

ORMOND BEACH MEETING - DISCUSSION ITEMS

WE ARE ASKING THAT THE OXNARD CITY COUNCIL PUBLICLY STATE THEIR SUPPORT AND COMMIT TO WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES, CONSERVANCIES, TRUSTS, LEGISLATORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP AN ORMOND WETLANDS GATEWAY PARK ON THE SITE AT SAVIERS AND HUENEME ROADS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE 38 ACRES.

window of opportunity now:

- property values down
- no project pending
- 3 acres to the immediate east now for sale
- Hueneme Road widening between Saviers and Arcturus is pending as is the construction of the Calleguas Brine Line with an easement across the 38 acres. The design of these constructions projects can include consideration of the design of the access to the Wetlands Gateway Park.
- Now is the time for coordination with development of GREAT Program facility with a master plan for GREAT Program site and the balance of site for the Wetlands Gateway Park - includes master planning of access to site, joint use parking lot for visitors to both (including tour and school buses), picnic area and visitor facilities to serve both.
- Wetland/upland delineation is needed for proper placement of future interpretive center with walkways connecting to GREAT Program facility.
- The two Assemblymembers who represent Oxnard along with Rep. Lois Capps and our likely upcoming State Senator, Fran Pavley would support funding.
- Resource Bond money that could be used at Ormond is being used elsewhere, and Oxnard is loosing out on the opportunities for funding for the preservation and enhancing of our resources.
- Need for an interpretative center and visitor facilities is here now. Already there are many visitors, local residents and even from other countries.
- Brochures from Oxnard Convention and Visitors Bureau mention the future public nature trails and environmental education center.
- Brochures from other interpretive centers, preserves, special purpose parks, etc. list the collaborative effort of many groups being responsible for the preservation and development of these facilities.
- In looking at the acreage needed for the Wetlands Gateway Park, it is necessary to not only consider present needs, but to plan for years and generations into the future. If the land is not designated for this special use now, it will never be available again.

WE ARE ASKING MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF TO MEET DIRECTLY WITH THE CONSERVANCIES AND LEGISLATORS, AND TO MOVE FORWARD IMMEDIATELY WITH THE ACQUISITION OF THE SITE FOR THE WETLANDS GATEWAY PARK.

January 15, 2008

SECOND BEACH MEETING - DISCUSSION ITEMS

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THE Oxnard City Council publicly state their intent to work with other agencies, conservancies, trusts, legislators and community members to acquire and develop an Oxnard Wetlands Gateway Park on the site at Saviers and Huene Road, commonly known as the 38 acres.

vision of opportunity now.

- property values down
- no project parking
- 3 acres to the immediate east now for sale
- Huene Road widening between Saviers and Arcturus is pending as is the construction of the Calleguas Brine Line with an easement across the 38 acres. The design of these construction projects can include consideration of the design of the access to the Wetlands Gateway Park.
- Now is the time for coordination with development of GREAT Program facility with a master plan for GREAT Program site and the balance of site for the Wetlands Gateway Park - includes master planning of access to site, joint use parking lot for visitors to both (including tour and school buses), picnic area and visitor facilities to serve both.
- Wetland/upland delineation is needed for proper placement of future interpretive center with walkways connecting to GREAT Program facility.
- The two Assemblymembers who represent Oxnard along with Rep. Lois Capps and our newly upcoming State Senator, Fran Pavley, would support funding.
- Recreation Bond money that could be used at Oxnard is being used elsewhere, and Oxnard is looking out on the opportunities for funding for the preservation and enhancing of our resources.
- Need for an interpretive center and visitor facilities is here now. Already there are many visitors, local residents and even from other countries.
- Brochures from Oxnard Convention and Visitors Bureau mention the future public nature trails and environmental education center.
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- In looking at the acreage needed for the Wetlands Gateway Park, it is necessary to not only consider present needs, but to plan for years and generations into the future. If the land is not designated for this special use now, it will never be available again.

WE ARE ASKING MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF TO MEET COLLECTIVELY WITH THE CONSERVANCIES AND LEGISLATORS, AND TO MOVE FORWARD IMMEDIATELY WITH THE ACQUISITION OF THE SITE FOR THE WETLANDS GATEWAY PARK.

January 13, 2008