

Skyline - Paradise Hills Planning Committee



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Minutes of June 11, 2019

Attendees

Wayne English
John Mooney
Guy Preuss
Samantha Jenkins
Eddie Price
Elizabeth Madrid

Tommy Walker
William Glover
Tim Robinson
Harry Bennett
Ariana Burch
Kim Laru

Absent

Cathy Ramsey
Frank Von Roen
Logan Beltz
Adrian Chestang

7:03 p.m. Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance.

7:05 p.m. Announcements & Non-agenda Public Comment.

1. Community member brought up presence of large Smoke Shop banner on fence facing Woodman near Ralphs and asked how to have it removed. Was reported on Get It Done and no response. Recommendation was to contact Code Compliance and have more people report it on Get It Done.
2. Review of Parliamentary Procedure, including role of Chair, rules for addressing the Chair/CPG, and rules for vote abstentions.

7:09 p.m. Motion to approve agenda- S. Jenkins, 2nd- W. English; approved, 12-0.

7:18 p.m. Motion to approve May 14, 2019 minutes with correction of attendees and subsequent vote counts due to member absence- W. Glover, 2nd- W. English; approved 9-0, abstentions- 3 (not present at May meeting).

7:10 p.m. Treasurer's Report. \$256 on account.

1. Wrote check for \$129.68 to Ms. Nancy Janssen for reimbursement for community bulletin board, as approved at April meeting. Total to be reimbursed to SPHCPG by Mr. Alfonso Gastelum at later date.
2. End meeting balance: \$126.32 on account.

7:12 p.m. Reports

1. San Diego Police Officer Vicki Coore discussed beginning of Teen Nights at recreation centers around the community for the summer. Crime stats & prevention measures

handout on table. Community members asked:

- a. Is the SDPD is notified of Ring Doorbell and Nextdoor reports of crime and suspicious activity. Answer: No, not unless crime reports are submitted to SDPD.
 - b. Thank you to the SDPD for clearing the area around Ralphs of nuisance persons and activities, patrol cars do help. There are still two or three panhandlers who continue to harass patrons. Can SDPD do more? Answer: Ralphs private security, if unsuccessful in their attempts to remove persons, must contact SDPD for support.
 - c. Crime Report passed out at meeting only includes the Skyline area. Answer: Future reports will include the entire SPHCPG area.
 - d. If an incident occurs in the area with police response, what are the rights of bystanders to record the interactions? Answer: Bystanders have the right to record events so long as they remain out of the way.
 - e. Have any of the porch pirates reported on Ring and Nextdoor in the area been found? Are we able to submit a police report of porch pirates based on posts from Ring or Nextdoor? Answer: Unknown if any reported porch pirates have been caught, and unable to comment on ongoing investigations. You cannot report the crime of package theft if you are not the victim, and SDPD cannot investigate unless a report is submitted, but encourage everyone to keep reporting incidents and provide video if available.
2. Representatives for City, County, and State.
- a. Representative for Rep. Susan Davis, A. Campbell:
 - i. Announced co-sponsorship and introduction of legislation:
 1. Quiet Communities Act to have EPA review all communities for air traffic noise.
 2. Portable Certification for Spouses to allow professional licences of military spouses to transfer across state lines.
 - ii. Global Policy Speaker Series will address climate change and the Green New Deal. Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 10-11:30am at the School for Performing Arts on Dusk Dr.
 - b. Representative for Councilmember Monica Montgomery, E. Henson:
 - i. Budget discussions continue. Mayor Falconer's veto period begins June 12 and continues through June 18. On June 25, council has opportunity to override Mayoral vetoes. Public comment is welcome.
 - ii. Walls of Excellence Introduction Ceremony June 15th for students from Lincoln and Morse High Schools.
 - iii. Community clean up in Encanto June 25th.
 - iv. CIP goals are not adequate. Concrete infrastructure projects and improvements qualify. Traffic calming measures and landscaping do not

qualify.

- v. Advertising funding for the CPG is available from the city. Postcards have been sent out in previous years to encourage community participation.
- vi. Councilmember's office is working with Mayor's office to conduct environmental impact reports for trees in medians and garden behind Skyline library.
- vii. Councilmember's office Green Team initiative is connecting neighborhood improvement groups with volunteers for projects.
- viii. Questions from community members:
 1. How do we determine who owns sidewalk or sidewalk strips on Paradise Valley Road, the strip next to Bell Middle School, and next to the apartment complex on Potomac for weed abatement responsibilities. Many of these sections have excessive, dry weeds that may cause rapid spread of fire. Answer: Sidewalks are generally owned by the city, sidewalk strips by the adjacent land owner. Contact Councilmember's office for help connecting with volunteer groups to aid in clearing private property. Contacting Code Enforcement, Environmental Services, and utilizing the Get It Done app may also help. Try coordinating with community groups as well.
 2. Can we coordinate with the Probation Dept for people to perform community service clearing weeds in place of fines for citations? Answer: Possibly. Will need to look into which office needs to be contacted and make an attempt.
 3. Has the status as a Maintenance Assessment District been investigated by Councilmember's office? Answer: Because becoming a MAD involves taxes, office would like to conduct a meeting for community input before taking action.
 4. Please add Paradise Hills Village Council meeting time and location to newsletter.
 5. Please add time for SPHCPG meeting to newsletter.
 6. Status of discovering when and how the differential funds from the KB Homes development in Paradise Hills South were committed to the building of the Skyline Hills Library? Answer: Approximately \$2000 of those funds remain; office is still investigating.
 7. What is the status of covers for bus stops on Paradise Valley Road? There is a rumor MTS will cover them all and provide trash cans.

Answer: Email E. Henson for follow-up, but the issue will be brought up at the MTS meeting this Thursday.

- c. No county representative.
3. G. Preuss summarized recent CPC actions.
- a. CPC was set to vote on a letter from the city of either support or dissent concerning SB 50 and SB 330, but the majority of the CPG representatives did not have knowledge of the city initiative and could not provide an answer representative of their communities. CPC voted to move the letter issuance vote to June meeting after CPG representatives were able to obtain an opinion from their respective CPGs.
 - b. The bills would overturn property zoning responsibility, including square footage, elevation, and single family home designations, from cities to the state in order to allow for high density and affordable housing projects to address the state's housing crisis. The bills were put into committee for reconsideration next session.
 - c. Community discussion. Unless otherwise stated, all comments, questions, and answers are provided by community members, not official representatives from the city, county, or state:
 - i. These bills would only be applicable to cities that do not meet the affordable housing quota requirements. They are tools to force cities to build affordable housing by creating a "wild west" scenario in which anyone can build anything anywhere to meet demand until affordable housing requirements are met.
 - ii. What happens if the state decides San Diego isn't meeting the affordable housing requirements? Answer: All local zoning will not matter until it has.
 - iii. What determines what is affordable housing? Answer: Supply and demand. Market rate.
 - iv. So if I had property in La Jolla, I could tear down what was there and build a four unit condo with beach views and because they'd be less expensive than a house they'd be affordable?
 - v. Can a city representative come speak to the SPHCPG about this? Answer: The vote will be next month, so if they did it would be after the fact.
 - vi. Do we have a defining line for where affordable housing will be built?
 - vii. Would the city consider all of its communities as one and then concentrate the "affordable" housing in communities whose residents don't have time or can't afford to miss work to attend public hearings? Like ours?
 - viii. Does the high density housing along transit routes notice from the city (Transit Priority Area Housing and Infrastructure Incentive Program) help

address the lack of affordable housing? Would those be the designated areas?

- ix. Coastal cities ignored the state's requirement to add affordable housing. The state believes they have zoning authority to cities and can take it back. It's a scare tactic.
- x. This community has affordable housing. Areas like Encinitas and La Jolla don't and they'll never do it. Answer: These bills would allow developers and private owners to build in communities that refuse.
- xi. San Diego has not met the affordable housing requirement.
- xii. If developers add something slightly under market rate, does that count as affordable housing?
- xiii. A specific percentage, something like 30%, of the mean income of an area determines what affordable housing is.
- xiv. The mean income for people who can afford to live in already very expensive areas is substantially higher than areas like ours. That makes it sound like this area will end up with lower priced affordable housing than places like La Jolla, which makes it an unfair application that keeps this area from appreciating or drawing economic development.
- xv. We don't need more low income, "affordable housing" in this area, but places like Meadowbrook apartments are not going to be built in places like La Jolla.
- xvi. One problem the city has is that it's so expensive to build entry level housing, like 1BR/1Bath apartments, it's not worth it to developers to build entry level housing. They make more money by building more expensive properties.
- xvii. Why is this an action item? Answer: Because the CPC will vote on it next month.

8:02 p.m. Information items

1. None.

8:03 p.m. Action items

1. Provide opinion on SB 50 and SB 330 to the Community Planners' Committee. Motion to approve support for SB 50 and SB 30- W. Glover, 2nd- J. Mooney; denied: 3-9.
2. Review and approval of current Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Planning Group Capital Improvements Program request list. List from previous meeting (posted on facebook and Nextdoor for additional public comment) brought up on projector screen for review and edit suggestions.
 - a. Items marked for removal due to not meeting requirements for CIP:

- i. Make pocket park at Skyline Branch Library a combined pocket park and community garden.
 - ii. Shade structure for Parkside Park.
 - iii. Community Plan update to allow for high density housing along Reo Dr commercial section to facilitate economic development.
 - iv. All traffic engineering requests.
 - v. Paradise Hills Library patio enclosure in favor of relocating Paradise Hills Library to commercial center of Reo Drive.
 - vi. Sidewalk a Rachael/Winchester/Reo Drive in favor of list of all required sidewalks in Paradise Hills.
- b. Sidewalks for entire CPG area narrowed down to Paradise Hills missing sidewalks because we have a list of all missing sidewalks for Paradise Hills, but not for the other communities. Councilmember representative believes the mobility study has been done for the Paradise Hills sidewalks. Discussion over prioritizing missing sidewalks first included:
 - i. Do we need to narrow it down and start with a few streets? We've been asking for these sidewalks since the 1970s and have consistently been ignored. Answer: We've tried that before. Last year's request for Rachael/Winchester/Reo is an example.
 - ii. Do we want some or none? It seems unlikely they'll give us all of the sidewalks since they've never given us any of the missing sidewalks. Why doesn't narrowing the list down work? Isn't it a safety issue? Answer: Councilmember representative says Streets Division prioritizes city wide sidewalk list based on an Engineering Study, which includes traffic, accessibility, walkability, etc.
 - iii. What can we do to stop being overlooked? Answer: The Tooma Park Senior Center as the last CIP item to be approved and completed. The project was large enough and had a lot of loud community input and support. Councilmember representative mentions safety is subjective, which is why safety doesn't always outweigh parks for funding. Roundabout at Woodman, for example, doesn't have the funding.
- c. Relocate Paradise Hills branch library to commercial center of Reo Drive, where it may be enlarged and utilized by more people. Prioritized over expansion of current location by enclosing the outdoor patio.
- d. Lomita Park general improvement. Site pulled up on google street view.
 - i. Back and forth with community member about what should be done. Site previously had a recreation center, limited parking, basketball courts need repaved, play structure is old, fences need to be locked after hours to discourage criminal activity, no bathrooms. Recreation center, basketball

- court repaving, new play structure recommended for CIP.
- e. Paradise Hills Community Park proposal for native plant garden on covered landfill, in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency recommendations. Questioned whether or not it should be on the CIP list as it is landscaping. Proposal encapsulates more than landscaping, to include a Kumeyaay Ethnobotany Area and kiosk, Native Ecology and Climate-wise Information kiosk, an Area's History kiosk, and example garden of native plants. Proposal also sites previous CIP number from fiscal year 2003 (29-432.0) before removal for unknown reasons. 2003 estimate of \$2.4 million.
 - i. Motion to rename CIP proposal as a Nature Reserve to better describe the desired project- T. Robinson, 2nd- S. Jenkins; approved 12-0.
 - f. Expansion of Potomac St Recreation Center to allow space for families to watch their children play youth sports.
 - g. Motion to approve ranking-K. Laru, 2nd- E. Madrid; approved 12-0.
3. Project no. 409608; Ritchey St 5th Assessment Letter; representative not present for discussion.
4. Discuss Committee 2018 Annual Report and 2019 Goals.
 - a. Is here a prescribed format for the report? Answer: No. Goals and annual reports are submitted together. Add CIP items to goals list for 2019.
 - b. We should have something every year that we are able to point to that got done. Maybe this year add some low hanging, less expensive goals. Community signs, for example. Relatively inexpensive and should be easy to accomplish.
 - c. Suggestion to go back to an 1830 start time for the CPG meeting in order to discuss these easier to accomplish projects with the Councilmember's office.
 - d. Chair expresses desire to hold an open to the public meeting and with Councilmember's representative, likely on a Saturday, to make this list.
 - e. Is there a due date for reports and goals? Answer: Councilmember representative will investigate.
 - f. Discussion of possible future dates for additional meeting. July 13, 2019 suggested, pending availability of Councilmember representation and meeting location availability.

9:07 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Ariana Burch.