

LINDA VISTA PLANNING GROUP

- MINUTES -

Monday, November 27th, 2017

5:30 – 7:00 P.M.

Linda Vista Library

2160 Ulric Street, San Diego, CA 92111

BOARD MEMBERS: Noli Zosa (Chairman), Margarita Castro; Kimberly Weber; Kim Heinle, Jennifer Carroll, Felicity Senoski, Victor Ochoa, Doug Beckham, Carol Baker, John Nielsen, Keith Warner, Sharon Larios, Noel Musicha

Board Members Absent: Howard Wayne (Vice Chairman), Michael Beltran, Tom Cleary, Demi Brown, Dorothy Perez, Lauree Camarato

Quorum: was met

Community Members: 9

Maria Silva in for Tom Cleary.

- AGENDA -

Call to Order:

5:34

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Planning Group Members
- Approval of Draft Agenda
 - Motion by D. Beckham; second by K. Warner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - Correction by F. Senoski on Riverwalk Ad Hoc committee report to state “the potential for Riverwalk developers *to work with USD on sustainability*” and on Pure Water comment to state, “appreciated the other planning groups *restraint* in not voting *at this time.*” Motion by V. Ochoa to approve October minutes as amended; second by K. Weber. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Reports by Government Representatives:

5:40

- Police Department/Fire Department
 - SD Western Police Department – Officer Surwilo: Reminder for safe practices during the holiday season. Officer Pinon: Update on attempted robbery at McDonald’s over the weekend by Hispanic male teenager who pulled a weapon; resulted in stolen cookies. Update on fight over the weekend in Linda Vista between four men; one gun recovered and several suspects taken into custody. Question on Linda Vista Skate Park security with concern expressed about increased fighting and illicit activity; not open yet, considered trespassing if anyone is on site, and comments that it’s being regularly used
- Congress & State Legislature (Senate/Assembly)
 - None.
- County & City: Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, Planning Dept, Development Services, Board of Supervisors
 - Councilmember Sherman – Sheldon Zemen: Updates on Linda Vista Skate Park, in planning and establishment period, potentially done by February/March 2018; update on Linbrook Dr. and Ulric St., sidewalk on northern side completed, and more street lights added over the sidewalk implemented; overgrowth outside Kit Carson Elementary property cut back. D7 monthly newsletter disseminated.
- SANDAG – Quarterly update on the Mid Coast Trolley
 - None.

Non-Agenda Items and Public Comment (2 minutes per person)

- Matt Strabone – Running for Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk office; information distributed
- Margarita Castro – Announcement for John Baca Park dedication on 12/02/17 at 1:00pm at former Morley Green strip (6900 Linda Vista Rd.); raising funds for park monument; flier distributed. Question by S. Larios about community's involvement in process by which Linda Vista Rec. Council voted on moving forward with renaming of park and pending monument; question for greater inclusion of community in the process and clarity in the process; question on concern expressed re: increase in illicit activity in given area. Led to greater question and philosophical conversation on community participation in *all* civic meetings. D. Beckham resigned in dispute. Suggestion by F. Senoski to have City Planner take this conversation back to the City of San Diego for support on how to reach a greater audience. Response by City Planner that Planning Group is an independent body that carries the responsibility to invite community members. She will look into Rec. Council policy to see if it operates under the same policies as Planning Group. Suggestion to create section on City website to post Rec. Council agendas and minutes for great dissemination and transparency. City Planner will present as informational item at upcoming Planning Group meeting.

Chairman's Report – Development Impact Fees (DIF) update. \$170,000 in DIF funding available. Two ongoing projects: traffic light modifications for ADA and Montgomery Academy Joint Use Improvements. Chairman spoke with Mr. January about prioritization of how to spend DIF funds. Instructed to contact Mr. January in mid-summer 2018. K. Heinle will forward requested list of curb cuts to City Planner and City Streets Division, as ADA curbs may come out of DIF funding.

Committee Reports & Updates (as requested):

5:50

- Bylaws & Elections – Howard Wayne: Action item. See below.
- Landscape Maintenance Assessment District – Margarita Castro: Action item. See below.
- Morena Blvd. Planning Area Study (ad hoc) – Howard Wayne: None.
- Riverwalk Development (ad hoc) – Felicity Senoski, Jennifer Carroll: Next meeting: tentatively scheduled 12/11/17 at 6:00pm in LV Branch Library. Developer will be present at meeting.
- Traffic & Transportation – Kim Heinle: Met 11/13/17. Reviewed audits and updates on projects.
- Zoning/Land Use – Tom Cleary: None.
- Representative Committees:
 - Community Planners Committee – Noli Zosa
 - Linda Vista Collaborative – Kim Heinle: November meeting featured Thrive Public School. December meeting will be Holiday Party 12/20/17.
 - Mission Bay Park – Kimberly Weber: 12/07/17 meeting cancelled. Fiesta Island planned amendment being worked on. Winter 2018: Public review of draft EIR and draft amendment to be presented to Park and Rec Board. Summer 2018: public hearing on draft EIR and draft amendment. More info to come.
 - Mission Valley River Preserve – Felicity Senoski: Reached out to contact twice this month with no response to inquire chair's question re: MVRP tie in to Riverwalk.
 - Tecolote Canyon Advisory Committee – Kimberly Weber: Decem-Birds and Berries event on 12/06/17 from 9:30-12:30.
 - Linda Vista Recreation Council – Doug Beckham: M. Castro (on behalf of D. Beckham): Reminder for John Baca Park Dedication. City Attorney ruled that money must be turned over to the City and the City will administer it. Councils can keep fundraising. 4-4 vote. Results will be sent to Committee on 12/06/17 for resolution.
 - Linda Vista Town Council – John Nielsen: Dark in December. Next meeting on 01/18/18 featuring Councilmember Scott Sherman.

Information Items

6:10 pm

6:25 p

1) Linda Vista Economic Development Tour – Gustavo Bidart from Civic San Diego will discuss the Linda Vista Economic Development Tour proposed during the first quarter of 2018.

Gustavo Bidart presented overview on Linda Vista Economic Development Tour. Next meeting on tour planning will be shared with LVPG.

- Who: Civic SD works with City of San Diego, CDCs, nonprofits, business improvement districts, institutions, etc. For Linda Vista, Civic has worked with Bayside, USD, Thrive, Councilmembers Zapf and Sherman, and Morena Business Improvement District.
- What: Tour provides community the opportunity to promote economic development of the neighborhood. Each community can promote its assets, opportunities, and needs assessments. Showcase the work already being done and how it can be built upon to bolster the neighborhood.
- Where: Tour in Linda Vista being planned. Already happening in other parts of the City. Example shared on upcoming Promise Zone neighborhood tour on 11/30/17.
- When: Initially proposed for December 2017; postponed until 2018.
- How: Tour is built on collaboration. U.S. Bank will underwrite Linda Vista tour.

Questions/Answers/Discussion

- Question from M. Castro: Concern about how neighborhoods were chosen for tours. Did the City and Civic try to develop these neighborhoods that they still had stake in the game and were responsible for?
 - Response: Civic works with communities in a collaborative effort. Developers work with Planning Groups to understand the needs of the community and do so collaboratively to bring in the resources that are identified.
- Question from S. Larios: Who is the committee from Linda Vista putting this together? What are you trying to showcase? Who can join the committee and help plan? Concern expressed that it was a USD- and Bayside-driven focused tour.
 - Response: Areas include Montgomery, vacant lot, Bayside/Thrive development, shopping center, military housing, all housing, Linda Vista Rec. Park, Skate Park, Health Clinic, educational corridor, and Mesa Community College. Clarified that tour is not driven by one entity, but rather it is a collaborative effort.
- Comment from N. Musicha: Questions from S. Larios are tied to “secrecy” conversation earlier in meeting. The tour lacks the voice of the people and G. Bidart has helped ease that concern.
- Comment from N. Zosa: Interest in this tour because the City and State are mandating more housing be built, while also easing restrictions on housing developments that do not have to be reviewed by Planning Groups. Must be proactive, not reactive, in being a part of who comes into our neighborhoods. Must work with developers and lenders up front. Planning committee for tour has stressed the need to not displace residents.
- Question from F. Senoski: Question on post-tour meeting. Who analyzes data and how will it be disseminated? Is there an online presence for needs assessment collection?
 - Response: Post-meeting is held when and where the community wants. Civic will participate. Suggestion to have Planning Group host post-meeting.
- Question from M. Castro: Linda Vista has three low-income housing developments within six-blocks. How do we guarantee developers do not displace residents?
 - Response: Community can choose to be proactive or reactive.
- Question from V. Ochoa: What is the status of the tour?
 - Response: Must identify appropriate speakers, date, and post-tour meeting date.
- Question from K. Heinle: How do you mitigate negative perceptions of the tour from the community’s perspective?
 - Response: Organizations leading the tour are responsible for communicating with the community and gearing that perception.
- Comment from N. Zosa: Gratitude for postponing tour to bring in community voice.

- Comment from J. Nielsen: Suggestion to bring tour to LV Town Council for support.

Action Items

6:30 pm

2) LVPG Bylaws – LVPG Member Howard Wayne will discuss proposed changes to the LVPG Bylaws. LVPG will discuss whether or not to approve the proposed changes.

J. Carrol sitting in for H. Wayne.

- Question from V. Ochoa. Re: Article VIII, Section 1, subsection (d) paragraph 6 (Pg. 17), how do we logistically do this with the timing?
 - Response: Will address prior to March 2018 elections.
- Question from M. Castro. Will District Attorney find fault for any drastic changes to by-laws?
 - Response: Will work with by-laws committee to look more closely at language. City Planner will provide suggestions to change to H. Wayne.

Motion by M. Castro to postpone vote on proposed amendments to bylaws until January 2018, giving District Attorney time for review; second by J. Nielsen. Vote 11-0-0. Motion carried 11-0-0.

6:40 pm

3) Maintenance Assessment District Budget – LVPG Member and MAD Chairman Victor Ochoa will discuss the proposed budget for the upcoming year. LVPG will vote to endorse the MAD budget.

V. Ochoa shared proposed budget for FY2019 requesting \$242,247.85 to maintain, transform, and redesign MAD areas as required by City of San Diego. Subcommittee voted unanimously for proposed budget. Next meeting is 01/15/18 from 1:30-2:30pm at Linda Vista Branch Library.

Motion by M. Castro to approve the MAD budget as drafted for FY2019; second by F. Senoski. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion carried 11-0-0.

Suggested Items for Next Meeting Agenda

- None

Adjournment

7:41 pm

** Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. at the Linda Vista Library.