

LINDA VISTA PLANNING GROUP

Monday, September 25, 2023

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Meeting Location for In-Person:

American Legion Post 731
7245 Linda Vista Rd, San Diego, CA 92111
Or Via Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Howard Wayne (Chair), Felicity Senoski (Vice Chair), Christopher Beesley, Carol Baker, Jennifer Carroll, Margarita Castro, Kim Heinle, Becky Hunt, Ashley Martinez (Secretary), Victor Ochoa, Terri Tebbetts, Christine Weinstein.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynn Dorris

QUORUM: was met.

Community Members in Attendance: 12

- GENERAL MEETING MINUTES -

Call to Order: 6:00 pm by Wayne (Chair)

Pledge of Allegiance: Nikolai Camarato, Commander, American Legion Post 731

Roll Call of Planning Group Members: Martinez (Secretary)

Approval of Draft Agenda: September 25, 2023

Motion by Tebbetts to approve September 25, 2023, draft agenda. Second by Heinle. Chair deemed the agenda approved as presented by members present without objection.

Approval of August 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ochoa to approve August 28, 2023, general meeting minutes. Second by Beesley. Minutes were approved by members present without objection.

Reports by Government Representatives:

- **Police Department:** Officer David Surwilo (absent).
 - Senoski shared that Juan Sanchez is the new Captain of the Western Division.
- **Congress & State Legislature** (Senate/Assembly):
 - Congresswoman Sara Jacobs – Willow Lance, representative (absent).
 - Senator Toni Atkins: Samantha Brown, representative (absent).
 - Assemblymember Ward: Teannae Owens, representative (present)
 - The first year of the 2023-24 legislative session is over.
 - Assemblymember Ward's office is soliciting new legislative bill ideas through their website. To submit a legislative bill idea, please visit <https://a78.asmdc.org/do-you-have-bill-idea>
 - An audit of San Diego Gas and Electric (SDGE) rate increases by the California State Auditor has been released, and the key finding is that the Auditor found gaps in the California Public Utilities Commission and the

Public Advocates Office monitoring of utility costs that could subject ratepayers to unnecessary rate increases.

- The two climate bond bills, AB 1567 (Garcia) and SB 867 (Allen) did not advance this year. Discussions regarding a climate bond bill continue.
- Assemblymember Ward will host a webinar with the Department of Insurance and the Fire Safe Council on wildfire insurance on September 26, 2023, at 5:30 PM.
- Assemblymember Ward is expected to join the November 2023 meeting of LVPG.

- **County & City:**

- **Mayor:** Emily Piatanesi, representative. (absent)
- **City Attorney:** Not present.
- **City Council:** Councilmember Raul Campillo – Miles Noel, representative. (present)
 - Councilmember Campillo's office will not hold office hours in October. The Councilmember is planning to take time off to care for his newborn.
 - Councilmember Campillo is working on an ordinance to increase the penalty for hate littering to a misdemeanor. The Ordinance would make hate littering punishable by up to one year in jail. The Councilmember's action is in response to multiple incidents where hate litter has been distributed in District 7 and other areas of the City.
 - Carroll thanked the Councilmember's Office for their work on returning the "KEEP CLEAR" signs on Via Las Cumbres.
 - Beesley asked the Councilmember's representative if a study has been considered or conducted on the environmental impact of idling cars due to protected left turn lanes. The Councilmember's Office will look into the matter.
- **Planning Dept:** Senior Planner, Megan Covarrubias. (absent)

- **SANDAG:** Not present.

Public Non-Agenda Comments (2 minutes per person)

- Heinle introduced Tyana Ortiz as the newest Bayside Community Center team member. Ortiz is a senior at San Diego State University majoring in environment studies.
- Weinstein discussed a recent news article about Rite Aid's rumored bankruptcy. Community members are concerned that the rumored bankruptcy may impact Rite Aid in Linda Vista, the only pharmacy within two miles. The other nearest pharmacy is in Mission Valley and is a CVS.

Chair's Report: Wayne. No new updates.

Secretary's Report: Martinez. Secretary Martinez spoke with Jeff Davis, Librarian, who confirmed that LVPG can store its documents at the Linda Vista Public Library. Martinez will work with Wayne and other Board members to prepare the documents for storage.

Appointment of Additional Board Members

Chair Wayne solicited members of the public to join the Board via appointment. No new candidates came forward.

Carroll asked if LVPG could contact the University of San Diego and request a representative from the school to join the Board. Heinle offered to make an introduction to members of the external relations team at the University.

Action Items:

1. **Recertification of LVPG, Consider and adopt Outreach proposal (Jennifer Carroll)** – Carroll introduced the draft Outreach proposal for Board review. The Board reviewed, commented, and requested that an updated proposal be brought back in October for additional review. The Ad Hoc committee will meet in October to continue working on the Outreach and Operating Procedures draft plan and provide an update at the October 23 Board meeting. The plan is to vote on the final set of documents in November and file it with the City shortly after approval.

No action was taken.

Informational Items:

1. **SANDAG Report on Morena Blvd. Study** – Andrew Camacho, Associate Engineer from SANDAG, and Andrew Prescott, Senior Transportation Planner from CR Associates, presented the latest on the Clairemont Complete Corridors study. The study seeks to identify multimodal enhancements along Morena Boulevard and Clairemont Drive, focusing on connections to and from the newly opened Blue Line Trolley Stations at Clairemont Drive, Tecolote Road, and Mission Bay. SANDAG will report back to LVPG in January 2024.

Several LVPG Board members had questions about the loss of parking near Ashton, the impact of a potential roundabout(s) on the Clairemont Drive and I-5 overpass, and the Northbound I-5 exit on Tecolote Road. Regarding the I-5 exit at Tecolote Road, LVPG asked Caltrans to review the "over 90-degree angle" one must turn their head to look for oncoming traffic when making a right turn at that intersection. A representative from Caltrans who attended the meeting agreed to take LVPG's concern back to the appropriate person in the Department.

2. **Blueprint San Diego** – Tom Mullaney provided a presentation on the work he has done reviewing Blueprint San Diego and analyzing housing developments across the City. Mullaney is a former long-time Uptown Planners Community Group member and the Executive Director of Livable San Diego, which filed a lawsuit over the Mayor's 'Build Better' proposal alleging violations of CEQA and other laws. Mullaney believes Blueprint San Diego is a way for the City to bypass community plans.

Beesley requested Councilmember Campillo's Office to provide a presentation on Blueprint San Diego and respond to the critiques and concerns brought up during Mullaney's presentation and Board discussion. Miles Noel noted Beesley's request and will take it back to the Councilmember.

Committee Reports & Updates

1. Landscape Maintenance Assessment District – Ochoa.
 - a. The Firestick plants located on the median on Genesee and Linda Vista Road are missing, and vegetation along the median is damaged. The MAD is investigating.
 - b. The MAD continues its work with Ben Perry to install landscaping and will be working on Genesee.
 - c. Beesley noted that the landscaping on the West Morena median is in disrepair versus the landscaping on Linda Vista Road, which is professionally done.
2. Morena Corridor Specific Plan (Ad Hoc) – Wayne. Nothing new to report.
3. Riverwalk Development (Ad Hoc) – Senoski. Nothing new to report.
4. Traffic & Transportation – Nothing new to report.
5. Zoning and Land Use – Martinez. Nothing new to report.
6. Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Task Force – Heinle. The Task Force will meet on Monday, October 9, 2023.
7. Community Improvements – Carroll.
 - a. The "KEEP CLEAR" painted signs at the intersection of Cirrus Street and Via Las Cumbres have returned. Thank you to Councilmember Campillo's Office for their assistance.
 - b. Megan Covarrubias, Senior Planner assigned to LVPG, facilitated a meeting with Liz Saidkhanian, Development Project Manager 3, and former Director of Outreach for Scott Sherman, to discuss how Development Impact Fees (DIF) are allocated. In this meeting, Carroll learned that the Planning Department does not have a role in deciding which projects are funded. Instead, the Planning Department is contacted by other departments asking for funding. For example, the Public Library Department would request funding for Linda Vista Public Library and then drive that funding request through the process. Upon learning this, the LVPG Board discussed whether it would be more advantageous to approach the Public Library Department and 1. Request that Linda Vista Public Library be prioritized, and 2. Request current DIF funds to be used to improve the Linda Vista Library.

8. Representative Committees

- a. Community Planners Committee – Wayne. Nothing new to report.
- b. Linda Vista Collaborative – Heinle. Nothing new to report.
- c. Mission Bay Park – No representative.
- d. Tecolote Canyon Advisory Committee – Niki Ahrens.
 - The Tri-Canyon staff is down from three Park Rangers to two.
 - Park Rangers currently focus most of their time on removing illegal encampments and coordinating with volunteers to clear brush.
 - Friends of Tecolote Canyon is on Meetup.com and regularly posts upcoming events on <https://www.meetup.com/Friends-of-Tecolote-Canyon-Natural-Park-and-Nature-Center/>
 - The next regular meeting of the Friends of Tecolote Canyon will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of November at 6:30 PM at the Tecolote Nature Center.
- e. Linda Vista Recreation Advisory Council – Castro. Nothing new to report.
- f. Linda Vista Town Council – Hunt. Nothing new to report.
- g. Skate World Ad Hoc – Hunt. Nothing new to report.

Items for the October 23, 2023, meeting:

- Please send agenda items for October to Chair Wayne.

Adjournment: Interim Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Ashley T. Martinez, Secretary
Linda Vista Planning Group