

**LINDA VISTA PLANNING GROUP**

Monday, July 24, 2023

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Meeting Location for In-Person:

American Legion Post 731

7245 Linda Vista Rd, San Diego, CA 92111

Or Via Zoom

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Howard Wayne (Chair), Felicity Senoski (Vice Chair), Christopher Beesley, Carol Baker, Jennifer Carroll, Charles Camarato, Margarita Castro, Lynn Dorris, Kim Heinle (appeared remotely), Becky Hunt, Ashley Martinez (Secretary), Terri Tebbetts, Christine Weinstein.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Victor Ochoa

**QUORUM:** was met.

**Community Members in Attendance:** 13

**- GENERAL MEETING MINUTES -**

**Call to Order:** 6:00 pm by Wayne (Chair)

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Camarato

**Roll Call of Planning Group Members:** Martinez (Secretary)

**Approval of Draft Agenda: July 24, 2023**

*Motion by Martinez to approve July 24, 2023, agenda. Second by Castro. Chair deemed the agenda approved as presented by members present without objection.*

**Approval of May 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

*Motion by Carroll to approve April 24, 2023, general meeting minutes. Second by Weinstein. Minutes were approved by members present without objection.*

**Reports by Government Representatives:**

- **Police Department:** Officer David Surwilo (present).
  - “Coffee with a Cop” was a success, and the department plans to hold another event in the coming months.
  - Summertime is here, and this is a friendly reminder to lock your doors and close your windows when you leave your home.
- **Congress & State Legislature** (Senate/Assembly):
  - Congresswoman Sara Jacobs – Willow Lance, representative (absent).
  - Senator Toni Atkins: Samantha Brown, representative (absent).
  - Assemblymember Ward: Teannae Owens, representative (present)
    - The 23-24 state budget approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor sustained 95% of environmental funding.

- **County & City:**
  - **Mayor:** Emily Piatanesi, representative. (absent)
  - **City Attorney:** Not present.
  - **City Council:** Councilmember Raul Campillo – Miles Noel, representative. (present)
    - Councilmember Campillo secured \$1.4 million in funding for John Baca Park. Approximately \$100,000 of the City's Development Impact Fees (DIF) funds will be used for preliminary designs.
  - **Planning Dept:** Assistant Planner, Salena Sanchez Bailon. (absent)
- **SANDAG:** Not present.

**Public Non-Agenda Comments** (2 minutes per person)

- Becky Rapp, a citizen, expressed her concern with the proposed Social Equity and Economic Development ("SEED") city ordinance. Rapp commented that there are a lot of unanswered questions with the current cannabis proposal.

**Chair's Report:** Wayne. Chair Wayne met with Councilmember Raul Campillo and discussed reversing the city planning department's decision to use half of Linda Vista's DIF funds to build a storm drain. Chair Wayne also discussed the lack of attendance by the city planner assigned to LVPG. Chair Wayne learned that a new city planner has been assigned to LVPG and will attend the August meeting.

Chair Wayne also met with Councilmember Jen Campbell to discuss the possible lane reduction on Morena Blvd as a part of the SANDAG study. Chair Wayne also discussed the city's implementation of SB 10 and restoring one free appeal per year for planning groups to challenge development project decisions. Currently, planning groups are subjected to a \$1,000 fee per appeal. Councilmember Campbell signaled her support for the one-free appeal proposal.

Finally, Chair Wayne provided an update on his outreach efforts to Lara Gates, Deputy Director Cannabis Division. Chair Wayne invited Gates to present on the city's proposed changes to the retail cannabis ordinance. Gates declined the initiation as she is not available to provide an individual presentation to LVPG.

**Secretary's Report:** Martinez. Secretary Martinez introduced new planning group member, Terri Tebbetts.

**Appointment of Additional Board Members**

Chair Wayne solicited members of the public to join the Board via appointment. No new candidates came forward.

## Action Items:

1. **Proposed Street Vacation by the University of San Diego - Process 5** (Ky Snyder and Myles Morris) – Snyder and Morris provided a presentation on USD’s proposed street vacation for Josephine Street and Brunner Street. USD recently acquired property and now owns the area and plans to build up to 326 new housing units for students. The proposed development is part of the University’s Master Plan, and USD representatives will provide a background update on the Master Plan at the August 28, 2023, meeting, including details regarding the new housing development for students.

*Motion by Martinez to approve the project as presented. Second by Beesley. Motion carried by a hand vote of members present with 11-0 result. Chair did not vote. Heinle did not vote.*

2. **Wireless Communication Facility at USD** (Shelly Kilbourn) – Kilbourn presented on a conditional use permit renewal for one Verizon cell site that is in two areas on the University of San Diego’s campus. The cell site maintains its existing building façade and adds screens on the sides of the antennas that are attached to street poles. The addition of screens was at the request of the city’s planning department.

*Motion by Martinez to approve the project as presented. Second by Castro. Motion carried by a hand vote of members present with 10-0 result. Chair did not vote. Tebbetts voted “no” as she’s concerned that the concentration of cell towers in the area negatively impacts public health.*

## Informational Items:

1. **Recertification of LVPG (Jennifer Carroll); also, to include the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Recertification**

Carroll provided an overview of the city’s process to recertify LVPG. The recertification package is due by December 31, 2023. Carroll will be distributing a demographic survey to LVPG board members in September. The goal is to have a draft recertification package ready by the end of October. Chair Wayne suggested that LVPG may want to make changes to the bylaws to reflect current city policy regarding planning groups.

An Ad Hoc Committee for Recertification was formed with the following members: Carroll (Chair), Beesley, Hunt, Senoski, Wayne.

2. **Traffic on Comstock Street (Christine Weinstein), to be followed by a motion to refer to the Traffic and Transportation Committee**

Weinstein provided comments on recent traffic accidents on Comstock Street. Victor Tucco, resident and Chair of the Linda Vista Town Council, shared his recent experience involving a traffic accident in front of his home. The issue was referred to the Traffic and Transportation Committee. Members of the Committee include Camarato (Chair), Beesley, Castro, and Heinle.

## Committee Reports & Updates

1. Landscape Maintenance Assessment District – Ochoa. Baker provided the following update:
  - a. Genesse Road: General maintenance was complete; removed debris from area behind bus stop on Genesse Road near American Legion Hall; repaired irrigation along slope.
  - b. Linda Vista Road: Trimmed hedges along right of way; down tree stump finally removed by WCA; repaired damaged irrigation at John Baca Park.
  - c. Median Status: Medians from Comstock to Kramer, was completed on April 29 by Aztec Landscaping; after removing plant material, City noticed two trees needed to be removed asap and Aztec removed these trees.
  - d. Maintenance Issues: School slope was planted the first week of May. Dana Peterson Sr. Project Manager for San Diego Unified oversaw the project. I (meaning city representative) noticed a number of plants suffering and realized plant material was placed on top of mulch. Contacted Dana but received no reply; WCA planted five trees throughout MAD with Funds from Rotary Club on May 10; contemporary planted area in front of daycare where vehicle accident damaged Xyolasma hedges in front of wall.
2. Morena Corridor Specific Plan (Ad Hoc) – Wayne. Nothing new to report.
3. Riverwalk Development (Ad Hoc) – Senoski. Nothing new to report.
4. Traffic & Transportation – Camarato. Nothing new to report.
5. Zoning and Land Use – Martinez. Nothing new to report.
6. Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Task Force – Heinle. The Task Force will meet on July 21.
7. Community Improvements – Carroll. The city has released a survey seeking input on infrastructure priorities in the community. Martinez to send it to LVPG members after the meeting.
8. Representative Committees
  - a. Community Planners Committee – Wayne. Nothing new to report.
  - b. Linda Vista Collaborative – Heinle. Nothing new to report.
  - c. Mission Bay Park – No representative.
  - d. Tecolote Canyon Advisory Committee – Niki Ahrens. No report.
  - e. Linda Vista Recreation Advisory Council – Castro. The Rec. Center hosted a night out at the park and there was a large turnout from the community. Linda Vista Grows, a community garden project, received a permit to start growing food. Bayside Community Center is the sponsor of the community garden.
  - f. Linda Vista Town Council – Hunt. No meeting in July
  - g. Skate World Ad Hoc – Hunt.

### Items for August 28, 2023 meeting:

- Please send agenda items for August to Chair Wayne.

**Adjournment:** Interim Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Ashley T. Martinez, Secretary  
Linda Vista Planning Group