

Community Planners Committee

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APPROVED MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry Schultz, Carmel Valley (CV)
Russ Connelly, City Heights (CH)
Nicholas Reed, Clairemont (CLMT)
Tom Silva, College Area (CA)
Bob Link, Downtown, (DNTN)
Sally, Chollas Valley, (CVE)
Deborah Sharpe, Ken-Tal (KT)
Diane Kane, La Jolla (LJ)
Howard Wayne, Linda Vista, (LV)
Dike Anyiwo, Midway-Pac. Hwy (MPH)
Bill Crooks, Miramar Rnch. N. (MRN)
Craig Jackson, Mira Mesa (MM)
Bob Semenson, Mission Beach (MB)
Brian Giles, Navajo (NAV)
Michele Addington, Mission Valley (MV)

Paul Coogan, Normal Heights (NH)
Steve Oechel, North Park (NP)
Andrea Schlageter, Chair, Ocean Beach (OB)
Mark Freed, Otay Mesa (OM)
Eric Edelman, Carmel Mtn. Rnch. (CMR)
Linda Coffman, Eastern (EAS)
Scott Chipman, Pacific Beach (PB)
Korla Eaquina, Peninsula (PEN)
Vickie Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
Jon Becker, Rancho Penasquitos (RP)
Brad Remy, Torrey Pines (TP)
Victoria Labruzzo, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Catharine Stempel, Serra Mesa (SM)
Chris Neilsen, University (UN)
Mat Wahlstrom, Uptown (UT)

VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS: None. The following groups have single absences this calendar year: BL, BMR, CMR/SS, DMM, EA, FR, GH, OT, OMN, RE, and SP/LH.

City Staff/Representatives: Marlon Pangilinan, Planning Department.

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:

Chair Andrea Schlageter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2022 MINUTES:

Ayes: CV, CH, CA, DNTN, CVE, KT, LJ, LV, MPH, MRN, MV, NAV, NP, OB, PB, RB, RP, SR, SM, UN, and UT. Nays: 0. Abstain: CM, MM, MB, NH, OM, and PEN. Minutes approved concurrently with roll call: 21-0-6.

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathleen Lippett – Commented on how the on-site sale of alcohol CUP process needs to hold operators accountable because of the constant alcohol-related issues.
Tom Mulaney – Mentioned that activism, like the effort demonstrated by the CPC on

Parks Master Plan involvement was successful in getting important changes included and recommended that the community stay in close contact with City Council District Office, especially since the City will be considering extending Transit Priority Areas (TPAs) to a mile and increasing density in those areas. Steve Oechel – Introduced himself as the new Chair for the North Park Planning Committee. Diane Kane – Brought up the issue about the number of projects going forward without permits and with no consequences and whether this has been occurring in other community. Tracy Dezenzo – Provided criticism regarding SANDAG’s mileage driven tax. Kelly McCormick – Shared comments and concerns from public health advocates and members of the public from last week’s online meeting of the California Department of Cannabis Control. Scott Chipman – commented on alcohol and drunk driving issues and incidents in Pacific Beach. Matt Walstrom – Echoed comments from Diane Kane. Hasn’t been able to find permit information related to Uptown in the Accela program and inquired about training on how to use Accela . Kevin Travis – expressed how communities working together make the community better.

- 4. SANDAG REGIONAL PLAN 101 – (INFORMATION ITEM):** Jennifer Williamson, Mobility Planning Manager, SANDAG presented on the Updated Regional Plan and the 5 Big Moves for creating an integrated transportation system based on technology, stakeholder & community engagement, priority and regional projects.

Board Comment:

- Suggestions were offered to toll all freeways not just HOV lanes, electrifying rail to improve commute from SD to LA, and considering Clairemont a pilot zone for SANDAG’s Flexible Fleets.
- Comments expressed that less people are using transit and that charging people per mile and taking lanes away is not attractive. Instead timing lights for effective traffic flow and less idling, working 4-day weeks, and teleworking are effective ways to reduce vehicle emissions.
- Questions were asked about how much SANDAG’s plans were going to cost the taxpayer, whether or not major employment centers were identified relative to where people live, and how much the rider subsidy is.
- Concerns were expressed around Sustainable Development Areas (SDAs) and how the expansion of these areas is not about concentrating density near transit nor increasing ridership. Additionally, it was expressed that the 1-mile distance would hurt seniors, those with disabilities, and working families and what being seen is that some communities are getting hit with a higher percentage of on-site affordable housing located in areas with no jobs.

- Additional questions and concerns regarding privacy issues were raised regarding SANDAG's collection of data from private streetlights

5. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STREET PRESERVATION ORDINANCE – (INFORMATION ITEM): No staff present. Item tabled to next month.

6. RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS – (INFORMATION ITEM): Marlon Pangilinan, Interim Program Coordinator, Planning Department updated the CPC regarding the termination of the State of Emergency and the return to in-person meetings in March conducted their bylaws and Brown Act, as was done prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Board Comment:

- It was suggested that when it comes to finding a meeting place, that changing a CPG's meeting time could be an option to holding meetings in a public facility.
- Concerns were expressed about holding in-person meetings because previous meeting locations are no longer available and public facilities like libraries and recreation centers close too early. Also, people can't make it to an earlier time because they work or can't attend due to health reasons.
- It was expressed that it will take CPGs time to find a physical meeting space and more difficult given elections in March.
- It was commented that virtual meetings increased participation and that returning to in-person meetings goes against the intent of the revised Council Policy to increase participation and representation.
- It was also expressed that virtual meetings allowed more young people, mothers, and parents to attend meetings and that the Brown Act is "old" and doesn't "fit" with what is happening now.
- Concerns with disease still being around, as well as safety and crime would be limiting factors for both in-person meetings and sharing teleconference locations.
- The cost of upgrading facilities like libraries to host hybrid meeting would also be cost prohibited.
- It was suggested to get the City Council and State Assembly to amend the Brown Act.
- Flexibility was also suggested for the Brown Act where a quorum of members could meet in-person at a physical location and allow some members to attend virtually.

- 7. JANUARY 12TH LAND USE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE – (DISCUSSION ITEM):** The CPC discussed future agenda items for the Land Use & Housing Committee and priorities for year.

Board Comment:

- A comment was made regarding the government needing to be more proactive about providing affordable housing, because freeing up the market will not provide more affordable housing, but only increase land value and housing prices
- It was mentioned the City of San Diego is the only city that does annual Land Development Code (LDC) updates and that it could be that there is something wrong with or the City is slipping in too many things into regulation and the communities don't get to comment on them.
- Staffing levels not keeping up with the volume of development applications resulting from new policies and regulations was identified as an issue.
- It was expressed that these code updates are supposed to be language changes not code changes and that the LDC updates are like an omnibus that don't get debated at the community level.
- It was also expressed that the LDC updates have been useful to address sections in the Code that were being taken advantage of by the staff and developers. Projects not getting adequate scrutiny and being treated administratively is an issue.
- Other issues of concerned that were brought up involved needing adequate noticing and more time for community feedback, delaying new code implementation by 60 to 90 days instead of 30 days, and development a code library for the coastal areas.
- It was suggested that the CPC members go back to their communities, discuss their priorities, and return next month to come to consensus as group on these items.

8. REPORTS TO CPC:

- **Staff Report** – None.
- **Chair's Report:**
 - The Planning Department has reached out to discuss the Housing Action Package #2 and working with a CPC Subcommittee to review and provide comment.
 - Regarding meet in-person meeting locations, CPGs should look at where non-profit organizations are meeting in the community to see if there are opportunities to share space. Also, churches are another option.

- Marlon will be our liaison to the Planning Department with Tony Kempton's passing over the holidays.
- Issue noted with filling in the CPG's recommendation on the Information Bulletin 620 form. Need to reach out to the tech team to either repair or expand the type-in area.
- **CPC Member Comment:**
 - Rancho Bernardo – Would like to send condolences to Tony's Kempton's family and would like to know who has been assigned to his planning areas.
 - Mission Beach – Expressed issues with having and maintaining a website and if any other CPGs are experiencing the same issue.
 - Uptown – Would like to have the SANDAG presenter's email.

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023:

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Andrea Schlageter at 8:31 PM.