

Complaints against Riverside County Transportation Commission

Dec. 20, 2010 By R. A. "Barney" Barnett, Editor- "*Highgrove Happenings Newspaper*"

The following is a list of complaints against RCTC for their past inappropriate actions:

Aug. 16, 2004 30 packets were given to RCTC for distribution to the commissioners.

They contained: 1. Resolution of support for a station at Highgrove from CSA 126

2. Resolution of support for a station at Highgrove from City of Grand Terrace

3. Resolution of support for a station at Highgrove from Highgrove PAC

4. Letter of unanimous support from City of Loma Linda

THESE 30 PACKETS WERE NOT DISTRIBUTED TO THE RCTC COMMISSIONERS FOR **14 MONTHS**.

Sept. 15, 2006 Due to local objections from Highgrove and the University Neighborhood Association near UCR, the Perris Valley Line "WORKSHOP" was held in La Quinta, Ca. which is 77 MILES AWAY.

Oct. 11, 2006 Eric Haley, RCTC Executive Director at that time stated: "*Highgrove station would be too close to the county line*"; "*Buying the Highgrove property would be land banking and RCTC is not in the business of land banking*"; "*The Colton Flyover costs would have to be added to the Highgrove station*"; "*The residents of San Bernardino County would be using the Highgrove station!*"

Nov. 28, 2006 RCTC Commissioners instructed staff to arrange for a tour of the Highgrove location but Eric Haley scheduled it on the same day as the Board of Supervisors meeting. The 5 members of the Board of Supervisors are also RCTC Commissioners but none of them could attend. And instead of a bus load of commissioners visiting the site as requested, two on track SUVs (Hi-Rail cars) were put on the Perris Valley Line track at Center St. and the 2 SUVs DID NOT STOP AT THE HIGHGROVE SITE. This property is not visible from the track due to a dirt bank on the west side of the track. That is why a bus was requested.

Jan. 10, 2007 "Additional Information" was handed out to the RCTC Commissioners just before the RCTC meeting on Jan 10, 2007 dated Jan. 18, 2007 which was 8 days into the future. It was labeled "Minute Action" and contained information stating how SANBAG would support RCTC's staff's position at their upcoming meeting.

Jan. 18, 2007 The exact same wording from RCTC's meeting on Jan. 10, 2007 was read into the minutes at the SANBAG meeting held in San Bernardino on Jan. 18, 2007.

April 4, 2007 SCAG (Southern California Associated Governments) wanted to initiate a feasibility study of the Highgrove Metrolink station which was an independent study from the RCTC study. At the April 4, 2007 SANBAG meeting, SANBAG decided to not vote on the Highgrove Station Location but instead voted to:

"Reconsider the matter based upon the results of the SCAG feasibility study"

April 5, 2007 The following day after the SANBAG meeting RCTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ERIC HALEY AND ROBIN LOWE, RCTC COMMISSIONER FROM HEMET, WENT TO THE LOS ANGELES SCAG MEETING AND STOPPED THE SCAG INDEPENDENT STUDY.

(I have a tape recording of this meeting)

June 26, 2008 Several community members attended an RCTC Ad Hoc meeting but we were not allowed to speak. I requested a tape recording of the meeting but RCTC said it was not available.

April 27, 2009 I was invited to RCTC meeting and given 13 reasons why the Highgrove location would be denied. The 13 reasons were prepared by RCTC's consultants- STV Incorporated. I was not allowed to show our power point at the meeting.

Aug. 10, 2009 R. A. Barnett gave written response to each of STV's 13 reasons in a 12 page article with photos.

Oct. 9, 2009 Denis Kidd wrote a 1 page rebuttal to STV's 13 reasons for denial.

Jan. 25, 2010 Special Ad Hoc meeting held by RCTC to hear presentation by R. A. Barnett and William Addington. Mr. Addington is a Retired Civil Engineer with 54 years experience and volunteered to assist in my presentation. I explained that station location is our only concern and we are not trying to stop the project. Mr. Addington confirmed the Highgrove site is possible with good engineering.

April 5, 2010 The Draft EIR was advertised as available at the RCTC office, and 4 libraries, Riverside, Moreno Valley, Perris and Woodcrest. But No EIR was supplied to the Library which is only ½ mile away from the Highgrove Metrolink site.

Later the Highgrove library was furnished a copy after I contacted RCTC.

(Documentation of all above information available upon request)

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