

Greetings,

Happy Holidays and all the best to everyone in District 4 for 2014!!

Highlights of our District 4 Meeting, November 21, 2013

If you were not able to attend our District 4 meeting on November 21, at the former St. Luke property, please take a moment to review the notes and photos provided by our own District 4 Harald Zechner, member of the Pasadena Community Access Corporation Board.



Councilmember Gene Masuda opens the November 21 meeting.

The former Saint Luke Hospital Chapel had standing room only when Councilmember Gene Masuda introduced his speakers and special guests to the crowd at his District 4 Community Meeting.

Announcements followed by a short presentation by Rochelle Branch, Cultural Affairs Manager regarding a new public art piece in District 4. Then it was down to business. What's going on with the former St. Luke Hospital property on Washington Blvd? Gene introduced the new owners, Mr. Mehdi Bolour and Mr. David Bolour from Denley Investment & Management & Walter Gray from Gray and Associates. Gene told of his August 28, 2012 meeting with the new owners and asked them, "will you consider an Urgent Care Center." Their reply was "Absolutely."

Mr. Mehdi Bolour and Mr. David Bolour told of their plans. Re-occupy the former hospital with medical offices; demolish the two-story Annex Building, demolish the one-story office building, construct a 30 foot high three story 280 space parking structure and construct a 750 square-foot receiving facility addition at the rear power plant. The new owners are very passionate and likeable and made a good presentation about their vision for this historic landmark.

Suggested services include:

- * URGENT CARE
- * RADIOLOGY
- * SURGERY CENTER
- * BIRTHING CENTER
- * DENTAL SERVICES
- * PHYSICAL THERAPY
- * OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
- * WORKMAN'S COMP SERVICES
- * PHARMACY
- * DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
- * SENIOR WELLNESS CENTER/COMMUNITY CENTER
- * COMMUNITY SPACE

Additional services will be added based upon the community's future needs. Representing the City of Pasadena were David Reyes, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, Kelvin Parker, Principal Planner and David Sinclair, Planner. Ruth Martinez from Economic & Development was introduced. They made it plain that nothing had yet been agreed to and that this meeting was to get public input on this project.

The crowd had questions and concerns. How many patients, how much traffic, will the ambulances use their sirens, where will the new three story parking structure be?

A lively discussion ended with most supporting the proposed development. It was followed by a raffle and then a tour of the deserted hospital building. These Community Meeting's are a great way to be involved with what's going on in our District 4. More information at http://www.cityofpasadena.net/District4/

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Happy Holidays!

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