included Tom Bakaly, BCHD CEO; Daniel Gruezo, City of Redondo Beach Civil Engineer, Dan Smith, BCHD Communications Manager and Ed Almanza, Environmental Impact Report Project Manager.

Mr. Bakaly opened the meeting, welcomed the CWG members, thanked them for their participation and reviewed the meeting agenda. He recapped the current status of the Healthy Living Campus project, indicating the Board recently approved the 15-year Master Plan concept as the basis for proceeding with the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The board also approved a contract with an EIR consultant and BCHD is now heading into the implementation phase by entering the EIR process. BCHD is the lead agency per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, and staff is working with the City of Redondo Beach, which is the responsible agency. Mr. Bakaly also introduced Mr. Gruezo who will be overseeing a street improvement project. Mr. Bakaly explained the City's project is not related to the Healthy Living Campus, but that BCHD wanted to ensure the CWG had information prior to the beginning of the project.

Mr. Gruezo explained that the City will be embarking on two different projects that will impact access to

the BCHD campus. The first, scheduled for summer 2019, involves improvements with ADA upgrades to sidewalks and curb ramps that will cause partial closures of the two southern driveways on the BCHD campus. During this period, the southernmost driveway will be a one-lane entrance only, while half of the main driveway will be closed, but will still allow entering and exiting. The second project is scheduled to begin in August and conclude within 60 days. It involves repaving Prospect Avenue between Beryl and Prospect, and the City will be sending notices to the community before the project begins.

Mr. Bakaly then introduced Mr. Almanza, who announced the EIR consultant had been selected by a committee that included CWG member and activist for Surfrider Foundation Craig Cadwallader. He explained that the selected firm, Wood PLC, was chosen from six respondents because of their local experience and approach to customizing the EIR process to the needs of the Beach Cities community. Additionally, their personalities seemed a good match for our community, and they seemed the most apt to interact with the community and explain the EIR process.

Mr. Almanza reviewed the EIR process and timeline that was previously shared with the CWG. He reviewed the schedule and explained it breaks down in to what he calls four "chapters." The first is scoping, where we talk to the public and interested agencies about what should be studied in the EIR. This chapter begins with a Notice of Preparation (NOP), which is due to be released at the end of June. Following release of the NOP, there is a 30-day comment period. The purpose of this comment period is for the public to weigh in on the scope. There will also be afternoon and evening public scoping meetings (locations TBA).

The second chapter is where consultants and the team begin working on the draft EIR, which is a several month process. During this relatively quiet period, BCHD will conduct one or two public workshops about what an EIR is, what it looks like, how to read one, terminology, etc. The format would be informal with some handouts. These public workshops offered by BCHD are not required by CEQA, but BCHD believes they will be able to better involve the community through them.

Chapter three is when the Draft EIR is released to the public and the public is invited to comment on the EIR. Comments received will be responded to in the Final EIR (chapter 4). There will be a couple of presentations to the cities to describe the findings of the EIR and a public open house with EIR preparers attending so they can answer questions from the public one-on-one. This chapter will also include a Draft EIR presentation to the BCHD Board and a public hearing where public comments on the Draft EIR will be formally accepted. BCHD's public comment period has been extended beyond CEQA requirements of 30-45 days to 60 days. BCHD has discussed graphically breaking it up and adding summaries that are more easily understood by members of the public unfamiliar with EIRs. CWG member and neighboring Torrance resident Bruce Steele commented that there will be a wide range of people reviewing the document, from the very well versed to those who are not at all experienced. There will be people commenting on it in public media outlets. Mr. Almanza agreed we will have to be responsive to the full spectrum of the audience.

The final chapter is a preparation of response to comments received on the draft EIR. Mr. Almanza emphasized that the comments received and responded to are about the EIR, not the project. The final EIR is released to the public and then there is a BCHD board hearing to consider Certification of the Final EIR & Adoption of Master Plan.

Mr. Almanza also explained that BCHD staff is in communication with the City of Redondo Beach. He indicated that BCHD will be meeting with Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach as well as the City of Torrance. Cadwallader noted that Center Cal, a recent project in Redondo Beach, failed in part, because there were beautiful visuals of the project, but no substantial information. He expressed confidence that BCHD would conduct their meetings differently and would provide ample information.

CWG member and Manhattan Beach resident Joanne Sturges asked why the Board is not involved until the Draft EIR is released, because they are interfacing with the public and need to be able to answer questions. She suggested they should be well informed so they can articulate what is going on to the public. Mr.

Almanza explained BCHD updates the BCHD board through the Properties Committee and other avenues. In response to Joanne's comment, Mr. Bakaly agreed with her that the BCHD Board needs to be briefed during the EIR preparation stage to enable them to interface effectively with the public about the process. Mr. Bakaly also agreed that BCHD needs outreach specifically to the City staffs in Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and the City of Torrance. Steele added that scoping is scheduled to begin during high vacation period. Mr. Almanza explained that every time of year has its challenges, but BCHD will ensure the public is aware that there are various ways to provide comments and it is not necessary to attend scoping meetings to provide comments in person. Cadwallader asked if BCHD planned to have a stenographer, and Mr. Almanza said there are multiple ways to collect comments depending on the situation. He shared his email address in case any CWG members wished to contact him.

Mr. Bakaly introduced Dan Smith, BCHD Communications Manager to discuss comments and outreach for the EIR process. Mr. Smith explained how the BCHD Communications Team is going above and beyond CEQA requirements to increase transparency and public awareness. He highlighted the additional steps being taken, including communications through social media, the campus microsite (bchdcampus.org) and the LiveWell magazine. He indicated BCHD will also work with the local media to make sure the public is aware of the process and current status.

2.2 Summary of Participation

CWG Participants

NO.	NAME	ORGANIZATION	CITY OF RESIDENCE
1	Sue Allard (unable to attend due to moving out of the area)	Manhattan Beach Joslyn Center	Manhattan Beach
2	Pat Aust	Former BCHD Board Member & Retired RB Fire Chief	Redondo Beach
3	Jan Buike (unable to attend)	City of MB Older Adult Program Manager	Manhattan Beach
4	Craig Cadwallader	Surfrider Foundation	Manhattan Beach
5	Walter Dougher (unable to attend)	Former MB Mayor & Former BCHD Board Member	Manhattan Beach
6	Pat Dreizler (unable to attend)	RB Roundtable & Former BCHD Board Member	Redondo Beach
7	Patrick Flannery (unable to attend)	Neighboring Resident	Redondo Beach
8	Jacqueline Folkert (unable to attend)	UCLA Health	Redondo Beach
9	Geoff Gilbert (unable to attend)	Neighboring Resident	Redondo Beach
10	Laurie Glover (unable to attend)	Silverado Memory Care	Redondo Beach
11	John La Rock (unable to attend)	City of RB Senior & Family Services	Redondo Beach
12	Jim Light (unable to attend)	Building a Better Redondo & South Bay Parkland Conservancy	Redondo Beach
13	Jean Lucio (unable to attend)	Center for Health & Fitness	Redondo Beach
14	Dency Nelson (unable to attend)	Environmental Activist	Hermosa Beach
15	Mark Nelson (unable to attend)	Neighboring Resident	Redondo Beach
16	Lisa Nichols (unable to attend)	Hermosa Five-O Senior Center	Hermosa Beach
17	Justin Pioletti (unable to attend)	Redondo Union High School	Redondo Beach
18	Cindy Schaben (unable to attend)	Anderson Park Senior Center	Redondo Beach
19	George Schmeltzer (unable to attend)	BCHD Livability Committee & Former HB Mayor	Hermosa Beach
20	Bruce Steele	Neighboring Resident	Torrance
21	Joanne Sturges	Retired Executive Officer/ Board of Supervisors at Los Angeles County	Manhattan Beach
22	Rosann Taylor (unable to attend)	Neighboring Resident	Redondo Beach
23	Kambria Vint (unable to attend)	City of HB Community Resources	Hermosa Beach
24	Pete Vlahakis (unable to attend)	Redondo Pacific Towers HOA	Redondo Beach

Reminder e-mails were distributed to Community Working Group members on May 29, 2019. These e-mails provided members with information about the June 10 meeting. Following the meeting, thank you emails were distributed to those who attended the meeting and those who were unable to attend.

2.3 Summary of Feedback

1. The Community Working Group members were encouraged to contribute their feedback verbally during the meeting, and their comments are provided in the previous section. No written comments were received.

APPENDIX A: BCHD POWERPOINT PRESENTATION



Community Working Group

June 10, 2019



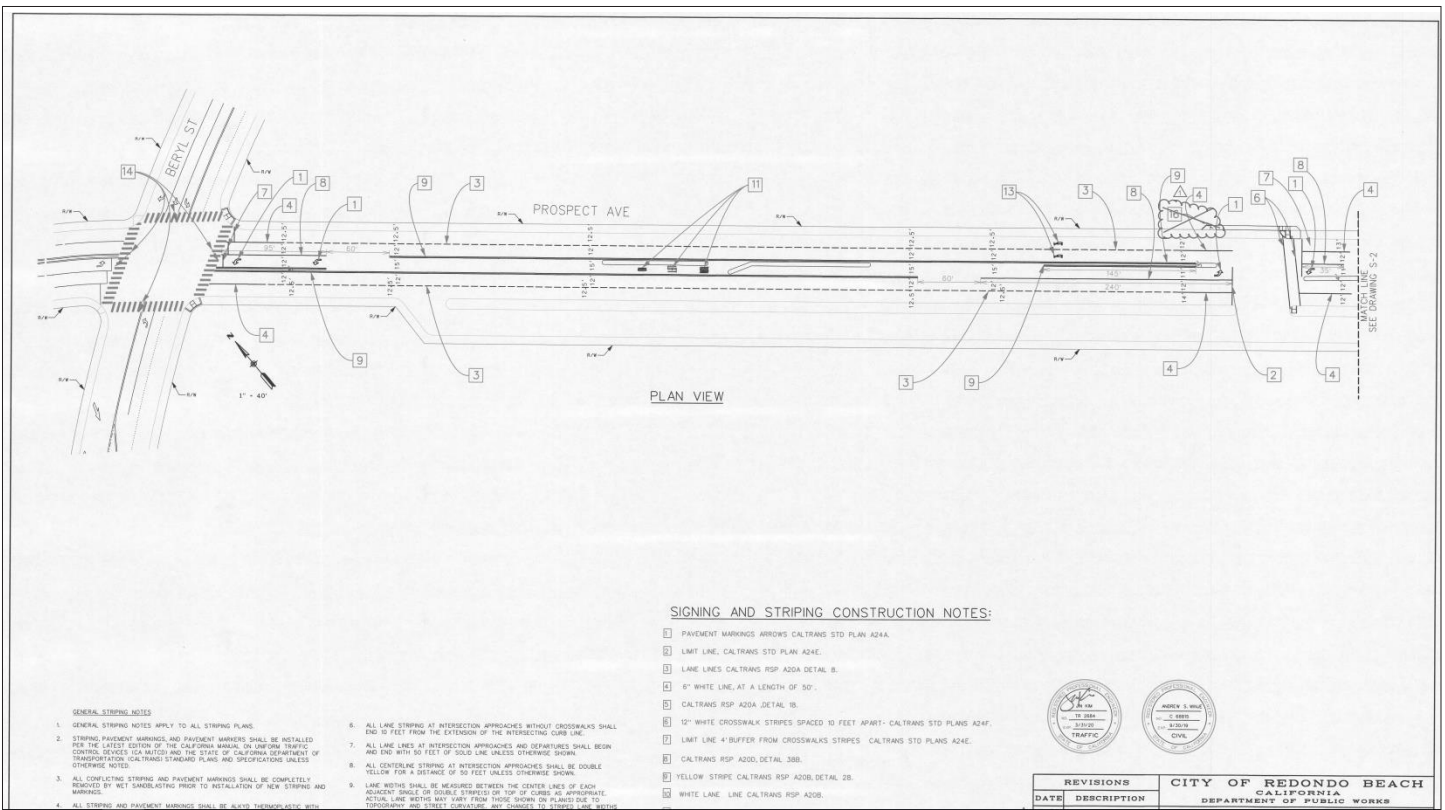
Tom Bakaly, CEO

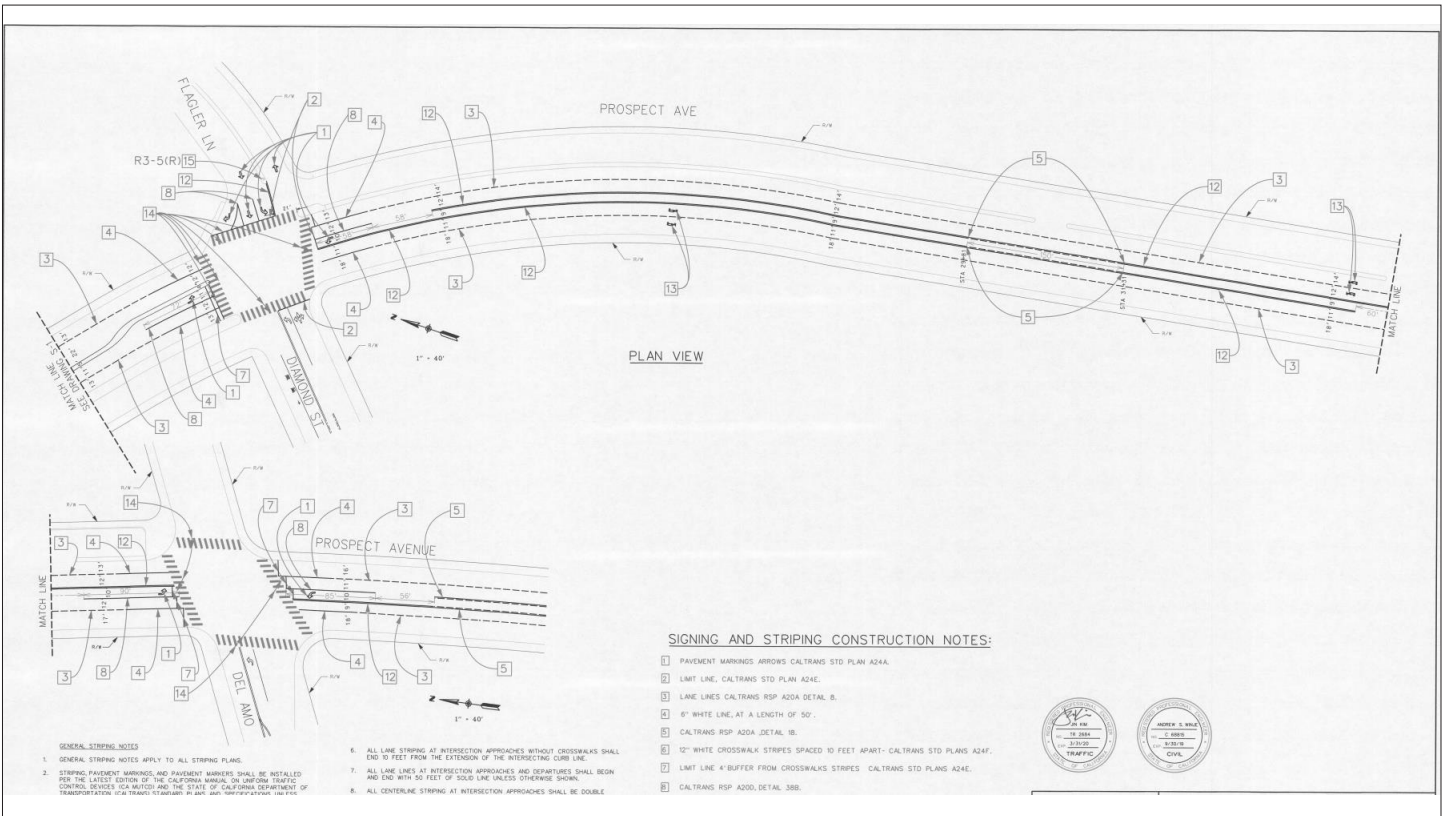
- Board Approvals
- Looking ahead: next 90 days
- Working with City of Redondo Beach
- FYI: City Driveway and Street Improvement Projects
 - Unrelated to Healthy Living Campus



Daniel Gruezo, Civil Engineer, City of Redondo Beach

- Driveway Improvement
- Citywide sidewalk ADA upgrades
- Will affect BCHD campus driveway
- Prospect Avenue
- Schedule



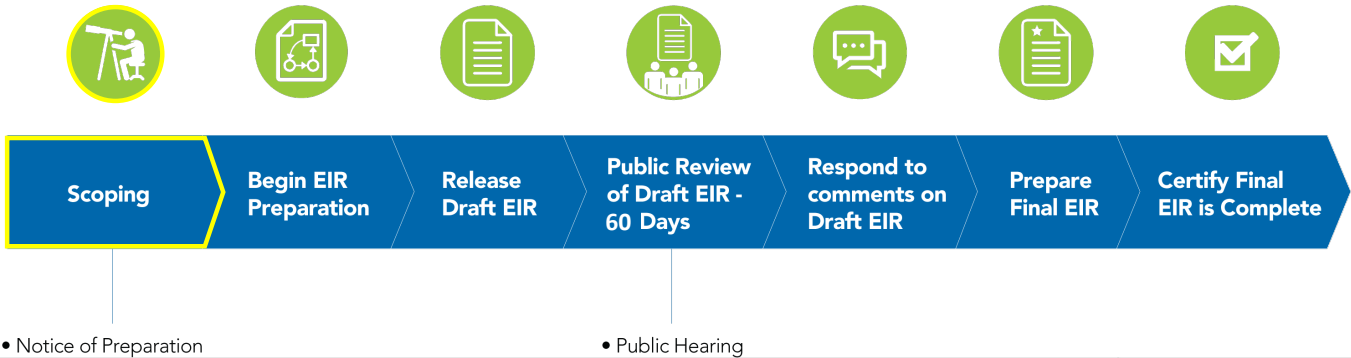


Ed Almanza, EIR Specialist

- BCHD Team
 - Leslie Dickey, Executive Director of Real Estate
 - Ed Almanza, Environmental Planner
 - EIR consultant
 - Wood PLC Environment & Infrastructure Solutions
- Looking ahead: Tentative Schedule
- Workshops

EIR Process

Typically 9-12 months



EIR Process – Tentative Schedule

- CWG meeting to announce imminent release of NOP & share tentative EIR schedule (major milestones) June 10
- **NOP released, 30-day public comment period begins** June 24
(probable)
- Public Scoping Meeting at BCHD (evening) 2nd or 3rd week in July
- Public Agency Scoping meeting at BCHD (afternoon of same day)
- Public Scoping Meeting at CRB (evening) – if City desires 2nd or 3rd week in July
- NOP 30-day comment period ends July 24 (probable)



EIR Process – Tentative Schedule

- Work on Preliminary Draft EIR begins June 25
(regular meetings with CRB staff continue, as needed)
- BCHD offers public workshops on 'How to Read an EIR' July/August



EIR Process – Tentative Schedule

- **Public Draft EIR Released, 60-day Public Review Period Begins** Early Fall
- Draft EIR Presentations to Cities (RB, MB, HB & Torrance) Early Fall
- EIR Team presents public open house with EIR preparers Early Fall
- Draft EIR Presentation to BCHD Board Mid-Fall
- BCHD Board Public Hearing- receive comments on Draft EIR Late Fall



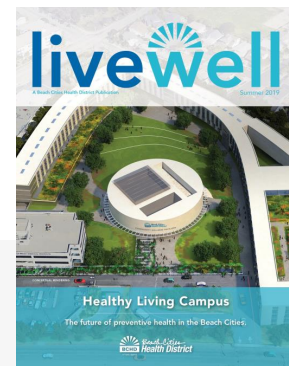
EIR Process – Tentative Schedule

- Preparation of Response to Comments on Draft EIR December 2019
- FEIR released to public; responses released (at least 10 days prior to certification hearing) January 2020
- **BCHD Board Hearing to consider Certification of Final EIR & Adoption of Master Plan** January 2020



Dan Smith, BCHD Communications

- Communications Requirements
- Outreach (beyond CEQA)
 - Livewell
 - BCHD.org and BCHDCampus.org
 - Social Media
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - LinkedIn
 - Twitter



Thank You!

Next CWG Meeting:
September/October, 2019 (tentative)



APPENDIX B: MEETING REMINDER



PARTNERS IN HEALTH
Creating a Healthy Beach Community



Greetings!

Please join us for the next Healthy Living Campus Community Working Group meeting taking place on:

Monday, June 10, 2019

6-7:30 p.m.

Beach Cities Room

514 N. Prospect Ave. (lower level)

Redondo Beach

At our Board of Directors Meeting in May, the Board authorized staff to begin the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process for the Healthy Living Campus project. BCHD's EIR consultant, Ed Almanza, will be on hand to discuss the EIR process and how the public can participate as the EIR develops.

Please contact Cristan Higa at cristan.higa@bchd.org or 310-374-3426, ext.117, at any time to share ideas, concerns and/or to request a presentation to a community group. We appreciate your participation throughout the initial planning process and greatly value the input you have provided as we develop the conceptual plans for our Healthy Living Campus.

For more information on the project, please visit bchdcampus.org.

We look forward to your continued collaboration throughout this process.

