

## **IJ Coverage - October 6**

Despite some community objections, the San Rafael City Council signed off on a landscape maintenance pact with a Peacock Gap neighborhood group that could be the way of things to come.

The council on Monday unanimously approved a city partnership with the Peacock Gap Homeowners Association that puts maintenance of the neighborhood's long-neglected medians and other landscaping in city hands with \$80,000 of neighborhood funding.

The city will use funding from the association...

## **IJ Coverage - October 17**

### **Neighborhood steps up**

On Oct. 6, the IJ reported that a public-private partnership agreement between the city of San Rafael and the Peacock Gap Homeowners Association was approved, relative to the street medians within our area. There is an inaccuracy that should be clarified.

Your article stated, the agreement "puts maintenance of the neighborhood's long-neglected medians and other landscaping in city hands," while the new agreement provides for just the opposite.

The city owns the medians, but it doesn't have the money to pay for re-landscaping and maintaining them. The council's approval allows shifts city responsibilities to the association.

In 2007, the association raised \$80,000 earmarked for the landscape phase. Funding for the maintenance phase comes from a recently increased annual assessment. A few homeowners do not support the increase.

With the City Council's approval, the project is now moving forward and most of the homeowners are elated that, after many years in the planning stages, our medians improvement project will be implemented.

*Greg Faulkner, President, Peacock Gap Homeowners' Association, San Rafael*