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Connecting Pasadena Project (CPP) Announces November 8 Workshop

Citizens provide ideas to beautify the barren 35 acre stub land

PASADENA, Calif. (Nov. 4, 2014)—The citizen driven CPP will hold the second of two sequential workshops Saturday, November 8, from 9 to noon at the Hall of Administration, 300 West Green on the Maranatha Campus.

These workshops are a first step in transforming the stub land, an opportunity to create a place of beauty and value for the City of Pasadena. At the conclusion of the workshops the groundwork will have been laid for creating a draft Master plan for that area. The CPP will work with the City of Pasadena to determine the most constructive way of using this material going forward.

Building upon the first workshop where participants determined what uses could be introduced in the 35 acre ditch between Union and California Boulevard, Workshop 2 participants will be asked to suggest ideas about what form development should take in order to create an area of beauty and economic and social value to Pasadena.

The workshop will be led by renowned architect and urbanist Stefanos Polyzoides. Before participants go to the work tables they will be given valuable information to use in shaping their ideas:

- Stefanos Polyzoides will be presenting a range of Pasadena- derived block development options in the low to high development range.
- Transportation Engineer Ian Lockwood will present drawings of two transportation options: ditch filled, ditch maintained.
- New urbanist Civil Engineer Paul Crabtree will elaborate on engineering considerations in transforming the stub land.
- Landscape Architect Nord Eriksson will enumerate options for park structures—and alternatives for land and hardscape possibilities.
- Economic Consultant Amitabh Barthakur will lay out the economics of land use in the stub area, a prerequisite for the ensuing citizen table work on development forms for the stub land.

The first Visioning Workshop, held October 25, was a success with about 70 people taking time out of their Saturday morning to design the ditch. Mayor Bogaard welcomed everyone and noted the importance of this swath of land to the City of

Pasadena. Council members Terry Tornek and Margaret McAustin stopped by with McAustin sitting down at one of the tables to contribute to the work.

Architect and urbanist Stefanos Polyzoides was joined by transportation engineer, Ian Lockwood and economic expert Amitabh Barthakur. They laid the groundwork for the residents who addressed the question of what uses could be introduced in the 35 acre ditch between Union and California Boulevard. November 8 the participants will return to elaborate on their groundwork.

Any Pasadena resident interested in participating is welcome to come and complete the work started in Workshop 1!

Note Venue Change: The Workshop has moved—still on the Maranatha Campus—but in the Hall of Administration, 300 West Green.

Parking: in the Green Street lots in front of the building.

RSVP at www.goo.gl/gxsh33 if you are interested in participating.