

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Kearny Mesa Planning Group
May 19, 2021
Online Zoom Meeting**

Planning Group Members in Attendance:

<input type="checkbox"/> Derek Applbaum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juan Arriaga	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robyn Badilla	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Dilday
<input type="checkbox"/> Buzz Gibbs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dana Hooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Huntoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Tana Lorah
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meridith Marquis	<input type="checkbox"/> John Mulvihill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Nguyen	<input type="checkbox"/> Ray Richmond
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Ruggels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Sallen	<input type="checkbox"/> Isaac Wang	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Yung

Community Members in Attendance:

Carlos Mendoza, Charlie Steinmetz, Jodi Resse Diana Lara, Steve Mortan, Kent Lee, Yegin Chen, Jon Shiner, Karl Lintvedt, Rosa Kwon, Maryam Kargar, and Kathleen Lippitt.

1. **Call to Order:** The Meeting was brought to order at 11:30 AM by Jeff Sallen, Chair of the Kearny Mesa Planning Group. Jeff thanked everybody for participating on the meeting via Zoom.
2. **Meeting Minutes:** The Meeting Minutes from April 2021 were shared on the screen with all participants. A motion to approve the minutes was given and the minutes were approved (5-0-4).
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** Jeff S. asked if there was any public comments. The following comments were provided:
 - Kent Lee introduce himself as a resident for District 6 who is running for City Council. He offered community member to reach out to connect and posted the following:
 - Good morning! I'm Kent Lee, and I'm running to represent San Diego City Council District 6. I am a non-profit leader/volunteer and 8-year board member of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group. This month, I announced endorsements from over 120 AAPI civic, business, and community leaders. You can see the full list and learn more about my campaign at <https://kentleeforsd.com/aapi>. You can also find us on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/kentleeforsd>. Thanks again!
 - Kathleen Lippitt spoke in regard to her concern of the marijuana industry and changing laws taking place in San Diego and encouraged attendees to see related media advisory and online resources regarding the impact of cannabis.
4. **Information Items**
 - Following the meeting Michaela Valk, who was unable to join, provided the information shown on Exhibit A below.

- Jon Shiner provided an update from the City office including an invitation to a see District 6 Annual Budget Brief - hosted by Councilmember Cate with the IBA office at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=XTXhJd6pEa8&feature=youtu.be&ab_chann el=CityofSanDiego
- Diana Lara from Senator Atkin's office offered her contact information and ask community members to reach out for any assistance: Diana.lara@sen.ca.gov
- Police Officer Dave Gibson provided an update of recent crimes and ongoing police activity through Kearny Mesa. Officer Gibson fielded questions from planning group members and community members in attendance.
- Rosa Kwon with the Kearny Mesa Library indicated that Library is not open to the public yet but is still open for contactless pick up. Also encouraged residents to follow the website for updates.
- Vic Salazar from Vic Salazar Communications presented on the Murphy Canyon Rd Sewer Repair and Rehabilitation project. He explained how the project will improve sewer mains in the area by replacing aging facilities. He also communicated that the project is on the preliminary planning stage and on securing the necessary easements. He indicated that Carlos Salazar and Maryam Kargar were available for questions.
 - Board member Roby Badilla expressed concern about the project disturbing habitat in some areas.
The project team answer that the project design includes getting out of areas to avoid impact to habitat and that the necessary environmental permitting will be done through the City.

Project team indicated that contractor is required to provide notifications to residents. Advertising expected during summer 2022. Construction scheduled to start 6 months later for about 2 years. Additional information on the project is provided as Exhibit B below.

5. Action Item(s):

- Charlie Steinmetz (RE Director A Soka Gakki International) and Jodi Reese (Principal and Sr. Planner) presented on the project relocation of SGI-USA's Buddhist Center from 4828 Ronson Court to 7260 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. The Center will be used for religious main assembly, office, conference rooms and a bookstore. SGI-USA had leased the Ronson Court location since 2002. While the zoning allows for religious main assembly, Applicant is required by the City to obtain a CUP and an NDP. The CUP and NDP draft findings have been submitted to the City. The documents provide a more comprehensive synopsis of our project and its impact to the Kearny Mesa Community Plan. Additional information provided during the meeting included:

- Building exterior will not be modified.
- Interior remodel will be done to meet the needs of the client.
- Hours of operation will be 5-9 pm.
- Expect 40-60 visitors during the week and 80-100 attendees during the weekends.
- There are 375 parking spaces in the complex. Enough parking for the use at peak times. Peak use is the first Sunday of the month when 100-200 people is expected.

A motion to support the project was proposed and the motion was approved (9-0-0).

6. **Adjournment to next regular meeting:** June 16, 2021. Jeff Sallen thanked everyone for attending and concluded the Zoom meeting.

EXHIBIT A

From: Valk, Michaela <MValk@sandiego.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Jeffrey Sallen/USA <Jeffrey.Sallen@cushwake.com>
Subject: Re: KMPG

External Mail

Good morning Jeff,

I'm sorry I'm unable to attend this month's planning group meeting. If you can please forward my report below to the board members and residents on the distribution list I would greatly appreciate it!

Mayor Gloria has reached a tentative agreement with **San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) for the City's franchise fee**. This is what allows utility companies to use the public right-of-way to install its infrastructure (pipes, poles, wires, etc.) in order to provide energy services to residents and businesses. The current franchise fee agreement is set to expire this year.

- The tentative agreement Mayor Gloria reached provides nearly \$3 billion in revenue to the City over 20 years, including:
 - An unprecedented bid payment from utility shareholders of \$80 million (\$70 electric/\$10 gas) – the highest any city in the U.S. has ever received;
 - \$20 million to advance the City's climate equity goals;
 - \$10 million in solar-energy rebates in historically underserved neighborhoods.
 - An "Energy Cooperation Agreement," which focuses on environmental and greenhouse gas reduction benefits, safety, equity and reliability – all while centering on the needs of historically underserved communities.
- There will be biannual audits by an independent auditor included as well as the creation of a citizen-focused Franchise Compliance Review Committee, which ensures public engagement on energy matters.
- The tentative agreement includes an initial term of 10 years, with the potential for a 10-year renewal. The City Council may terminate after 10 years for any reason.

Additional Background

- SDG&E has held exclusive franchises with the City to provide gas and electric service since 1920. The current franchise agreements were set to expire on Jan. 17, 2021.
- Under a process created by the previous administration, SDG&E was the lone bidder for new franchises. Mayor Gloria cancelled the prior administration's Invitations to Bid (ITB) process and reached an agreement to extend the current agreements through June 1, 2021.
- The City Council is expected to vote on the agreement on May 25. It will be an up or down vote with no changes on the dais.
- If we do not secure council approval, the franchise expires and SDG&E will still be required to provide energy for its customers but will no longer collect the franchise fee and surcharge which means our budget would potentially take a hit of about \$130 million per year.

Mayor Gloria has released his [May Revision](#) which includes proposed funding to re-open library service to seven days a week.

Thank you to Juan for participating in Council District 6's Meet Your Mayor. For those who couldn't attend, please feel free to watch the recorded [video](#). Almost 95% of the questions received for Meet Your Mayor were regarding roads and infrastructure in Council District 6. Part of Mayor Gloria's proposed budget is an initiative known as "**Sexy Streets**," is made possible by federal stimulus funding from the American Rescue Plan, which is providing more than \$300 million in budget relief to the City of San Diego.

- The funding is proposed as part of the Mayor's draft budget for fiscal year 2022, which begins on July 1.
- If approved by the City Council in June, funding would go toward paving longstanding decrepit roads with new overlay and road reconstruction.
- Paving projects will be bundled with other infrastructure to create "Complete Streets." These projects could include new sidewalk connections, sidewalk repairs, streetlights, transit-stop improvements, transit-lane improvements, bike lanes, curb-and-gutter construction, and stormwater improvements. The investments would be prioritized based on critical transit and active-transportation routes.
- Separately, Mayor Gloria plans to add an equity scoring component for all infrastructure needs, including road repairs, community parks and libraries.
- The \$40 million dedicated to communities of concern is part of an overall road-repair budget of more than \$130 million for the 2022 fiscal year. Mayor Gloria is proposing to spend a total of \$747.4 million on capital improvements. The City's most recent five-year planning outlook identified nearly \$7 billion in infrastructure needs, with a gap in funding amounting to \$3 billion.

As reflected in Mayor Gloria's proposed budget, the **"Summer for All of Us" initiative** will:

- Create programs to help children and families take part in activities at libraries and recreation centers in traditionally underserved communities;
- Invest \$1 million in the Connect2Careers workforce development program to bolster youth employment;
- Invest \$500,000 to enhance library youth programming;
- Continue and expand the "SDAccess4All" initiative that aims to close the digital divide by increasing internet and technology access;
- Invest \$400,000 in critically needed youth programming that will support equitable access to recreational opportunities at 16 recreation centers, three park venues and five aquatic locations in areas that need it most;
- Invest \$250,000 for paid internships with the Parks and Recreation Department through the Summer Youth Environmental and Recreation Corps Program.

To learn more about the latest updates and budget items, check out [Mayor Gloria's News Room](#)

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kindest Regards,

Michaela Valk (*she/her/hers*)

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EXHIBIT B



Engineering & Capital Projects

Date: May 11, 2021

Subject: Design Phase of Murphy Canyon Road Trunk Sewer Repair and Rehabilitation

Dear Resident:

As part of the City of San Diego's commitment to improving the quality of life in all neighborhoods, the City is completing the design of Murphy Canyon Road Trunk Sewer Repair and Rehabilitation project that will replace or rehabilitate more than 35,765 linear feet of aging and deteriorating sewer pipe servicing your community. The new and rehabilitated sewer distribution pipelines will bring the existing mains up to modern standards, accommodate community growth and reduce maintenance requirements.

The existing trunk sewer is located parallel to I-15, mainly on or near Murphy Canyon Road from Clairemont Mesa Boulevard to south of Friars Road. In addition, part of sewer rehabilitation will take place on Ruffin Road from Balboa Avenue to Aero Drive and on Aero Drive from Ruffin Road to Sandrock Road. A location map illustrating the project area is enclosed with this letter.

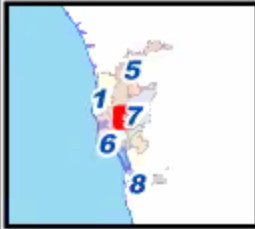
The proposed trunk sewer will be upsized and relocated to within City streets or easements to the extent feasible, which will provide the below benefits:

1. Reduce impacts to businesses and communities.
 2. Replace aging and undersized facilities, to improve system reliability.
 3. Update pedestrian curb ramps to the latest standards.
- **Project name** – Murphy Canyon Road Trunk Sewer Repair and Rehabilitation
 - **Schedule information** – This project is currently in the design phase with construction anticipated to occur in various stages throughout your community between Summer 2023 through Summer 2025, as well as potholing the street prior to construction. Potholing is necessary to verify the existing location of the underground utility lines, water and sewer mains.
 - **Construction notices** – You will receive a mailed notice prior to start of construction on the project. In addition, the City's contractor will deliver a door hanger with the date of construction starting on your street.
 - **Street resurfacing** – The streets where trenching takes place will be resurfaced once all of the sewer mains around your community have been replaced.
 - **Questions or concerns** – Answers to frequently asked questions about sewer main replacement projects are available at www.sandiego.gov/cip/about/fag/index.shtml. For project-specific questions, contact engineering@sandiego.gov or 619-533-4207. Please reference "Murphy Canyon Road Trunk Sewer Repair and Rehabilitation" with all inquiries.
 - **Español** - *Para informes en Español sobre este proyecto, por favor comuníquese al 619-533-4207 y oprime el botón número 9 cuando la grabación se lo indique.*

Thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout the duration of this important improvement project.

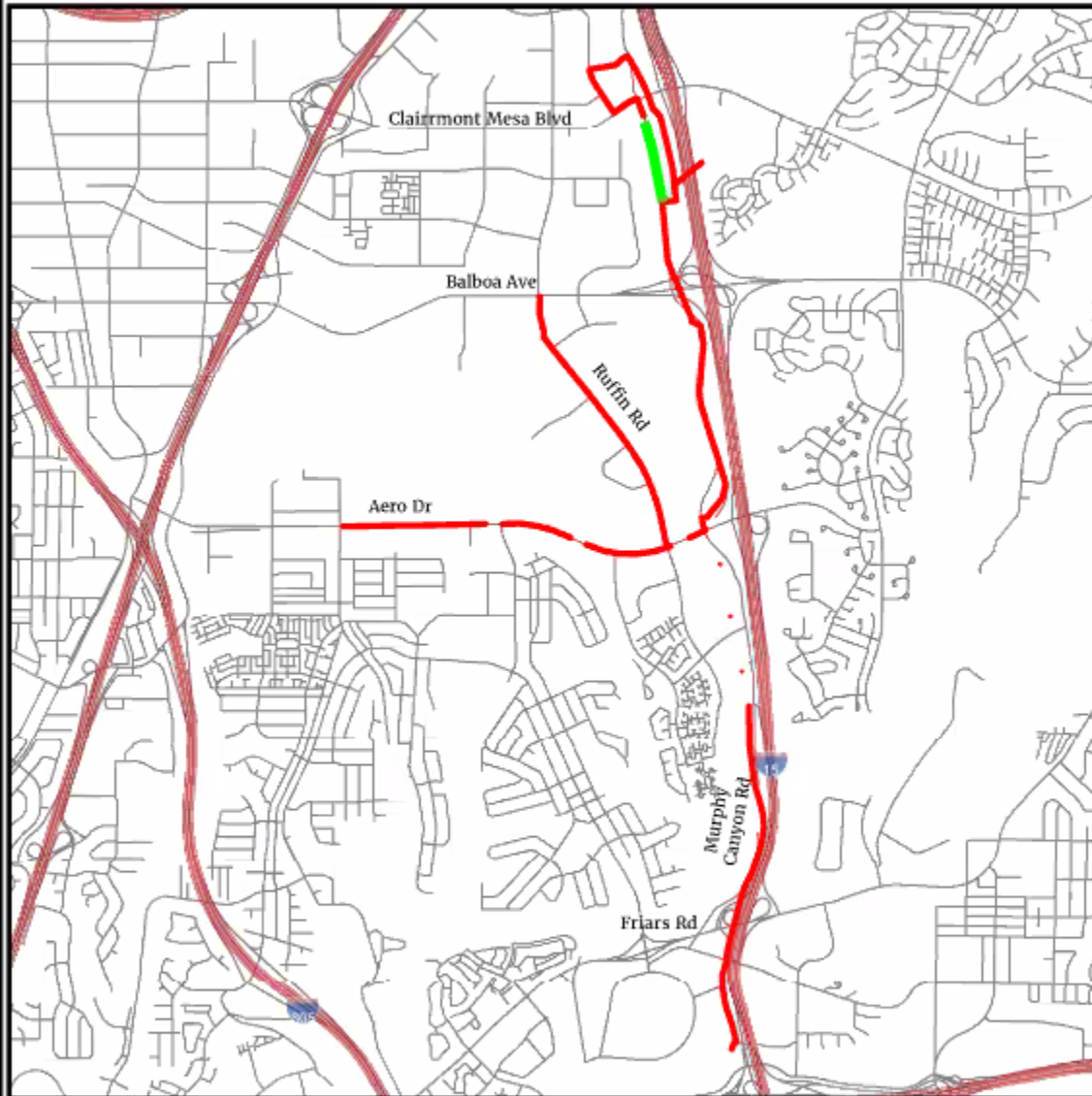
Sincerely,

Maryam Kargar
Project Manager



Murphy Canyon Rd Trunk Sewer Repair and Rehabilitation

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROJECT
Call: 619-533-4207
Email: engineering@sanidiego.gov



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 Sewer Pipeline

