

**SABRE SPRINGS PLANNING GROUP  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 18, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chairman Craig Balben.

**ROLL CALL**

Member Attendees: Craig Levitt, Rachele Melious, Mike Nelson, Mary Jean Word, and Craig Balben

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The July and September 2009 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Chairman Balben stated that Item 11(a) would be taken before proceeding with the rest of the meeting.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Balben stated he received several letters and announcements of projects and if anyone is interested in learning more to see him after the meeting.

**POLICE REPORT**

Officer Susan Steffen provided the following police update:

- Rancho Penasquitos and Rancho Bernardo have been quiet.
- There was a series of car burglaries/prowls in October. Of those, 14 were in Sabre Springs alone. Those vehicles had property in them that was within view from outside the vehicle. These crimes were mostly in the middle of the afternoon when most people are at work. Officer Steffen suggested people make every attempt to keep themselves from being victims by placing grocery, holiday shopping, and/or work bags in the trunk or somewhere that is not visible from the outside. It's best not to leave these items in your vehicle at all, if possible.
- An RSVP flyer was passed around as well as a "Car Burglaries Tips and Prevention" flyer.
- There have been 7 "hot prowls" of homes (hot prowl = residents have been home while criminals use non-forced entry to gain access to home) since October 2009. Crime stoppers is active and is taking tips from people who may have information on these crimes.
- There have been residential burglaries (residents were not home) in the Scripps Ranch Boulevard/Spring Canyon vicinity of Scripps Ranch. There was 1 hot prowl on Avenida Magnifica.
- There is ongoing vandalism of the medians and rights-of-way along Scripps Poway Parkway. Vandals have knocked off popped-up sprinkler heads, causing approximately \$32,000 in damage to Maintenance Assessment District areas.
- The Domestic Violence Unit is asking for old cell phone donations.

- Oggi's (in Carmel Mountain Ranch) had their ATM stolen. It was found empty in the South Bay.
- The police department is facing a \$73M budget cut. Priority is always responding to emergencies first. On average, the police respond to home and car burglaries/prowl reports within the first 4 days.
- There are reserve officers on staff but there are very few of them.
- Northeast Division has 68 volunteers who do checks of houses for seniors on vacation or who are away from home for prolonged periods of time.
- YANA program offers face contact for the elderly and checks to make sure they are taking their medications and offer a listening ear.

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

- **75<sup>TH</sup> STATE ASSEMBLYMAN NATHAN FLETCHER'S OFFICE**  
None provided
- **COUNTY SUPERVISOR PAM SLATER-PRICE'S OFFICE**  
There was no representative present to offer a report.
- **MAYOR JERRY SANDERS' OFFICE**  
There was no representative present to offer a report.
- **COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 – CARL DeMAIO'S OFFICE**  
John Ly provided the following update on Councilman DeMaio's votes and activities in the community:
  - The Councilmember voted against a water rate increase. The vote was 5-2 and Councilmember Frye also voted against the increase.
  - There is a budget crisis and the mayor is releasing ideas for cuts the next week. Financial town halls will be held for residents to voice their suggestions and ideas for what should be cut in the budget.
  - The Councilmember's office has been working with the city on the Sabre Springs Parkway issues. John informed the community that "Slow" signs are available for the public and asked attendees to let him know if they wanted one to post on their property.
  - The Councilmember voted in favor of San Diego bidding to be a US host city for FIFA World Cup games.
  - For anyone noticing shopping carts in the community, there is a cart retrieval service that big stores use. John suggested just contacting the store itself, especially the smaller ones, as they are usually good about coming to pick up the shopping carts.

## **COMMUNITY PLANNER'S REPORT**

None provided

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### ***A. Sabre Springs Parkway Issues and Concerns***

The Councilmember's representative, John Ly, stated that he has asked traffic engineering for a report on speeds and likely issues with the street that may have

contributed to the recent fatalities. The report will look at average speeds and trips per day on the street. The council office wants the engineer to present the city's findings and get the community's input on the report. He stated that the report will likely be ready by December 2009. It was agreed that the report would be put on the January 2010 agenda.

Member Watson stated that he is a triathlete and trains a lot. He needs to go out of his way to find bike trails. He thinks a bicycle path connector between Poway Road and SR-56 would be helpful to get people, especially bicyclists, off Sabre Springs Parkway.

Member Bosse stated that he would like to see traffic accident statistics for Rancho Carmel Drive (Sabre Springs Pkwy turns into Rancho Carmel Dr. north of SR-56). He thought that if traffic accident stats were lower on RCD than SSP then it might be wise to copy the landscaping plan they have put into place there. For example, there is a narrow median and separate bicycle/pedestrian path on RCD. The landscaping essentially was moved to the sides of the street to separate the pedestrian path from the street. Essentially, it acts to protect pedestrians and bicyclists from motorists.

It was suggested that speed monitor signs (which flash the speed motorists are going) be put up. They may be unsightly but they may work to alert motorists of their speed and slow them down.

Someone suggested speed bumps would certainly help to reduce the speed of motorists.

A combo wall/memorial may also help to raise awareness of the dangers of the street while also protecting pedestrians and bicyclists.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### ***A. Election of New Members***

The chairman thanked everyone for their interest in joining the planning group. He asked to make sure those interested were available to fill the 17-month vacancies on the planning group. He reiterated that the time commitment would be a couple hours every other month for meetings, and a couple hours every other month to read, respond, and provide input on emails and other planning group documents. The planning group unanimously approved the following Sabre Springs residents as new planning group members (Vice Chairman Levitt motioned and Member Melious seconded):

Leonard Watson	Carroll Allman
Joe Medoro	Gary Bosse
Tina Lyman	Jim Norman
Marlene Walker	Francine Wooten
Anna-Marie Fedorko	

### ***B. Angled Parking on Evening Creek Drive North and South***

Chairman Balben asked if everyone received and read the information from the city asking the planning group to vote on the angled parking. Some planning group members questioned if the 8-foot width for the spaces was too skinny. Planning group member

Melious stated this is the width of the stalls at Sabre Springs Plaza off Poway Road and they are not wide enough. It was agreed that input from Kilroy on the width issue was needed. The planning group unanimously approved a motion to table this item to the January 2010 meeting (Member Medoro motioned and Member Melious seconded).

***C. California High Speed Rail Project***

Chairman Balben asked if everyone received and read the letter he drafted and suggested be sent to the California High Speed Rail Authority in response to its preparation of the High Speed Rail project Environmental Impact Report. He stated that his concerns regarding the project primarily were in regards to the sound impacts to residents on Sabre Hill Drive and the businesses along Evening Creek Drive South and North, as well as the students and teachers at Morning Creek Elementary School. The letter further identifies concerns with recreational and environmental impacts in regards to construction and operations in the Los Penasquitos Canyon. The planning group unanimously voted to send the letter, as written, to the California High Speed Rail Authority (Chairman Balben motioned and Member Melious seconded).

***D. Sabre Springs Maintenance Assessment District (MAD)***

The planning group unanimously voted to make the MAD an official standing subcommittee of the planning group with Member Melious as its chairperson (Member Word motioned and ??? *seconded*). It was recommended that the subcommittee meet before planning group meetings at 6 p.m. The following planning group members will sit on the subcommittee:

Rachele Melious	Craig Levitt
Craig Balben	Gary Bosse
Leonard Watson	

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.