

# Community Planners Committee

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## CPC MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2008

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jim Haughey, Carmel Mountain Ranch  
John Fiske, Carmel Valley  
Jim Varnadore, City Heights  
Doug Case, College Area  
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area  
Bruce Williams, Encanto  
Chris Blatt, Greater Golden Hill  
Judith O'Boyle, Greater North Park  
Tim Golba, La Jolla  
Rick Bussell, Linda Vista  
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa  
Tracy Reed, Miramar Ranch North  
Susan Redelings, Normal Heights

Landry Watson, Ocean Beach  
Mel Ingalls, Otay Mesa  
Kathy Mateer, Pacific Beach  
Cal Jones, Peninsula  
Ellen Willis, Rancho Bernardo  
Craig Balben, Sabre Springs  
Mike Freedman, San Ysidro  
Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills  
Reynaldo Pisano, Southeastern San Diego  
Lee Campbell, Tierrasanta  
Dash Meeks, Torrey Hills  
Morton Printz, Torrey Pines  
Leo Wilson, Uptown

**VOTING ELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:** Normal Heights and Sabre Springs must attend one more meeting to reinstate voting eligibility rights.

**NON ELIGIBLE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Hoi-Yin Tsui, Carmen Situ, Stanley Ho, Sheila Hardin and Vickie Granowitz.

**City Staff:** Mary Wright, Jackie Dominguez, Betsy McCullough and Marianne Greene.

**Guests:** None.

**NOTE:** *The sign-in sheets provided at the entrance to the meeting are used to list CPC Representatives, guest speakers, and staff present at the meeting.*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Leo Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded with roll call.
- 2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sheila Hardin, Community Relations Manager for CCDC, distributed a flyer urging participation in public discussion sessions to explore the possibilities of building a new civic center complex.

Vickie Granowitz distributed a copy of a letter addressed to Bill Anderson, in reference to a proposal to annex an area of North Park into the Uptown planning area. Ms. Granowitz requested that City staff research the issue and a report back at the April CPC meeting. A resident of Rancho Penasquitos distributed a document inviting interested parties to attend a three-hour wildfire education class (she did not state her name or sign-in).

Steve Francis announced his candidacy for Mayor and extended an offer to attend any of the community planning group meetings.

Ellen Willis said it is the responsibility of planning group chairs to encourage attendance at the compact group meetings.

**3. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 2007 AND JANUARY 29, 2008:**

Landry Watson asked for an additional statement in the November Minutes to clarify Ocean Beach Planning group's position on the Rooming House Ordinance. Specifically, non-support of the ordinance was because it only applied to RS zones, and without protection to RM zones, the problem will shift from RS zones to RM zones, shifting the issue into the beach areas.

Guy Preuss moved to approve the Minutes of November 27, 2007, as revised. The motion was seconded by Mike Freedman and approved 22-0-4. Abstentions: City Heights, Linda Vista, Greater North Park and Uptown.

Mike Freedman requested a revisions to the January Minutes, Page 2, Item 5, Indemnification Ordinance, to state "too high of a standard" instead of "too low of a standard." Jeff Stevens said he did not abstain from the motion to place an item on the February agenda. Jeff Stevens moved to approve the Minutes of January 29, 2008, as revised. The motion was seconded by Lee Campbell and approved 21-0-5. Abstentions: Greater North Park, Otay Mesa, Peninsula, Encanto and Uptown.

**5. CPC BYLAW AMENDMENT:** Mary Wright reported that staff has been working on amending the Bylaws. A copy of the draft Bylaws will be distributed electronically to the CPC in approximately one week.

Deputy City Attorney, Marianne Greene was asked to investigate an issue regarding the election of CPC officers. The Question: When electing CPC officers, via circulation of a secret written ballot, do members have to place their name on the ballot as the voter, or will a darkened oval or check mark suffice? The Answer: Per the Brown Act law, a person would have to write their name on the written ballot when voting for their officers, to preserve the principal of no secret ballot.

General discussion and comments ensued. Cal Jones stated that secret balloting is sacrosanct to our democracy and system of voting and he believes that the Brown Act law controls action items, not who we choose as our officers.

Mike Freedman moved to place an item on the March agenda, to amend the previously approved Bylaws, to change the ballot procedure from secret to marked, requiring the signature of the voter on the ballot. The motion was seconded by Laura Riebeau and approved 23-0-3. Peninsula, Skyline Paradise and Uptown abstained.

**6. CPG BYLAW UPDATE PROCESS:** Marianne Greene, Deputy City Attorney gave an update via a Powerpoint presentation.

7. **GENERAL PLAN:** Lee Campbell brought forth a motion for Eric Germain (who was absent), to indicate that CPC would not support the General Plan unless their previously-stated recommendations were included by the City Council.

Public Comment: Mr. Tom Mullaney of Friends of San Diego, said new development approvals should be linked to new development with public facilities and expressed disappointment that the General Plan draft does not do that.

Member Comments: Mike Freedman said we are not going to get everything we want. Tim Golba said the recommendations were just that, recommendations, not conditional on our approval. Rick Bussell said Mr. Germain's point and objective in bringing forth the motion, was to clarify that if staff did not make the changes to the draft General Plan, as recommend by CPC, then CPC does not approve the Plan.

Landry Watson made a substitute motion to hear the City's report on the draft General Plan. The motion was seconded by Kathy Mateer. The motion was approved 18-5-1. Opposed: Tierrasanta, Torrey Pines, La Jolla, Skyline/Paradise Hills and San Ysidro. Abstentions: Uptown.

Nancy Bragado, General Plan Program Manager, gave a report on staff responses to CPC comments on the draft General Plan and staff recommendations to the Public Hearing on the draft General Plan.

Betsy McCullough, Assistant to the Director of CPCI, commented that this was the most complex subcommittee process that she has witnessed CPC go through, for any planning issue that has come before CPC. Ms. McCullough said a great majority of the CPCs recommendations were made and included in the Plan and the CPC has left its mark on the General Plan.

Jim Varnadore moved that the CPC recommend to the City Council that the City Council order language changes to the General Plan, which would require public facilities before additional density is authorized in any community plan. The motion was seconded by Jeff Stevens. Laura Riebeau requested an amendment to the motion to change the phrase "before additional density" to "with additional development". Mr. Varnadore accepted the amendment. Mr. Varnadore wanted to make sure that the CPCs recommendation of November, on the General Plan stands as is, and that the committee is adding this request for a policy statement out of the City Council.

Morton Printz and Leo Wilson encouraged all CPC representatives to attend the draft General Plan hearing at City Council on March 10, 2008.

Continued Discussion: John Fisk said holding out on approval just because CPC does not get every little point or change that we want, makes the CPC irrelevant and is self-defeating

Tracy Reed said the community financing plan is the document that should take care of CIP and facilities issues.

Back to Mr. Varnadore's Motion: The motion was approved 16-6-2. Opposed: Carmel Valley, College, La Jolla, Otay Mesa, Carmel Mountain Ranch and Torrey Hills. Abstentions: Miramar Ranch North and Uptown.

8. **WIDENING OF I-5 AND THE I-5/56 CONNECTOR:** This item was trailed until the March meeting.

9. **REPORTS TO CPC:**

- Staff Report: Mary Wright distributed a memo advising the CPC that candidates for election should not identify themselves as planning group members. Cal Jones commented that the memo was a misinterpretation of Council Policy 600-24 and a violation of the United States Constitution. Mr. Jones said it is a right of the candidates running for office to communicate their experience.

Mary Wright reported that currently planning groups are listed with their phone numbers on notices of future decision and notices of application. Development Services is requesting approval to also list email addresses on the notices. There were no objections.

- Subcommittee Reports: No report.
- Chairperson's Report: No report.
- CPC Member Comments: Doug Case said the revised Rooming House Ordinance is out as of today and the item will be heard at City Council on March 24, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Leo Wilson at 9:10 p.m.