

# Community Planners Committee

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## CPC MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2005

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Robinson, Centre City  
City Heights, Jim Varnadore  
Eleanor Mang, Clairemont Mesa  
Steve Laub, College Area  
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area  
Pat Shields, Greater Golden Hill  
John Stewart McGaughey, Greater North Park  
Buzz Gibbs, Kearny Mesa  
Louise Guarnotta, Kensington/Talmadge  
Yvette Marcum, La Jolla  
Ed Cramer, Linda Vista

Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa  
Judy Elliott, Normal Heights  
Mel Ingalls, Otay Mesa  
Jan Johnston, Otay Mesa/Nestor  
Kathy Mateer, Pacific Beach  
Cindy Moore, Serra Mesa  
Guy Pruess, Skyline-Paradise Hills  
Reynaldo Pisano, Southeastern San Diego  
Eric Germain, Tierrasanta  
Morton Prinz, Torrey Pines  
Linda Colley, University  
Leo Wilson, Uptown

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

**City Staff:** Jackie Dominguez, Mary Briner, Betsy McCullough, Gail Goldberg, Nancy Bragado, Jean Cameron and Jeff Strohming

**Guests:** Kathy Keehan

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair, Steve Laub called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and proceeded with roll call.
2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Eric Germain reported that the Tierrasanta Community Council met and resolved that the potential joint-use of the Marine Core Air Station Miramar is a bad idea, due to a number of technical and military reasons. Mr. Germain recommended that the CPC take this regional-wide issue up.
3. **MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:** The Performance Institute was moved to the top of the agenda, preceding the General Plan element review discussion.
4. **PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** No report submitted.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The Minutes of June 28, 2005 were approved, with a correction that reinstated the voting eligibility rights to the San Ysidro Community Planning Group. The Minutes of August 23, 2005 were approved, with a correction to the spelling of Mr. Freedman's name. The Minutes of October 25, 2005 were approved as submitted.



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6. **PERFORMANCE INSTITUTE: (Info Item)** Erica Mendelson stated that the Performance Institute has put together a myriad of programs that could generate cost savings for the City of San Diego. Some ideas include reorganizing city government, creating a competitive bid process to make support services more efficient, implementing an employee optimization incentive fund to reward employees for cost saving ideas and establishing reasonable limits on city spending increases.
7. **GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT REVIEW: (Discussion and Action Item)** Gail Goldberg reminded the committee that the General Plan update is based on policies that were adopted as part of the Strategic Framework Element, to lay out some general policies and use that policy direction for the rest of the General Plan. Mrs. Goldberg stated that in developing the new elements of the General Plan, we may be obligated to continue with the policy direction that the City Council has already adopted. Steve Laub stated that the CPC's comments are recommendations to the City Council and Planning Commission.

**A. MOBILITY ELEMENT:** Leo Wilson discussed the CPC Subcommittee's recommendations for the General Plan Mobility Element. Nancy Bragado participated in a question and answer session with the committee.

**Subsection A** is being deleted from the Mobility Element; the issues it contains will be discussed in other sections of the General Plan.

**Subsection B** - The CPC Subcommittee recommended the second paragraph in the discussion section be shortened to delete the obesity of children analysis. The CPC approved the recommendation 19-1-1. The CPC resolved that Subsection B should be rewritten to provide more balance between pedestrians and automobiles in a manner that does not worsen the service level for automobile traffic and to delete all the text of ME-B-1 that follows the word "safety." The resolution was approved by a vote of 15-2-3. The Chair noted consensus approval with the rest of Subsection B.

**Subsection C** - The CPC voted on the recommendation of the CPC Subcommittee to approve Subsection C. The vote failed 13-8-0. Leo Wilson proposed an amendment to the last phrase of Subsection C to read "should attempt to avoid being detrimental to automobile travel." The amendment was seconded by Jim Varnadore and approved 12-9-0.

**Subsection D** - By majority consent, the CPC approved the recommendations of the CPC Subcommittee.

**Subsection G** - The CPC approved the recommendation of the CPC Subcommittee by a vote of 19-1-0.

**All Other Subsections** - The CPC voted to approve all other Subsection recommendations of the CPC Subcommittee. The vote passed 17-3-1.

**B. ECONOMIC PROSPERITY ELEMENT:** Jean Cameron reviewed the General Plan Economic Prosperity Element. Buzz Gibbs moved that the committee vote on

Subsections A through J separately. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mang and passed 13-5-1.

**Subsection A, Industrial Land Use** - It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendations of the CPC Subcommittee. The recommendations were approved 19-1-0. Yvette Marcum called the question on Subsection B, Commercial Land Use. The motion to call the question passed by 2/3 vote and testimony was closed on Subsection B.

**Subsection B, Commercial Land Use** - The CPC approved the CPC Subcommittee's recommendations by a vote of 16-2-0. Yvette Marcum called the question on Subsection C, Regional and Subregional Employment Districts. The motion to call the question passed by 2/3 vote and testimony was closed on Subsection C.

**Subsection C, Regional and Subregional Employment Districts** - The CPC approved the CPC Subcommittee's recommendations by a vote of 18-0-0.

**Subsection D, Employment Development** - The CPC approved the CPC Subcommittee's recommendation to delete and request a rewrite of the entire section by a vote of 18-1-0.

**Subsection E, Education and Workforce Development** - The CPC approved the CPC Subcommittee's recommendation to delete EP-E-5, under Policies, by a vote of 19-0-0.

**Subsection F, Business Development** - The CPC approved the CPC Subcommittee's recommendations by a vote of 19-0-0.

**Subsection G, Military Installation** - The CPC approved the CPC Subcommittee's recommendations by a vote of 19-0-0.

**Subsection H, Economic Information and Monitoring** - The CPC approved the CPC Subcommittee's recommendations by a vote of 19-0-0.

**Subsection I, Redevelopment** - The CPC approved the CPC Subcommittee's recommendations by a vote of 19-0-0. After some discussion, a substitute motion was made and seconded to recommend that the entire section for Subsection I on Redevelopment be rewritten and the specifics be referred back to the CPC Subcommittee. The substitute motion passed 15-4-0.

**Subsection J, International Trade and Border Relations** - The CPC approved the CPC Subcommittee's recommendations by a vote of 19-0-0.

**8. REPORTS TO CPC:**

- **Staff Reports:** Betsy McCullough reported that staff expects the shell for bylaws to be sent out in December. Next years' training sessions are being finalized. Mrs. McCullough also discussed web access of the agenda items.
- **Subcommittee Report:** Jim Varnadore reported that the News Rack Task Force has ceased to meet and is now polishing the draft ordinance. Guy Preuss reported on the Pedestrian Master Plan Subcommittee and the Land Development Code Task Force.
- **Chair Report:** No report submitted.
- **CPC Member Comments:** Pat Shields moved that the committee formally thank the Planning Department staff for the terrific work they have accomplished this year, and to convey to the new mayor, our consensus that planning needs to be a high priority. The motion was seconded by Laura Riebau. The motion passed 19-0-0. Steve Laub will draft a letter to the Mayor and Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. by Steve Laub.

**The next meeting will be held January 24, 2006, 7:00 p.m.**

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## CPC SUBCOMMITTEE: GENERAL PLAN UPDATE MOBILITY ELEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

### Subsection A:

Is being deleted from Mobility element; the issues it contains will be discussed in other sections of the general plan.

### Subsection B:

Delete or shorten the second paragraph in the discussion section to delete the obesity of children analysis.

Delete the reference in ME-B-1 that refers to “pedestrians being able to cross at all four corners”. (ME-B-1)

Balance the policies that encourage pedestrian uses, with the need not worsen the level of service for automobile traffic. Delete all the text of ME-B-1 after the word safety. (ME-B-1)

The City’s Pedestrian Master Plan should be applied in a manner that is consistent and complimentary to each community’s existing plan (ME-B.2)

Safety issues were a big concern, particularly for children. A recommendation that policies be up in place about removing vegetation and raising the tree canopy that obstruct the view along sidewalks, and that parent/community safety patrols and other crime prevention strategies be utilized. ((ME-B.5)

Add to ME-D-1, in subsections a, b, c and e, the phrase: “in accordance with approved community plans”. (ME-D-1)

### Subsection C:

The Subcommittee recommends that the text of this section be altered to provide for encouragement of alternative transportation, but it should not be implemented in a detrimental manner to automobile travel:

### Subsection D:

Add to ME-D-1, in subsections a, b, c, and e, “In accordance with approved community plans”. (ME-D-1)

Add to ME-D-6 the words: "Protect the safety of pedestrians and the tranquility of residential neighborhoods". (ME-D-6)

Subsection E:

No recommendations

Subsection F:

No recommendations

Subsection G:

To not allow bicycle lanes whose purpose is to eliminate on-street parking.

The City's Bicycle Master Plan should be consistent and complimentary to each community's existing plan. (ME-G-1)

Add to ME-G-2 that a bikeway system network that is continuous and safe, while balanced with the need to preserve pedestrian safety. (ME-G-2)

Subsection H:

Revise the text of ME-H-2 to say to the effect: "strive to achieve the efficient use of land devoted to parking through such measures as..." (ME-H-2)

Revise the text of ME-H-2, subsection "a", to include the phrase "existing and funded" high quality transit. (ME-H-2)

Subsection I:

This subsection is being revised, and will be presented to the Subcommittee at a later date.

Subsection J:

The Policy listed in ME-J-6 is being moved to the Public Finance element.

Subsection K:

Revise the text of the Air Cargo discussion on page ME-84 to reflect the fact most of San Diego's air cargo comes from outside the County (Los Angeles or Mexico). (ME-84)

Revise ME-K-1, to add to the past part of the paragraph that "Support and pursue State and Federal funding for infrastructure improvements and use of..." (ME-K-1)

Add port of entry to the list of transportation facilities to be preserve in ME-K-2. (ME-K-2)

Add a new subsection with the text: "Collaborate with the Government of Mexico to plan for future border crossings, including location, technology, and preservation of the road network". (New policy ME-K-8)

Subsection L:

This subsection was eliminated.

Subsection M:

In reference to the policies contained in ME-M-4, 7, 8, 9, and 12, the following policy statement approved: "It should not be a policy of the General Plan to recommend tax and fee increases. All statements and policies that suggest funds should be raised via tax or fee increases should be left to the discretion of elected representatives, and deleted from the General Plan. However, it is fully appropriate for the General Plan to recommend that the City pursue its maximum fair share of County, State and Federal funding." (ME-M-4, Policies 4, 7, 8, 9, and 12)

Policy goal ME-M-1 was deleted by planning staff. (ME-B-1)

Policy goal ME-M-2 was moved to the Public Finance Element. (ME-B-2)

Add to policy goal ME-M-11 the phrase "to the availability of existing or planned and funded transportation facilities". (ME-M-11)

## ECONOMIC PROSPERITY ELEMENT Recommendation of Subcommittee

### Subsection A: Industrial Land Use:

Under Goals, the language of the first goal was revised to state after the word provides: "a full range of employment opportunities. (4-2)

Under policies

EP-A.2: was revised to indicate "without compromising industry's ability to create jobs. The term "city" will provide the jobs has been taken out; it will be industry.

EP-A.3: the word "should" was replaced with "may."

EP-A.3: Add the phrase: "if it is in an area where it could satisfy existing or projected industrial sector needs and will be serviced by necessary facilities."

EP-A.5: There was a discussion, but notes reflect no motion passed.

EP-A.8: Subsection (a.) was removed, as it already stated in EP.A.1

EP-A.9: the word "should" was replaced with "May."

### Subsection B: Commercial Land Use:

Goal 3 was deleted.

Under Policies:

EP-B.2: Delete second sentence: "Strongly discourage the creation of new auto oriented strip developments where parking is located between the street frontage and the buildings."

EP-B.3: Was deleted. (4-1)

EP-B.9: Was deleted. (4-2)

EP-B.12: Believe motion to delete failed.

Commercial Land Use Designations Table: last item entitled: "Neighborhood Village, Community Village, and Urban Village," a motion was passed requesting that a specific criteria be established regarding residential housing/ commercial rations.



Subsection C: Regional and Subregional Employment Districts:

Under "Regional Center: Centre City: the word premier in the first sentence was replaced with "central hub."

Under Policies.

EP-C.3: Indicate that part of the Grantsville redevelopment is located in Tierrasanta.

EP-C.9: Was deleted (5-0-1)

Subsection D: Employment Development:

Vote to delete, and request rewrite, of entire section. (4-2)

Subsection E: Education and Workforce Development:

Under Policies.

EP-E.5 was deleted. (5-1)

Subsection F: Business Development:

Under Policies:

EP-F.5 Was deleted. (4-2)

EP-F.7: The words at the beginning of the sentence "The first priority" were replaced with "A priority."

EP-F.9: Deleted words at the end of sentence: involved in international trade." (4-2)

Subsection G: Military Installations:

A second Goal was added that: "That the city should treat military families and their dependents as a valued part of the greater community" (4-1)

Under Policies.

EP-G.2: Phrase was added to the end of the sentence stating: "and any future base closings: (5-0)

Subsection H: Economic Information and Monitoring:

Under Policies.

EP-H.1: Delete last: "and for large retail establishments over 100,000 square feet in size." (4-1)

Subsection I: Redevelopment:

Under Policies.

EP-I.6 and EP.-I.7: Motion to delete failed. (3-3).

EP-I.8: The word "ensure" was replaced with "encourage". (5-0-1)

Subsection J: International Trade and Border Relations:

Under policies.

EP-J.6: Include a recommendation that the border crossings for commerce be kept open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. (6-0)