

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP**

July 7, 2021

Via Zoom/Electronic Meeting

Members Present:

Michele Addington, Cameron Bucher, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Derek Hulse, Elizabeth Leventhal, Kathy McSherry, Andrew Michajlenko, Keith Pittsford, Marco Sessa, Pete Shearer, Michael Sherman, Colton Speas, and Josh Weiselberg.

Members Absent: Steve Abbo, Ken Calloway, Kaye Durant, Rachel Erwin, Marissa Feliciano, Matthew Guillory and John La Raia.

City/Government Staff: Various attendees.

Guests:

A. CALL TO ORDER

Jonathan Frankel called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:04p.m. via Zoom.

Verify Quorum: 12 members were present, constituting a quorum. Colton Speas joined at Item E and Andrew Michajlenko joined at Item I.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – None.

C. INTRODUCTIONS / OPENING REMARKS/REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Jonathan Frankel welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded all there would be a record of the meeting made.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michelle Addington moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021 regular meeting with correction for the misspelling of Michele’s name and correction to Marco Sessa’s comment that the federal court (not Marco Sessa) stated the CDC moratorium was illegal; Keith Pittsford seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 10-0-2 with Michele Addington, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Derek Hulse, Elizabeth Leventhal, Keith Pittsford, Marco Sessa, Pete Shearer, Michael Sherman, and Josh Weiselberg voting yes, and, Cameron Bucher and Kathy McSherry abstaining.

E. Public Input – Non-Agenda Items but within the scope of authority of the planning group. *[Links/information and contact offered by speakers are provided below]*

- Officer David Gibson of SDPD provided various updates on crime in Mission Valley for June 2021

- Anthony Hackett of Councilmember Raul Campillo’s office provided various updates re: City Council business.
- Ariel Gibbs of Assembly member Weber’s office provided a legislative update. Also indicated upcoming virtual back to school town hall and back-pack/essentials giveaway.
- Diana from Toni Akins office provided an update on affairs and efforts re: DMV mail-in license renewals and future presentation on budget and planned expenditures.
- Allison Woodworth of Sandag provided link for South Bay to Sorrento project and is seeking participation in surveys re: transportation projects listed on their website portal.
- Jawad Al Bahgdadi of Congresswoman Sara Jacobs’ office provided brief legislative update and focus on regional child-care needs.
- Matt Griffith of the Mayor’s office introduced District 7/MV representative, Christopher Ackerman Avila who provided a brief update for their office.
- Rob Hutsel of the River Park Foundation indicated their 20th Anniversary is July 18th and that as COVID subsides, they hope to restore their volunteer base and ramp their operations back up.
- Marco Sessa noted the concerts in the park at Civita on Sundays have resumed with the next concert to be July 18th.

F. Membership Committee – Michele Addington

1. Open positions on the MVPG Board – there are three open positions, one in the Property Owner, Property Taxpayer and Resident categories. All interested are encouraged to apply.

G. Treasurer’s Report – Elizabeth Leventhal

1. Reported that the balance remains the same; \$1,344.16.

H. Information Items

1. Resumption of in person MVPG Meetings – Jonathan Frankel

Description: Discussion regarding potential resumption of in person meetings of the MVPG at the Mission Valley Library.

Jonathan Frankel provided an overview of current meeting rules/status including potential future resumption options. Alan Grant indicated suffering from zoom fatigue and in-person resumption is welcomed. Elizabeth Leventhal asked about library capacity to handle hybrid meetings. Jonathan Frankel did not believe library was equipped for hybrid meetings. Marco Sessa indicated hybrid meetings can come with distracting technical difficulties and feels when the library permits in-person meetings the MVPG should resume in-person meetings then. Pete Shearer echoed the same comment. Elizabeth Leventhal asked about library requirements, including vaccination requirement. Michele Addington reported on the Library’s stated requirements for entry, which include

masks and social distancing, but it was not clear if masks were required to be worn by those fully vaccinated.

I. Action Items

1. 2021 CIP Community Priorities Survey – Michele Addington

Description: The City of San Diego is soliciting input from the MVPG on community priorities for five-year (2023-2027) capital infrastructure planning. The MVPG will take action to complete a survey on CIP priorities.

Michele Addington provided an overview of the process and indicated this is the first step in process for capital improvement planning. Responses are due to the City by 8/8/21. MVPG prior list had 10 projects with one (item 8) having been completed. City discourages groups from listing maintenance projects (like paving) as those are on-going costs and not capital improvements. Alan Grant and Pete Shearer discussed Riverwalk's commitment to spend up to \$75K toward an engineering study for a trail segment in the River to YMCA. Alan Grant suggested a previously unidentified segment of this proposed trail be included on the new priority list. Marco Sessa asked about which road segment was noted for Item 3. Questions were asked of and answered by Nancy Graham about the IFS and this Priority List and how they are related. Rob Hutsel suggested including as a high priority the river trail segments as private money is being solicited and having a high priority may help the City consider contributing sooner than later to the cost.

Michele Addington moved to have the MVPG prioritize existing items 1, 7, 3, 9, & 2, together with the new segment of river trail mentioned by Alan Grant and submit the same to the City as requested; Michael Sherman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 13-0-0 with Michele Addington, Cameron Bucher, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Derek Hulse, Elizabeth Leventhal, Andrew Michajlenko, Kathy McSherry, Marco Sessa, Pete Shearer, Michael Sherman, Colton Speas and Josh Weiselberg voting yes, and, none abstaining. Keith Pittsford left the meeting prior to the vote.

J. Committee/Community Reports:

1. Subcommittee Reports:

a. Standing Committees:

- 1) Design Advisory Board – normally meets the Monday prior to the MVPG meeting at 3:30 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library- Andrew Michajlenko

No meetings held in the prior months and none currently scheduled.

b. Ad Hoc Committees

1) Public Health, Safety and Welfare – Elizabeth Leventhal

Thanked all presenters who are continuing to work on homelessness and related issues.

2) MV Stadium Redevelopment - Kaye Durant

No formal update, by Rachel Gregg of SDSU noted the project remains on schedule.

1. Community Reports

a. San Diego River Coalition – Alan Grant

No monthly meeting currently schedule, but meetings will resume in September via zoom.

b. Community Planning Chairs Meeting –Michele Addington/Jonathan Frankel

Provided in Item I.

2. Miscellaneous Mail/Items-For the Good of the Order – none.

K. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M. Next Regular Meeting Date – August 4th at noon with location likely to be electronic (Zoom).

Cameron Bucher, Secretary