

Hi, everyone!

There's quite a bit of news, so please read on.



## AC Meeting

April 12, 7 pm, location TBA

CUC finally asked the City to set a date for the Architectural Commission to consider approving the North Campus Master Plan. March 15 was the first date set, but, since this was during spring break, college students objected and CUC asked the City to reschedule.

At this meeting, the AC will consider the supposed benefits of the project. They will be asked to adopt a statement of overriding consideration, which will assert that the benefits of the project outweigh the loss of the view and the habitat. Since they do not, it is imperative that we tell them this. We need to let the AC know that a large portion of the community believes the NCMP would detract rather than add to the City.

You can help by :

- **signing and mailing the enclosed postcard right away**
- **attending the meeting to lend your support**

If you already signed a postcard, please ask another Claremont resident to sign it and send it off to arrive by April 12.

## February Workday at BFS

We organized our first official workday in February and accomplished an amazing amount in a few hours. More than 25 volunteers of all ages and from many different segments of the community braved the gloomy weather. The boat landing area was cleared of cattails, the path around the lake was reclaimed, and some of the oaks along the entrance road were trimmed back. We had a good time too!

## April 2 Workday, 1-4 pm

If you would like to help at the next workday, please call Susan Schenk 621-6381 to sign up.

### ☆ Non-profit status ☆

We are now officially a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions are tax-deductible.

### \$\$\$Money\$\$\$

The best things in life may be free, but getting out information to the community costs money.

**Please consider contributing** to help cover the cost of producing the newsletter, our information sheets, and activities at the Field Station.

If you can, please send along a donation of any size in the envelope provided. We will be happy to send you a snazzy

**"Save the Field Station" bumper sticker** along with an acknowledgment. You can put it on your bumper, tape it in the window, stick it on a notebook, or frame it for your wall!

If you would just like a bumper sticker, please send a donation of \$1 to cover costs.

### And more about money.....

Donations will help a bunch but we will need to have regular **fund-raising events** to do all we want to make the Field Station the best it can be.

Please let us know if you have ideas for fund-raisers or for other activities for the Friends to do.

## Is CUC buying land to use as future mitigation for the loss of all 80 acres of the Field Station?

The City, CUC, and KGI are currently negotiating the purchase of 240 acres of land in the foothills, next to the Wilderness Park. It's a good bet that some of this land will be offered in mitigation for the loss of the coastal sage scrub that will be destroyed if the KGI is built on the Field Station and that the rest of it will be held as mitigation for future building on the site. Mayor Rosenthal, among others, has made it clear she is very much in favor of adding on to the park and has no interest in preserving any of the BFS land.

There is no coastal sage scrub on that 240 acres, so the loss of this rare ecosystem from the city would not be reduced. More importantly, this land is steep and very unlikely ever to be developed no matter who owns it, so it doesn't need saving. Adding it to the rolls of city-owned property cannot offset the loss of open space, the loss of the view, the loss to our cultural heritage, or the loss of habitat that building on the BFS will produce.

## Benefits and Costs

The costs of the NCMP are only too clear. Here is a summary of the benefits the City thinks it will provide.

**Note:** *Many are to the colleges rather than to the city. Virtually all of them would still occur if the KGI were built on one of the alternative sites (the quarry and the golf course) or stayed where it is now on Arrow Hwy.*

### Benefits to Claremont Colleges

- Continues the unique concept of the "Group Plan"
- Will expand the educational endeavors and reputation of the Claremont Colleges.
- Improves housing for CGU students.

### Benefits to Related institutions

- Enhances landscaping to Botanic Garden (RSABG) entrance.
- Synergy with the programs at RSABG.
- Improves appearance of the School of Theology (CST) from College Avenue.
- Provides overflow parking for RSABG and CST.
- Creates better telecommunications infrastructure (voice and data) for CST and RSABG.
- Optimizes interaction between RSABG, CST, CGU, and the engineering program at Harvey Mudd.

### Benefits to Academic Community

- KGI is expected to become a leading life sciences education and research facility.
- Expands lab and info. technology capabilities and opportunities for students and faculty
- Will bridge the gap between the academic and business communities.
- Will attract outside research funding because of KGI's technology transfer role.

### Benefits to region's biotech industry

- Will help establish the East San Gabriel Valley as a center for the emerging biotech industry
- Will stimulate the growth and development of bioscience industry in the region

### Benefits to City of Claremont

- Creates jobs and beneficial economic impacts from construction and operation activities.
- Enhances the reputation of the City of Claremont and may attract companies to the City.
- CUC will re-evaluate its graduate housing stock.
- The golf course will be preserved for at least 25 years (Note: no citizens asked for this).

### Public improvements

- CUC will improve Foothill/Dartmouth signal with protective turn signals and enhance intersection
- Will create sidewalks, streetlights,, right-of-way

landscaping and bus shelters on north side of Foothill.

- Will add cul-de-sac vehicle turn around area, curb and gutter, sidewalks, street trees and street lights to Via Los Altos where determined necessary.
- Storm drain on Foothill B1 will be extended 1600'.

### Other air quality benefits

- Will add more bicycle racks and commuter spaces and a shuttle, if determined feasible.

### Other benefits

- CUC will prepare a specific/master plan for all undeveloped CUC property. No other development will occur on these properties until the plan is approved by the City.
- CUC will submit a plan to the City for preparing the "Pit" for new development.
- CUC will maintain the field station at its current location or at some alternative site, so long as it meets curriculum needs as determined by the Council of Presidents. (*Read: it can be eliminated at any time.*)

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### Other groups of interest

**The Coalition to Preserve Claremont's Character** (cpcc.n3.net) is having a yard sale at **845 N. Indian Hill Bl on March 25 from 8am to 3pm**. This will help fund the legal fees that Carol Gil is incurring in her fight to bring a ballot measure before Claremont citizens to allow them to determine if development should take place on the BFS.

**If you would like to donate items, call 625-5395.**

**The Claremont Wildlands Conservancy** is a recently-formed non-profit concerned with the preservation of open space in Claremont. Its main concern now is Johnson's Pasture.

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### City Feedback Form

The city recently sent out a form requesting comments on budget issues and work plans. Please send it in. This is an excellent opportunity to tell them what you think about their policies relating to land use and the degree to which they listen to the opinions of the people they represent. There will be a workshop meeting March 19 at 2 pm at Taylor Hall.

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### Useful Addresses

- \* **The Architectural Commission**, City Hall PO Box 880, Claremont, CA, 91711.
- \* **The Courier:** 111 S. College Ave, Claremont, CA 91711 (909-621-4761)
- \* **The Daily Bulletin:** (attn: Leo Green) 2041 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St, Ontario, CA (909-483-9316)
- \* **Inland Valley Our Times:** 5555 Ontario Mills Pkwy, Ontario, CA 91764