

MISSION BEACH PRECISE PLANNING BOARD (“MBPPB”)
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
Meeting via Zoom (Video) Conference
Minutes of Meeting

Board Members Present:

Rebecca Abbott	Michelle Baron	Josh Geller	Gloria Henson
Dennis Lynch	Brian McCarthy	Bob Semenson	Cindi Stratton
Gernot Trolf	Debbie Watkins	Jenine Whittecar	

Absent: Rob Brown

OPENING FUNCTIONS

Meeting was called to order by Chair Debbie Watkins at approximately 6:32 PM, and a quorum was confirmed.

Administrative Items

- **Revisions to Agenda**

Copies of the Agenda for the May 17, 2022 Meeting via Zoom Conference were distributed and reviewed. The only revision was to move the *Emergency Safety Measure Information Item* to go before *Reports from Government Officials* to accommodate a presenter. A vote was not needed.

- **Approval of Minutes** for April 19, 2022 Meeting via Zoom Conference

Copies of the draft April 19, 2022 Minutes of Meeting via Zoom Conference were distributed and reviewed. There being no corrections, the April 19, 2022 Minutes were **APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

- **Chair’s Report**

(1) Chair reported that since the Governor has not lifted his emergency order regarding COVID measures and with related cases still in the picture, the plan is to conduct the Board’s June 21st Meeting via Zoom. Chair asked if there were any objections from Board Members. Bob Semenson stated he wanted to meet in person. Each MBPPB member was asked to weigh in. The count was 8 YES to conduct the June meeting via Zoom and 2 NO [B. Semenson; C. Stratton]. It was determined the June 21st Meeting would be conducted via Zoom Conference.

(2) Chair Watkins commented that the 2022 Election of Area Representatives will be put on hold until the Board can meet in person. As the Board has done during COVID, it will wait to see when it can meet in person to hold the nominations and election.

(3) Controlled Parking at Belmont Park. Chair Watkins reported she sent a letter on April 21st to the Mayor, et al in support of a pilot program for Controlled Parking at Belmont Park’s North and South parking lots as an emergency safety measure and requesting immediate action for such a program to curtail further violence at Belmont Park in light of the recent shootings at Belmont Park pursuant to a Motion approved unanimously at the MBPPB’s April 19th Meeting via Zoom Conference.

(4) Chair announced that the 2022 Virtual Community Planning Group Orientation Workshop will be held on Monday, June 6th from 5 – 7 PM via Zoom. The workshop is for new and existing community planning group members. Attendance by all planning group members is required by City Council Policy 600-24 to meet the criteria for indemnification. Chair will forward the invitation with the instructions to Board Members after the meeting tonight. Registration is required for the workshop by Wednesday, June 1st is recommended.

(5) The New Organic Waste Recycling Collection will be discussed at the Board's June 21st meeting by a recycling specialist at the City of San Diego Environmental Services Department. The City will begin expanding its organic waste recycling by adding weekly green bin service to collect food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste. This is part of a state-wide organic waste recycling law Senate Bill 1383 for all California businesses and residents.

OTHER

Information Item

- **Update: Emergency Safety Measure for Controlled Parking at Belmont Park's North and South Parking Lots** – Discussion with Steve Thomas, Belmont Park's General Manager.

Steve Thomas reviewed the progress made with the Mayor's office. He reported that numerous measures will be taken such as a non-pay parking controller will monitor the parking lots to start; Belmont Park staff will monitor vehicles entering and exiting the parking lots; possibly install speed bumps; change direction of traffic; install new gates on the North, South and East parking lots; use parking stickers for visitors using the South Parking lot, to name a few.

Belmont Park will pay the cost for gates and parking attendants. Belmont Park's goal is to implement the emergency measure for controlled parking on June 1st. Steve stated he sent video clips of the shooting incidents at Belmont Park to the Coastal Commission and his goal is to have paid parking in effect in six (6) months. Steve requested letters of support from residents be sent to him to help him get needed support from the City Council and Mayor.

The Board and public were given an opportunity to ask questions and comment. Steve commented that towing out of the North parking lot occurs from 2 AM to 4 AM, and the goal is to start towing out of the South parking lot by June 1st. Concessions will be made for resident parking in the parking lots.

REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

- **Spencer Katz, Staff Member, Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3, County of San Diego**

Spencer announced he will be filling in for Rebecca Smith tonight. He gave updates on climate change, preparing for wild fires, and a new helicopter for sheriff and SDG&E. He reported that starting May 1st, those under 18 years of age can ride transportation system for free, which is in effect to 2023. The Board and public were given an opportunity to ask questions and comment.

- **Cole Reed, 39th Senate District Representative, Office of Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins**

Cole gave the updates on the following matters:

- Budget surplus of \$6B; \$21B in reserve; Climate Change \$7.5B
- Sea level rise has \$2.3B in budget. A grant could be used to repair the seawall in Mission Beach by the City.
- \$3B is budgeted to eliminate homelessness

The Board and public were given an opportunity to ask questions and comment.

- **Seamus Kennedy, Community Representative for District 2 CM Campbell**

Seamus gave updates on the following matters:

- Short Term Vacation Rental Ordinance;
- Two (2) new flashing crosswalks will be added to Mission Boulevard (undefined locations)
- Budget season – will provide 12 code enforcement officers, 20 new park rangers, 8 treasury positions, extended police beach time enforcement – all should benefit short term vacation rentals
- Sidewalk vending ordinance still not in effect; City Council dropped fees from \$230 to \$30
- New approach to address street lights out is planned to start June 17th with groups of electricians working one area to replace and repair street lights
- Budget contains conservatorship toolbox to help address mental health issues for homeless population

The Board and public were given an opportunity to ask questions and comment. Concern was expressed that implementation of the ban for sidewalk vending in Mission Beach Park needs to be implemented pursuant to Section 63.50 of the Municipal Code wherein commercial activity is prohibited in Mission Beach Park as a result of voter approved Proposition G (1988), which is incorporated in the Mission Beach Precise Plan and the City’s Local Coastal Program.

BUILDING PLAN REVIEW – None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT - One minute per speaker for issues **NOT** on the Agenda and within the purview of the MBPPB. Comments are subject to time and technological constraints. None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Action Item:

- **(1) DRAFT Council Policy 600-24 on Community Planning Groups; (2) DRAFT Terms and Condition for City Council Recognition of (Name of Community Planning Group) as an Independent Community Planning Group Per City Council Policy 600-24; and (3) DRAFT Guidelines for CPG Ethical Standards and Template:** Review and discuss these draft documents the City is putting forth by District 1 City Councilmember Joe LaCava to reform community planning groups, and vote on whether to support these changes.

Chair discussed the email sent to Councilmember Joe LaCava wherein she outlined the difficulties and financial burden of the proposed changes to community planning groups by the City of San Diego would cause. The MBPPB reviewed and discussed the recommendations and authorized Chair Watkins to prepare a letter to the Land Use and Housing Committee for its June 16th hearing on CPG Reform outlining many of the concerns pointed out in her January 6, 2022 email to Councilmember LaCava. After further discussion, the following motion was duly made:

**MOTION #1 was made by Dennis Lynch and seconded by Cindi Stratton
TO AUTHORIZE Chair to craft a letter to the Land Use & Housing Committee
for its June 16, 2022 hearing regarding community planning group reforms as
discussed.**

VOTE: For: 10 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Passed.

- **Liaison Update (ANAC)**

Chair commented that there was nothing new to report; the next ANAC meeting takes place on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

There being no further business, Chair noted the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 21, 2022 via Zoom (Video) conference at 6:30 PM.**

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION #2 was made by Gernot Trolf and seconded by Gloria Henson
TO ADJOURN the meeting via Zoom (Video) Conference.**

VOTE: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Passed. [J. Whittecar absent for vote.]

Prepared by: Debbie Watkins, Secretary