

Serra Mesa Planning Group

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Minutes of Serra Mesa Planning Group Regular Meeting.

Thursday March 17, 2011

Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library Community Room, 9005 Aero Dr.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Doug Wescott (Chair).

Roll Call: Doug Wescott (Chair), James Feinberg, Brian Peterson, Dicken Hall, Sam Safino, Mike Marion, Brad Savall, Eric Jimerson,
Late Arrival: Bob McDowell

Absent: Tom Wright

Community Forum / Announcements:

- 1) Barbara Ryan gave an update on the Traffic improvements that have occurred or are planned to occur in the near future in the Birdland area near children's hospital.
 - a. Dicken requested that the traffic issues be studied and there is still an option for an additional turn lane a health centre drive. No mention of removing a southbound lane on Annrae.
 - b. Other members of the audience voiced their concerns that the parking problems improved temporarily, but have now worsened.
- 2) James Feinberg regarding Sandrock Gas station
 - a. James visited Sandrock Gas and they withdrew the application for liquor sales and are getting prepared to sell gas in the near future. Trenching in progress and the Neighborhood Code Compliance officer has visited and corrected the number of parking spaces and are working on a solution for the back bay service area.
- 3) Graffiti on storage tanks near Guild property
 - a. D. Wescott will follow up with the owners of the guild and former 76 Gas Station to address the issue.
- 4) Road Repairs
 - a. Community concerns were voiced about the state of road repairs and what standards exist when roads are repaired. D. Wescott informed community that there is a website through the city:
 - <http://apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/>
 - b. Carl Demas also informed the community that that there is a local Boy Scout who is helping to follow up on city repairs as a way to earn his Eagle Badge.

Legislative Aides Community Planner:

- 1) Council member Zapf's office (Elaine Valdez)
 - a. Serra Mesa community clean up March 26
 - b. Lori Zapf supports charging an additional service fee and taxes for trash pickup.
 - c. Working on changing the sign for Mirabella with city development services. This contrasts what Councilmember Zapf stated directly to D. Wescott in a recent letter.
- 2) Congressman Duncan Hunter office rep (not present)
- 3) City planning representative (not present)

Agenda Items:

SMPG 2011 Elections

SMPG elections for seven openings with eight candidates. The bylaws encourage the SMPG to balance the representation from each of the 6 school districts.

Because there are 5 reps from Jones school only four people will be able to serve from the school district.

The votes were cast by paper ballot and tallied by B. Savall

Brian Peterson 33

George Brownyard 31

Bob McDowell 30

Kerry Garnet 20

Dicken Hall 22

Doug Wescott 33

Eric Jimmerson 22 (Eric volunteered to take the one year term)

James Feinberg 32

Update on Rancho Serra Mesa Shopping Center (SENTRE Partners Rep. presenting)

John Brand from SENTRE Partners informed the community that the Rancho Serra Mesa Shopping center has a new owner, and will update when more information is available. He answered some community member's questions, and got the message that a grocery store at that site is sorely needed and would be greatly appreciated by the community.

Regulation Changes for Permitting of Community Gardens

B. Savall discussed the large fees associated with the permitting of community gardens in the City of San Diego. In one case it was upwards of \$40,000 just for the permitting process. During the discussion B. Peterson mentioned that there were area in the Birdland neighborhood that could be used as community garden / park space.

MOTION: (B. Savall, seconded by D. Hall) "In order to encourage the responsible development of community gardens, the SMPG requests that the city permitting process be streamlined and the fees be significantly reduced or eliminated."

VOTE: 9-0-0

Notice for Cell phone Tower at Murray Ridge/Faith Community Church

Have been distributed to neighbors within 300 yard radius.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Doug Wescott at 8:49 PM.
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