

NEW DEVELOPMENTS PROPOSED FOR SOUTH VISTA

Two new developments proposed for South Vista will be heard early this month.

- Vista Palomar Project, proposed for 2100 W. San Marcos Boulevard on the southern edge of the Business Park, will be presented at the Planning Commission for Early Design Review on April 5, at 6 p.m.

The project, which will require a zoning change, is proposed for 200 condominium units and a hotel.

- A proposal to allow a mini-storage facility on South Melrose will be heard at Vista City Council on April 12, at 5:30 p.m.



The site (orange line) is on the west side of Melrose, south of Sunset and just north of the Ralph's shopping center.

The public is invited to speak at both meetings.

TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR LUPINE HILLS / CHAPARRAL

At its meeting on March 8, Vista City Council approved the Traffic Commission's recommendation for the following to slow down speeders and improve safety at this intersection:



- all-way stop at Lupine Hills Drive / Chaparral Drive
- traffic-calming striping in each direction approaching the S-curve near Thibodo Park
- curve warning signs and 20-mph speed plaques approaching the S-curve
- digital speed display for eastbound traffic across from 1216 Lupine Hills Drive.

The stop sign will be reviewed again in six months to see if it has had an adverse effect on traffic flow.

RESPONSE FROM THE FAA

In a December 10 **letter to the FAA**, Vista's City Council described the Increase in low, noisy airplane flights over South Vista neighborhoods in recent years.



The Council made several very reasonable requests:

- A review of approaches into Runway 24 at CRQ (Palomar Airport) over the past 12 months, compared with approaches used in 2012. Is it possible to determine if more aircraft are flying over the City of Vista, and at what elevations, in recent years?
- Expand measurement of community noise impacts to include land-based surveys and residential polling, rather than solely relying on information from aircraft manufacturers.
- Consider reducing the acceptable Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) threshold from 65 to 55, as requested by the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus.

The February 4, 2016, **reply from the FAA**, says:

- Yep, the final approach to Runway 24 at CRQ *Cont.* → overlays the southern part of Vista. And yep,

RESPONSE FROM THE FAA (Cont.)

the CRQ flight pattern north of the airport overlays Vista.

- The mission of the FAA is to provide safe and efficient use of our airspace.
- Local airport operators are responsible for planning and implementation of actions to reduce the effect of airport noise on surrounding residences. *[Yet Palomar airport manager Olivier Brackett consistently tells us the FAA is solely responsible for planes in the air.]*
- The City of Vista has a representative on the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee, and part of the PAAC's duties are to review and make recommendations on noise control issues at CRQ.

Deputy Mayor Amanda Rigby and Assistant City Manager Aly Zimmermann were able to contact our representative, Tom Ricotta, for a meeting to which SVC representative Stephanie Jackel was invited.

Mr. Ricotta, appointed 28 years ago by a former county supervisor, explained how much better conditions are now than they used to be, in terms of airport impact on neighborhoods. He had no idea that Vista residents were experiencing noise issues, in spite of South Vista residents' having spoken about this at several PAAC meetings, and firmly maintained that there had been no changes in airplane overflights in the last few years. He stated several times that there was nothing he could do to assist us.

Stay tuned.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR COMMENT?

A subsequent billboard article in the March 15 *Union-Tribune* noted that, "Opposition to several proposed digital billboards in Oceanside appears to be growing." Which is the good news.

A double-faced digital billboard on the north side of SR 78 at Rancho Del Oro Drive in Oceanside, proposed by BGT Media, is virtually on Vista's doorstep and, if approved, would absolutely be the nose of the camel for a parade of digital billboards along the 78.



In addition, Outfront Media is proposing a digital billboard at College Blvd. and SR 78, and Lamar Advertising is proposing one at SR 76 and Airport Road.

Even though we live in Vista, Oceanside's decisions can have a permanent impact on our community.

Please contact Oceanside City Council members and Mayor Wood at <http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/council/default.asp> to express your opinion about the billboards and hope they will keep the 78 (and the 76) free of digital billboards for the future.

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