

Community Planners Committee

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CPC DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Philomena Moreno, Barrio Logan (BL)
Eric Edelman, Carmel Mtn. Rnch. (CMR)
Barry Schultz, Carmel Valley (CV)
Mary Young, Chollas Valley (CHV)
Naveen Waney, Clairemont (CLMT)
Russ Connelly, City Heights (CH)
Tom Silva, College Area (COL)
Paul Schumacher, Golden Hill (GH)
Deborah Sharpe, Ken-Tal (KT)
Howard Wayne, Linda Vista, (LV)
Dike Anyiwo, Midway (MW)
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa (MM)
Michelle Abella-Shon, Miramar Rnch.
North (MRN)-Late
Michele Addington, Mission Valley (MV)

Jim Baross, Normal Heights (NH)
Andrea Schlageter, Ocean Beach (OB)
Karl Rand, Pacific Beach (PB)
Korla Eaquinto, Peninsula (PEN)
Robin Kaufman, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
Jon Becker, Rancho Penasquitos (RP)
Wally Wulfeck, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Marc Lindshield, San Pasqual/Lake Hodges (SP/LHJ)
Catherine Stempel, Serra Mesa (SM)
Liz Enloe, Skyline/Paradise Hills (S/PH)
Mario Ingrasi, Torrey Pines (TP)
Chris Nielsen, University (UN)
Helen R. Allen, Uptown (UT)

VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS: Otay Mesa, Torrey Hills, Kearny Mesa, Skyline/Paradise Hills, San Ysidro

City Staff/Representatives: Tony Kempton, Heidi Von Blum, Jordan Moore, Rebecca Malone

Guests: Sandy Wetzel-Smith

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: BL, CMR, CHV, CH, CLMT, COL, CV, GH, KT, LV, MW, MM, MV, NH, OB, PB, PEN, RB, RP, SM, SP/LH, SR, S/PH, TP, UN, and UT

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ministerial projects don't require a CPG vote, though many are concerning. Guest asked for guidance on how ministerial projects would fit the community better.

Concern expressed over marijuana billboard advertising in light of the governor voting for AB 1302 banning marijuana billboards on freeways. Guest asked rhetorically why they are OK on City streets. Guest requested CPC members to contact their representative to ban marijuana advertising on City streets.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 09-26-21– Note: Liz Enloe was late. Ayes: BL, CMR, CHV, CH, COL, EAS, KT, MW, MM, MV, NH, OB, PEN, RB, RP, SP/LH, SR, SM, TP, and UN. Nays: 0. Abstain: CLMT, LV, CV, NP, PB, SE, and UT. Passed 20-0-7

4. MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Approved without modification.

5. SAN DIEGO COUNTY INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

(INFORMATION ITEM) Ramesses Surban, Commissioner updated the CPC on the County's redistricting process. Surban defined redistricting as redrawing district boundaries so each district has an equal population. Census data is used for equal representation. Among criteria included are: District must be equal population; District must be contiguous; District should be geographically compact; District cannot be drawn to favor an incumbent or party. Much of the County is outside City boundaries. Redistricting can affect whose voice is heard on issues. The Redistricting Commission obtains information from the Census 2020, and public input regarding communities of interest (defined by a common language, culture). Public input is provided through public hearings, written description of communities, and/or maps drawn and submitted to the City. Districts are out of balance now compared to 2010 due to uneven growth. The Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) must hold public meetings before and after drafting of maps. Final maps are to be adopted on December 15, 2021. The public is free to attend IRC meetings to provide input.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

- Member asked how the IRC differentiates what is a community and if some communities try to gain interest over others. Presenter replied that the IRC draws maps without considering parties, candidates
- Member asked how the draft maps are different from current maps and is there any way to minimize disruption. Presenter replied that IRC strives to not change supervisor districts

6. CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (INFORMATION ITEM)

Andrew Amorao, Field Team Lead, CA Citizens Redistricting Commission described the Draw My California Community Online Mapping Tool. Amorao said he is responsible for San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Redistricting has the effect of putting power into the public's hands instead of those of incumbent politicians. The California Citizens Redistricting Commission works with the State Senate, Assembly and State Board of Equalization. The Commission follows tenants of the Independent Redistricting Commission including: Shared values of Communities of Interest common to their boundaries; Communities in high fire areas can be Communities of Interest, as can coastal communities. The Commission uses a draw map feature for the district; Input can be provided through website, email, submissions forms and even on napkins. November 15 is the release date for draft maps. The public has 14 days after that to provide comment. December 22, 2021 is the last date for submission of final maps.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

- A question arose if there was any attempt to merge City Council Districts with County districts. Presenter replied public input helps determine where boundaries should be
- Member said challenges to map boundaries have not been successful
- Member asked whether it was discretionary to nest assembly districts. Presenter said it was the least important consideration

7. CLIMATE RESILIENT SAN DIEGO PLAN (ACTION Item)

(Heidi Von Blum, Jordan Moore, Rebecca Malone, Planning Department). Rebecca Malone and Jordan Moore discussed the Draft Climate Resilient San Diego Plan. Moore said that it invests in the lives of residents and furthers social equity. State Bill 379 to mitigate climate change by 2022 will be a target to meet. Rising seas heat waves, more variable precipitation are future hazards affecting our infrastructure and San Diego. The plan was started in 2018 with community feedback generated in 2020. Outreach will continue through submittal of a draft plan. Minimal disruption of City services is a goal, as is a more resilient community. A primary goal is to make investment in underserved communities. These communities with no air conditioning are more susceptible to extreme heat. Plan benefits include cool streets and equity across communities. Nature-based climate conditions are taken into consideration, including green house gases, green spaces, restored natural landscaped areas, green streets, tree plantings, etc. Plan strategies are people-centered – increasing access to cool zones, parks, community gardens, etc. and include outreach and education. Providing guidance to residents prone to climate change impacts is a goal and heat mapping will be a factor. The plan strives to mitigate the risk to climate change and community engagement will be critical to the plan's success. Public hearings will occur in the fall and culminate by year's end.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

- Concern expressed whether going to Planning Commission so soon is premature. Presenter said the plan has to be adopted before strategies can be implemented
- Inquiry as to whether there is a cost/benefit profile on projects. Presenter said cost is a factor in considering adaptation strategies
- Member asked to what extent the plan would require land use changes. Presenter said land use changes are an option to address climate changes like fire, sea rise
- Guest asked what the deadline for public comments is. Presenter said there is no formal deadline. The deadline for SB 379 is January 1, 2022
- Concern over consideration is given to homeless strategies. Presenter replied that some strategies for homeless exist, in particular a section on equity
- Maintenance questioned. Presenter said the plan will consider maintenance, and will pursue grants to fund maintenance
- Member asked if City Council adopts the plan how will it square with other plans that might be in conflict. For example, if there was a no growth policy. Presenter said the plan is a policy framework, so balancing priorities and flexibility are decisions to be determined

Motion: College moved to approve as presented, Normal Heights seconded. Ayes: BL, CMR, CV, CHV, CLMT, COL, EAS, GH, KT, LV, MW, MM, MRN, MV, NH, NP, OB, PB, PEN, RB, RP, SE, TP, UN, and UT. Nays: CH and SM. Abstain: SR. Passed 25-2-1

- 8. TREES:** (INFORMATION ITEM): (Carolyn Chase, Treewatch San Diego; Mandy Havlik, KatesTrees.org). Mandy Havlik gave a presentation on the inadequacies of the City's Urban Forest policies and requested advocacy for trees from Community Planning Groups. Havlik said it was a privilege to live in San Diego. Havlik urged a call to action to protect the urban trees, pocket parks and increasing number of appropriate trees e.g.. Pepper trees). Havlik said that Kensington residents have documented healthy trees but people are taking trees for granted. Havlik said trees removed were not reported separately in the Climate Action Plan (CAP), leading to a declining urban forest. Young trees are planted but die and don't get replaced. The CAP will accept comments regarding how the goals were not met. Havlik said there are no protections for trees on private property, but public trees are protected to a degree. Trees are also targeted as densification occurs. Trees are infrastructure investments that grow in value, according to Havlik. Havlik said trees can increase property values by up to 30%, reduce runoff and have an effect on slowing traffic. Havlik said the City's Urban Forestry program is underfunded and a fully funded program is what is needed to meet CAP goals. According to Havlik palms (technically not trees) deplete the City's tree maintenance. KateTrees.org has useful information on how to grow healthy trees. Their

commitment is to plant 100 trees in each community. Three ways to help are: buy a tree, donate money for a tree, volunteer. TreeWatchSD.org is a resource for increasing trees in the City.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

- Concern expressed over trees disappearing for development was expressed
- Planting oaks to increase native species was advocated
- Concern over City being sued over falling trees
- Many trees were planted on Mira mesa Boulevard but have since died. A member asked how they could be replaced. Presenter requested the member discuss offline
- Concern expressed over dead trees in north county being fire fuel

REPORTS TO CPC:

- Staff Report – Tony Kempton gave a presentation on the importance of CPG's including a brief description of projects listed on the agenda as either for information or action, to be in compliance with the Brown Act. If no description is included on the agenda residents and others have no idea whether the item is of interest or concern to them
- Subcommittee Report – None
- CPC Member Comments – None
- Chair Report – Councilmember La Cava is expected to give a presentation on the status of Council Policy 600-24 at the next meeting on November 30, 2021. Chair requested members to read AB 361 and request their respective CPG's to continue meeting virtually or whatever method they have been using

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING: JANUARY 25, 2022:

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Wally Wulfeck at 8:25 PM.