

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 5, 2009
IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 12TH FLOOR
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

Chairperson Naslund called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Chairperson Naslund adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chairperson Eric Naslund - present
Vice-Chairperson Tim Golba - present
Commissioner Robert Griswold – (arrived at 9:07 a.m.)
Commissioner Mary Lydon – present
Commissioner Gil Ontai - present
Commissioner Dennis Otsuji -present
Commissioner Michael Smiley - present

Staff

Andrea Dixon, City Attorney – present
Mary Wright, Planning Department - present
Mike Westlake, Development Services Department – present
Don Weston, Development Services Department - present
Brenda Clark, Recorder - present
Susan Ramirez, Recorder - present

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ITEM - 1: **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT - ISSUES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION NOT PREVIOUSLY HEARD:**

None given.

ITEM - 2: **REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE AND/OR ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN:**

Item #6 withdrawn

ITEM - 3: **REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER OTSUJI TO PLACE ITEM #7 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Ontai seconded the motion. The vote was passed 6-0-1 with Commissioners Naslund, Ontai, Smiley, Otsuji, Lydon, and Golba voting yea and with Commissioner Griswold absent.

ITEM - 4: **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Bill Anderson welcomed Commissioner Lydon and spoke on looking forward to working with Commissioner Lydon.

Bill Anderson also reported the charrets were completed for Grantville last weekend. It was a three day charret held Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They had a good turnout, about 50 people each night. There will be a workshop with the Planning Commission later this spring to go over those alternatives and get input.

Barrio Logan had a charret a couple of weeks ago with a similar process. The next meeting will be February 11th at 1625 Newton and at that meeting they will be going over the three land use scenarios that came out of the charret process and talk about some of the opportunities and issues associated with their limitations in order to refine them.

Last weekend kicked off the Uptown/North Park Golden Hill Community Plan update process. There are three community plan areas that are clustered. There were about 100 or so people in attendance. They were informed about how they could get involved in the process through the community planning groups and stakeholder groups which will be a subcommittee of each community planning group with additional representation from other stakeholders.

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Bill Anderson will be happy to answer any questions.

Commissioner Naslund inquired into who is the consulting group on the Uptown North Park Golden Hill cluster.

It has been selected but not announced yet. This one is being done a little bit different. In Barrio Logan a full consulting team has been hired, same with Grantville. In Uptown North Park Golden Hill we are hiring technical consultants to assist us on certain aspects so it will be more of a team working relationship with staff and consultants. We are also going to be issuing our fees pretty shortly for San Ysidro and Midway Old San Diego.

By the end of this fiscal year we should have about a quarter of the City be under way in community plan updates.

Mike Westlake reported out that this Monday the City Council denied the American Tower Cooperation Aviation Project. It was denied unanimously by the City Council.

ITEM - 5: **COMMISSION COMMENT:**

Commissioner Naslund had a few comments to welcome the new Commissioner, Mary Lydon. Looking forward to working with Mary and she comes very highly recommended. Thanked her for agreeing to participate and looking forward to the experience and expertise she brings with her. Wished Mary well in her service with the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Naslund also thanked Barry Schultz for meeting with him and running through some of the tips of being the Chairperson of the Planning Commission which was incredibly helpful. Commissioner Naslund also thanked Commissioner Golba for becoming the new Vice-Chairman and acknowledged that with Commissioner's Golba experience with planning groups that he would do a great job during the times he needs to be gone, recuse or whatever the case may be.

Unlike the fall, we have a pretty light schedule in the new year and that certainly is a reflection on the downturn in the economy. Commissioner Naslund looks upon this as an opportunity to take on a number of things that maybe we wouldn't normally have time to tackle. He would be soliciting his fellow Commissioners thoughts about things we should be trying to take on, deal with while we have an opportunity to do that. A few of the things Commissioner Naslund personally think they should look at is to reinvigorate the conversation with the Water Department about the public right-of-way and infrastructural relationships of the Water Utilities and the right-of-way of the design of the City's. Additionally,

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talking about the public rights-of-way, the collective space that we all own together, it occurs to me that we need to be having a kind of dialogue with the City Fire Department and Planning about design of the rights-of-way.

A third thing that occurred to me sitting here for the last two and a half years is that often times we get into discussions about discretionary projects and what is our understanding of the role and responsibility of the Planning Commission in those deliberations and really what are the obligations of the applicants as they come forward. What I would like to see us do in the next few weeks/couple months is to have a workshop between the Planning Commission and Senior Project Management staff and Senior Planning staff to really talk about how discretionary permits work, what are the findings we need make, how do we go about making those findings and most important to me is how do the reports that get written for these things come forward? How do we get a consistent idea about what kind of information needs to come to the decision maker to make those decisions relevant and important and tackling the critical issues. I would be looking for an opportunity for us to do that.

I think also, now that we have a brand new City Attorney, I would like for us to have an opportunity to meet with Mr. Goldsmith and actually hear from him about the role Planning Commission, how we can best work together to implement these policies.

Those were the things that were on my plate and I would be really interested in my fellow Commissioners thoughts about those or maybe there are others we should be considering.

Commissioner Smiley addressed the issues on fire safety.

Commissioner Golba had a question for staff on a follow up on the OLP project which Council has postponed it based on the hope the sides will come together on some sort of agreement or compromise. If the project changes will that come back to Planning Commission or will that stay at Process 5 or where it is even when the project changes materially or scope alters or something like that.

City Attorney's reply: The best answer is that it depends. We would have to see how if it does change materially, it might come back. Yes

Commissioner Golba following up on ideas for this group for this year will be seeing the action items implementation from the General Plan, but also the City, internally, is considering a green building policy. I would hope that this board gets a good fair shot at that should it materialize here in the coming year.

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Commissioner Golba sent congratulations to Chairman Naslund for being up the Chairperson for the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Otsuji seconds Chairman Naslund's workshop recommendation with the staff. I would like to have a couple of workshops during the year with City Council especially some of the community land use and housing. There are four new members on the City Council so it would be nice to have a workshop with them in regards to land use, housing and public safety.

ITEM – 6: **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8, 2008.**

Withdrawn due to typographical error in the date. The date should be January 8, 2009.

ITEM – 7: **8111 CAMINO DEL ORO TM - PROJECT NO. 152137**

City Council District: 1; Plan Area: La Jolla

Staff: Helene Deisher

Speaker slips in favor of project by John Leppert and Julia Leppert.

No speaker slips in opposition to project.

COMMISSION ACTION

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER OTSUJI THAT THIS PROJECT BE PLACED ON CONSENT.

Commissioner Ontai seconded the motion. The vote passed 6-0-1 with Commissioners Naslund, Ontai, Smiley, Otsuji, Lydon, and Golba voting yea and Commissioner Griswold absent.

Resolution No. - PC- 4489

ITEM – 8: **WELLNESS RECREATION CENTER – PROJECT NO. 140201**

City Council District: 6 Plan Area: Linda Vista

Staff: Edith Gutierrez

Speaker slips in favor of project by Mark Rowson and Margarita Castro

Speaker slips in opposition to project by Hannah Blum

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COMMISSION ACTION

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER OTSUJI TO CERTIFY MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 140201; APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 489856, AN AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONAL USE AND RESOURCE PROTECTION ORDINANCE PERMIT NO. 92-0568; APPROVE SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 585430 AND APPROVE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 585432.

Commissioner Griswold seconded the motion. The vote passed 7-0 with Commissioners Naslund, Ontai, Smilely, Otsuji, Lydon, Golba and Griswold voting yea.

Resolution No. – PC-4490