

Ranelletti, Darin

From: Ranelletti, Darin
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 11:41 AM
To: 'Kent Lewandowski'
Cc: Juliet Lamont; Don Forman
Subject: RE: Sierra Club question re: Oakland Zoo environmental review
Attachments: Zoo CEQA Fact Sheet (10-12-09).pdf

Hi Kent,

Last year the City prepared a CEQA Fact Sheet for the Zoo Master Plan revisions which may answer your questions. I believe Nik Haas-Dehejia e-mailed this fact sheet to you yesterday (he copied me on the e-mail). I am attaching the fact sheet to this e-mail as well.

The City is preparing a new environmental document based on a thorough analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed revisions to the Zoo master plan. We are still conducting that analysis. We haven't decided yet what type of document will be prepared. The type of document will depend upon the outcome of the analysis. The outcome may lead to an environmental impact report or another type of CEQA document (such as an addendum to the previous 1998 mitigated negative declaration or a supplemental mitigated negative declaration). In any event, the analysis will be thorough and the public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the analysis and the document before the document is finalized and before the City considers whether or not to approve the proposed revisions. The public will also have an opportunity to comment on the proposal itself (in addition to the environmental review of the project). It's important to keep in mind that the purpose of the CEQA document is to inform the public and decision-makers of what the potential environmental effects of the project are but the document does not dictate the decision whether to approve the proposal or not. Once the document is considered adequate, the City must still decide whether the proposed changes to the master plan are appropriate.

Feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Kent Lewandowski [mailto:kentlewan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 5:00 PM
To: Ranelletti, Darin
Cc: Juliet Lamont; Don Forman
Subject: Re: Sierra Club question re: Oakland Zoo environmental review

Hello Darin,

I spoke with Nik Haas a couple days ago. It sounds to me like the City (you) is preparing a second, more comprehensive, environmental review on behalf of the Zoo, to supercede the original, 1998 environmental review. Is this correct? If yes, does the new environmental review process allow the public to weigh in, and potentially get changes made to the overall concept? What is the difference between "environmental review" in this case, and "Environmental Impact Report" in other cases?

Kent Lewandowski
 Sierra Club

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cc: Juliet Lamont, Sierra Club
Don Forman, Sierra Club Yodeler Editor

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To: Kent Lewandowski <kentlewan@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Mon, May 17, 2010 12:40:05 PM
Subject: RE: Sierra Club letter re: Oakland Zoo expansion

Yes, will do.

Thanks,

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From: Kent Lewandowski [mailto:kentlewan@yahoo.com]
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To: Ranelletti, Darin
Cc: Jason Webster; Ruth Malone
Subject: Sierra Club letter re: Oakland Zoo expansion

Dear Darin,

Can you please include our letter in the public record / comments being received by the city.

Thank you-

Kent Lewandowski
Sierra Club

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Sent: Mon, May 17, 2010 8:50:26 AM
Subject: Sierra Club letter re: Oakland Zoo expansion

Dear Planning Commissioners,

Attached please see our letter regarding the Oakland Zoo expansion plan.

Sincerely,

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