

Community Planning & Design Committee Meeting, January 14, 2016

Staff presented its findings from researching other cities and holding community outreach meetings to the Community Planning & Design Committee. Staff began by presenting a slideshow titled “Potential Strategies for Addressing View Impairment from Trees and Vegetation” which was followed by a presentation from the Riviera Homeowners Association titled “The Need for a Tree/View Ordinance for the Hillside Overlay.” Approximately 300 residents were in attendance and there were 49 speakers. The majority of the speakers mentioned they were in favor of a view ordinance. The following is a synopsis of comments from the meeting.

- If there was an ordinance, residents would know the expectations of the area.
- Prospective buyers would appreciate a city ordinance that would protect their view.
- Concerns about inappropriate trees (too tall) – there should be a restriction on types of trees that can be planted
- Park and City trees also block views
- The height of trees are a valid concern
- Consider air space or view easements

The Committee had several questions for staff and requested information regarding a copy of the Rolling Hills Estates Ordinance, projected staffing levels and costs, definitions of views, time and cost to bring matters to court, and types of City and Park trees to consider for future plantings. They voted 3-0 to hold another meeting when staff has gathered the requested information.