

Community Planners Committee

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CPC APPROVED MINUTES FOR MEETING OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sally Smull, Chollas Valley/Encanto (CVE)	Paul Coogan, Normal Heights (NH)
Ian Grooms, Clairmont Mesa (CM)	Lynn Elliot, North Park (NP)
Tom Silva, College Area (CA)	Andrea Schlageter, Chair, Ocean Beach (OB)
Bob Link, Downtown (DT)	Korla Equinta, Peninsula (PEN)
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area (EA)	Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
Marcellus Anderson, City Heights (CH)	Jon Becker, Rancho Penasquitos (RPQ)
David Moty, Kensington-Talmadge (KT)	Victoria LaBruzzo, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Harry Bubbins, La Jolla (LJ)	Catharine Stempel, Serra Mesa (SM)
Felicity Senoski, Linda Vista (LV)	Representative, Torrey Pines (TP)
Bill Crooks, Miramar Ranch North (MRN)	Chris Nielsen, University (UNIV)
Representative, Mission Beach (MB)	Lu Rehling, Uptown (UP)
Brian Giles, Navajo (NAV)	

VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:

The following groups have three or more consecutive absences and per CPC Bylaws Article IV, Sections 5 and 6, voting status will be restored after attendance at two consecutive CPC meetings: BL, DT, MM, SPH, CMR, CV, DMM, KM, MPH, OT, OMN, PB, CMR/SS, SP/LH, SY, SE, TS and TH.

The following groups have two consecutive absences: MV and GH.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Chair Schlageter called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Non-agenda public comment included:

A request that the City require transportation accommodations at Morley Field track meets for athletes when approving use permits so that parking at Morley Field is not impacted, inquiry regarding a response from the City Planning Department about standardizing complaint resolution across all planning groups, and inquiry about the Bankers Church development in that would include the demolition of historic homes in North Park.

3. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 31, 2023 MINUTES:

Minutes approved with minor grammatical and typographical changes:

Yea: CVE, CH, EA, KT, LV, MRN, MB, NH, NP, PEN RB, SR, SM, TP, UNIV, LJ, CA

Nay: None.

Abstain: CLMT, NAV, OB, RPQ, UP

Motion approved: 17-0-4.

4. INCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT GUIDE - (INFORMATION ITEM):

Anisha Gianchandani, Public Engagement Program Manager, along with other staff at the City Planning Department presented on the City's planned Inclusive Engagement Guide and the process it is planned to go through. CPC members were provided a worksheet on public engagement as part of this presentation, with the input intending to be reviewed by City Planning Department staff.

The following comments and concerns were provided and expressed by the CPC members and the public in attendance:

- Surveys that would be used to guide the creation of the Inclusive Engagement Guide would not necessarily be accessible by all. The limitations of Internet-based surveys in reaching persons without Internet access was one key concern raised during comment.
- The language used in the surveys was also an area of concern. Previous surveys sent out contained questions which were worded in a way that could appear to be biased.
- Survey results and information was requested to be made available after the survey closes.
- It was commented that the effort to increase public engagement needs to have a purpose. Without a purpose that decisionmakers would listen to, public engagement efforts would not provide very notable results.

5. MOBILITY MASTER PLAN - (INFORMATION ITEM):

Phil Tom, Mobility Department, along with other staff at the Mobility Department, provided an overview of the Draft Mobility Master Plan which was publicly released on October 6, 2023. The Plan intends to overhaul the City's mobility policy in support of other upcoming policy updates such as Blueprint SD.

Comments and concerns from CPC members and the public included:

- The City's permit fee for electric vehicle chargers impacts access to electric vehicles.
- A question was raised about whether the Mobility Master Plan will account for projected demographic shifts in San Diego, particularly for aging populations.

- Public transit travel time needs to also be considered while implementing public transit elements under this Plan. Transfer times and times spent reaching transit stops are areas that can influence how effective of a solution public transit may be.
- Sustainable Development Areas (SDA) as identified under the Mobility Master Plan should consider the topography and other access barriers like freeways. Not doing so would paint an inaccurate picture of how a person can move through the city's infrastructure on their daily commutes.
- The distance used in identifying an SDA should be reduced from a mile to potentially a half-mile as comments provided during the meeting considered the existing distance to be too far for accessing high-quality transit.
- An approach embracing multiple modes of transportation would be optimal under the Mobility Master Plan, rather than pushing for any particular mode of transportation.

6. GRAND JURY SUBCOMMITTEE – (ACTION ITEM):

Paul Coogan provided an update on the subcommittee's recommendation for a response to the Grand Jury Inquiry about DIF. According to the update, the subcommittee identified certain issues that require address beyond the City Council's Independent Budget Analyst approved on November 6, 2023 related to clarification on disparity in fund balances, making public the DIF lock box details, clarification of administration fee determinations, use of DIF lock box funds, citywide fund reporting and details of DIF nexus analysis.

Comments and concerns from CPC members included:

- Emphasizing the need to get clarification on these issue since communities rely on DIF so much.
- Suggesting using the term in line with the principles on inclusive engagement that the City is developing in section 6 with respect to vetting to the community as part of phase 2.
- Appreciation of the work by Paul and the subcommittee on their work in this issue.

Motion: Approve letter from the subcommittee as it drafted by the subcommittee.

Yea: CVE, CH, CLMT, CA, DT, EA, KT, LV, MRN, MB, NAV, NH, SR, SM, TP, UNIV and UP.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion approved: 21-0-0.

Chair Schlageter granted Tom Mulaney to provide a preview of "Part 2" the Grand Jury DIF issue.

7. REPORTS TO THE CPC

Staff Report: Reminded the CPC about Brown Act posting requirements and that the City posts agendas for planning groups as a courtesy, mentioned that the stipend analysis will continue at later time until after recognition and fielded questions regarding planning group recognition.

Chair's Report: Applications for planning group recognition are due Dec. 31 and CPC will not be meeting in December.

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Schlageter at 8:00 p.m.