

Serra Mesa Planning Group

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Minutes of Serra Mesa Planning Group Regular Meeting

In person and via zoom

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Catharine Stempel (Chair) at 7:02pm

Members Present: Deborah Burns, Ian Clampett (7:05pm), Kira Finkenberg (Secretary), Rochelle Freeman-Zuniga, Joe Ippolito (7:07pm), Sharon Kramer, Cindy Moore, and Catharine Stempel, (Chair).

Members Not Present: Tony Guerra, Ken Maguire, Chris Rosemond (Vice Chair)

Approval of Agenda: Changes made were instead of “Agenda Item” title for Item 1 on Agenda vote was to approve the wording to “Action Item”. Vote was 8-0 to approve the change to Action Item for item number 1.

Approval of November Minutes: Rochelle made motion to approve, Sharone seconded, vote 6-0-2 with Kira Finkenberg and Ian Clampett abstain due to not being at the November meeting.

Community Forum and Announcements:

Dan Smiechowski spoke about running for Mayor of San Diego.

Dave Hare, teacher at Taft Middle School asked about the crosswalk he suggested last year between Mobley St and Ruffin to help with student safety.

Kathleen Lippit, RN, spoke on behalf of the Cannabis shops operating under unlawful items and the need to control what they are selling to the communities.

Representatives:

1. Miles Noel / Raul Campillo’s office
No funding for the beacon hawk light approved at Taft MS, Raul is having a town hall at the SMCC meeting on January 29, 6pm at the SMKM Library.
2. Miki Holmes: District Representative for Assembly Member Chris Ward, CA 78th District. Sent a memo that Chris Ward is back in legislation for 2024. He has been appointed to Chair of the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community

Development. Suggestions for Chris Ward can be sent to <https://a78.asmdc.org/you-have-bill-idea>.

Information and Action items:

- 1 **Action Item:** Everett Hauser, Program Manager at the City of San Diego Transportation Dept presents the Bicycle Improvement Plan on Gramercy Dr. The lanes will be moved from 2 on each side to 1 and added bike lanes on both sides of the street. The middle turning lane will remain. He gave examples of other Bicycle Lane improvements on Sandrock and Mission Village Dr. The plan sparked many questions and raised many concerns for the safety of the kids and parents. As well as common sense road changes to meet the Bicycle plan. Everett Hauser let the community know this is approved and ready to begin construction from January 2024 thru May 2024. After hearing those concerns, the board made a motion to incorporate an updated drop off zone and fund the Beacon Hawk crosswalk that was unfunded for the safety of the kids and parents. Vote was 7-1-0
- 2 **Info Item:** Peter Comiskey, Balboa Park Cultural Partnership presented the Experience Plan for the Park. This is still in the planning phase making it easier for the visitors to experience all the park has to offer. Any community that would like to be involved can reach out to peter.comiskey@bpcp.org.
 - i. Construction to begin end of next year, facility open 2027
- 3 **Info Item:** Elections 2024 for the SMPG consists of 6 board openings. 2 of the members Ian Clampett and Tony Guera are termed out at 8 years. Board positions are also up for re-elections to include Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair.

Historical Buildings: No update

Park & Recreation: No update

Chair Report: No update

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm. Next meeting scheduled for February 15, 2024