

Community Planners Committee

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CPC DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry Schultz, Carmel Valley (CV)	Deborah Watkins, Mission Beach (MB)
Mary Young, Chollas Valley (CVE)	Michele Addington, Mission Valley (MV)
Naveen Waney, Clairemont (CLMT)	Brian Gile, Navajo (NAV)
Russ Connelly, City Heights (CH)	Jim Baross, Normal Heights (NH)
Tom Silva, College Area (COL)	Kevin Hastings, Ocean Beach (OB)
Mario Ingrassi, Eastern (EAS)	Jason Legros, Pacific Beach (PB)
Bob Link, Downtown (DNTN)	Korla Eaquinta, Peninsula (PEN)
Paul Schumacher, Golden Hill (GH)	Robin Kaufman, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
Diane Kane, La Jolla (LJ)	Jon Becker, Rancho Penasquitos (RP)
Deborah Sharp, Ken-Tal (KT)	Wally Wulfeck, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Howard Wayne, Linda Vista (LV)	Catherine Stempel, Serra Mesa (SM)
Dike Anyiwo, Midway (MW)	Myron Taylor, Southeastern (SE)
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa (MM)	Brad Remy, Torrey Pines (TP)
Bill Crooks, Miramar Rnch. North (MRN)	Chris Nielsen, University (UN)
Michele Addington, Mission Valley (MV)	Helen Allen, Uptown, (UT)

VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS: Barrio Logan and San Ysidro.

City Staff/Representatives: Tony Kempton, Nevien Antoun, and Jacob O'Neil

Guests: Sandy Wetzel-Smith, David Moty, Mary Young, Ryan Greek, Ron Stark, Kathy Vandenheuvel, Mat Wahlstrom, Kathleen Lippitt, and Paul Jameson.

NOTE: *The sign-in sheets provided at the entrance to the meeting are used to list CPC Representatives, guest speakers, and staff present at the meeting.*

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:

Chair Wally Wulfeck called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll Call: CHV, CV, CH, CLMT, COL, EAS, DNTN, GH, KT, LJ, LV, MW, MM, MRN, MB, MV, NAV, NH, OB, PB, PEN, RB, RP, SM, SR, SE, TP, UN, and UT.

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Balboa Park is one of SD's best assets, but the Prado and central area are now overrun with vendors who don't have permits even for food vendors. Contamination and public safety are a concern. Guest questioned what can be done.
- Concerns were expressed related to Housing solutions of the Complete Communities program which has no limit on # units or height, only FAR. A project in Uptown has a 500% density bonus (6 X # units allowed by the community plan).

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 01-25-22—Ayes: CHV, CV, CH, CLMT, COL, EAS, DNTN, GH, KT, LJ, LV, MW, MM, MRN, MB, MV, NAV, NH, PB, PEN, RB, RP, SM, SR, SE, TP, UN, and UT; Nays: 0, Abstain: OB

4. MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Approved without modification.

5. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS PRIORITIZATION – COUNCIL

POLICY 800-14. (ACTION ITEM): Council Policy 800-14 addresses how CIP projects are prioritized. Nitsu Aberra, Senior Civil Engineer, introduced Saeed Abdollahi, Project Officer II Engineering. Saeed started with a message from Mayor Gloria about how improving infrastructure was a critical item. Gloria said dollars should advance equity and quality of life. He said the projects, once identified, will need to be prioritized. There are changes to how projects are being prioritized and your (public) participation is needed. Inclusive engagement is key to success. Reaching out to councilmembers and CPG's is important. To advocate for projects residents should attend hearings and participate in public comment. Nitsu said CIP's are permanent improvements and long-term investments not maintenance of existing facilities. The CIP program is for projects and funding sources to enhance quality of life, which includes a 5-year outlook tool that helps with planning and capital resources. Community and council priorities are a part of the process also. Needs are broken down by asset type (i.e. fire stations, stormwater facilities, etc.) and then revenue vs. needs is detailed. Needs are typically greater than revenue. Each project is scored at the start of the process and reviewed by the Mayor's office and Asset Management Department. Asset categories are identified (public safety, mobility, neighborhood assets including parks, community gardens, etc.) Several factors determine prioritization of projects. Jake Aquino, Associate Engineer, summarized the survey for communities to prioritize projects. February 28, 2022 is the deadline to complete the survey. Jake discussed the type of projects to be prioritized based on a questionnaire. Survey questions ask to rate sidewalks, fire/police stations, streetlights, etc. Nitsu then responded to questions.

Board Comment:

- Member asked how the process for revising Council Policy 800-14 works. Ryan Greek (Senior Civil Engineer) said Engineering and Capital Projects is making updates to policy through the Active Transportation Committee to adjust council policy 800-14 to reflect equity factors in scoring projects.
- Member said one undergrounding project has been stalled for 10 years and a temporary fix (slurry seal on street) is urgently needed.
- Bundling projects is being considered
- Member asked if individuals fill out the survey or their CPG's. Greek said individuals do the survey for 800-14, there is no follow-up survey for a CPG. The 5-year outlook document goes to the CPG every other year. A climate equity index identifies communities of concern for the update to 800-14.
- Changes to 800-14 won't be made until June 2022. Greek did not know if it would go back to the CPG's after that.
- Priority scores are listed on each project on the priority program. Volume of responses helps determine priorities.
- Survey responses are timed to meet fiscal budgeting. Some felt there isn't enough time for CPG's to respond to the on-line survey
- To a question whether unfunded CIP's are re-evaluated Greek said yes, they are re-scored
- Presenters will return to CPC when their recommendations to 800-14 are formed

Motion: None taken

6. ITEM: Cannabis – item pulled by Councilmember Whitburn

Commentary by Bill Perno, Senior Prevention Specialist, SAY San Diego. Perno said he supports responsible retailers of cannabis. Perno said Whitburn proposed removing sensitive use restrictions (1,000 ft, from churches, residential care facilities, etc), shrinking distances from K-12 schools. Perno said CPG's are vital to the discussion but are being left out of the process. Proposition 64, legalizing marijuana, placed restrictions on location of facilities (4 per council district). Buffer zones to sensitive receptors were part of Proposition 64. Perno said that San Diego does not have protections for colleges and universities. Cannabis can be delivered door to door

Board Comment:

- Question raised whether Whitburn's program related to formation of a cannabis business improvement district? Presenter said Whitburn's proposal did not address
- Community needs to be involved. With council boundaries changing more than 4 cannabis businesses may end up in one district. Question raised whether

they could/would be closed. Perno said there is time to address this situation. Perno said it would not be the business's problem – his opinion

- An opponent of marijuana facilities said marijuana is now the drug of choice for youth. He said there is an average of 37 emergency room visits each day in the city and that an overdose epidemic is an issue, per Surgeon General
- Resident deeply concerned over changes to marijuana ordinance by Whitburn. She cited Marijuana Now brand being packaged like candy to entice children to use
- Projects should present to CPG's and vote of each CPG needs to have more gravitas
- Buffer zones were eliminated unfairly and need to be reinstated
- Unpermitted marijuana storefronts are rare in SD. Bu vehicle delivery service is largely unpermitted. Businesses outside city of SD are delivering within SD and depriving City of tax revenue
- Chair said no motion necessary at this time. Issue to be revisited

Motion: None taken.

7. COUNCIL POLICY 600-24 on COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS, AND COUNCIL POLICY 600-9 on the COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE: (ACTION ITEM):

Discussion of draft revisions to Council Policies 600-24 and 600-9.

Board Comments:

- Chair had issues with LaCava's presentation to the CPC. He felt LaCava's program reduces community input. Appointed members are another concern, in that appointees could be developer friendly. Chair objected to Planning Department curtailing staff from attending CPG meetings. Limiting number of meetings on a project was another issue for the chair
- LaCava's revisions were not thought to change Council Policy 600-24 much, except for the 2-year break of service after 8 years and suspension of a CPG if it fell below 10 members
- Changes were thought to sideline CPG's. Residents were urged to lobby councilmembers to oppose changes to CP 600-24
- To change City Charter takes 125K City resident signatures. Council can also put a ballot measure on the Charter but that was thought doubtful
- In a conversation with LaCava a member requested him to table the changes. LaCava made no commitment either way
- Chair said council members are subject to Brown Act and that would explain why LaCava was non-committal
- A member said civic participation is at the lowest level since 1890 and there is no infrastructure to bring people into public discourse

Motion: None taken

REPORTS TO CPC:

- Staff Report – None
- Subcommittee Report – None
- CPC Member Comments – None
- Chair Report – Chair reminded CPG's to send rosters, data forms to Wally and Tony K. Do elections cleanly. Urged new members to take COW

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Wally Wulfeck at 8:28 PM.