

City Heights, October 21, 2004

Mr. **Michael Sprague**, Chair,
City Heights Area Planning Committee [**CHAPC**]

Dear Mr. Sprague:

Following the directives of **City Council Resolution No. 2005-179, adopted on 09/20/04**, and those of the Council Members representing Council District 3 and 7, the President of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association [**FCNA**] will rise, at the very next **CHAPC** meeting [**11/01/04**], to bring forth the following matters of interest to the constituents of the Euclid Avenue RAP **Subcommittee**. The **FCNA** has a vital and vested interest upon the matters of the Euclid RAP as its entire service area is contained within the RAP's Study Area.

It was established by Resolution that The Euclid Avenue RAP Committee is to be a **PUBLIC INTEREST Subcommittee** responsive and composed of all **those affected classes of people** [*that from now on, it **WILL** represent*], with public benefit powers and **INCLUSION**, in mind. Such powers derived and are described from those vested by the Elected Representatives of City Council. Therefore, the direct line of descending hierarchy and representation, with **ADVISORY** and **REVIEW** powers is: The City Council, Planning Commission, Area Planning Committee, and Euclid Avenue RAP Subcommittee, Neighborhood Associations, as we interpret them to be.

Let us remember, "Those most affected by the proposed changes and improvements have the greatest say on the matters of their community's land planning and improvements"! Thus, the residents of the sub-neighborhoods along the Euclid Avenue **CORRIDOR** should be vested with the empowerment of increased participation in the community planning process. Therefore, **ALL** those residents **WITHIN** the Euclid RAP Study Area [*Euclid RAP page 9*] need to manage the subcommittee with public scrutiny as a **REAL** factor and not as an implied one.

A] COMPOSITION:

Therefore, to establish equal, fair and mobile representation, as well as, an open process, **WE**, the People of Fox Canyon petition to the **CHAPC** to establish the below described and recommended schematic of subcommittee members:

- 1] The Euclid RAP subcommittee should be based on the **State of California Corporations Model**, i.e., **TWO** appointed members of the Parent Board [**CHAPC**] should bring legitimacy and attachment to the subcommittee, and be (re) appointed by the **CHAPC**, each year. Each one of these two appointees should represent a **CHAPC** District included **WITHIN** the Euclid RAP study area [*page 9*], **ONLY!** Anyone of these two should **NOT** chair the subcommittee, to avoid monopolizing.

- 2] Neighborhood Associations -- The community of Neighborhood Associations **INCLUDED WITHIN** the RAP's study area [page 9] should have one resident (1) member seat at the subcommittee. This resident should live within the RAP's study area.
- 3] Residents -- The community of residents living within the RAP's Study area should have four (4) at large seats, with a total of a 13-member subcommittee [*elected or appointed seats*], with the chair only voting to break a tie. Again, such resident members should reside **WITHIN** the RAP's study Area, only.
- 4] Tenure -- Tenure and rest limits should be two (2) year each to allow new leaders to sprout.
- 5] No member of the committee should seat at more than TWO (2) committees in the City Heights area institutions, excluding their neighborhood association.
- 6] Staggered Terms -- subcommittee seats should vacate to elections of half the Board Members each year, to have continuance.
- 7] Officers -- The RAP's subcommittee officers should and would be chosen from within the committee by committee members, each year, with the exceptions that the CHAPC's appointees can't Chair.
- 8] The RAP subcommittee should, would and must, closely, follow Roberts Rules of Order and the Brown's Act

B] PROCEDURE and SCHEDULE:

- 1] **VACATION** -- It is strongly recommended that the CHAPC vacate and RETIRE [with a vote of THANKS], the present Euclid RAP Committee members [*Roberts Rules*] at the next regularly scheduled and publicly announced meeting of its members [10/04/04], with the vacancy due in thirty (30) days. The vacation will include all present Euclid RAP Committee Members, who will NOT be permitted to seat at the new subcommittee for the next two (2) years, to avoid in-fighting and monopolizing the new subcommittee; collusion, backroom policy making and more of the same management style.
- 2] Subcommittee Rules -- It is respectfully and strongly recommended that the CHAPC announce the intent to stand rules to govern the Euclid RAP subcommittee's existence and scope [*Robert's Rules*], including the set of rules, procedures and schedule recommended in this letter [*E-mail*]. In addition, the CHAPC should and would seek public opinion and participation on this regard, final and formal CHAPC action within thirty (30) to sixty (60), to the meeting of 11/01/04, and NO later

- 3] Candidacy -- Publicly announce the vacation and formation of the new subcommittee [*Robert's Rules*] and enlist the desire of all those who wish to participate as members of the [*new*] Euclid RAP subcommittee, no farther than thirty days (30) days, to the meeting of 11/01/04. Therefore, the new Euclid Avenue RAP subcommittee should be fully staffed and operational NO later than December 1, 2004.
- 4] Venue -- to select a RAP subcommittee venue [the mezzanine at the Mid-City Police Substation is strongly recommended], and publicly announce the day and time of monthly subcommittee meetings, to a meeting starting with the month of December 2004.

In an effort to strengthen our local institutions and as directed by our Council members Madaffer and Atkins, we have embarked in this journey to make our participation in the institutions vital to the redevelopment of Euclid Avenue an open and fair process with equal representation and inclusion.

Attentively,

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