

# Community Planners Committee

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## CPC MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Donna Nenow, Carmel Valley  
Larry Marshall, Centre City  
Stefanie Harris, City Heights  
Eleanor Mang, Clairemont Mesa  
Steve Laub, College Area  
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area  
Pat Shields, Greater Golden Hill  
Vicki Granowitz, Greater North Park  
Buzz Gibbs, Kearny Mesa  
Louise Guarnotta, Kensington/Talmadge  
Ed Cramer, Linda Vista  
Bill Kenton, Midway  
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa  
Tracy Reed, Miramar Ranch North  
Susan Thorning, Mission Beach (7:15 p.m.)

Matthew Adams, Navajo  
Jim Baross, Normal Heights  
Tom Gawronski, Ocean Beach (7:15 p.m.)  
Frank Busic, Old Town  
Mel Ingalls, Otay Mesa  
Kathy Mateer, Pacific Beach  
Cynthia Conger, Peninsula  
Mike Freedman, San Ysidro  
Guy Pruess, Skyline-Paradise Hills  
Reynaldo Pisano, Southeastern San Diego  
(7:15 p.m.)  
Eric Germain, Tierrasanta  
Dash Meeks, Torrey Hills  
Linda Colley, University  
Leo Wilson, Uptown

**VOTING ELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:** None.

**NON ELIGIBLE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT:** None.

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

**City Staff:** Betsy McCullough, Jackie Dominguez, Jeff Strohming, Tait Galloway and Bill Anderson

**Guests:** None.

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

- CALL TO ORDER:** Steve Laub called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded with roll call.
- NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** Deanna Spehn, Policy Director for State Senator Christine Kehoe, reported that Senator Kehoe and Assembly Member George Plescia are co-chairing two special hearings of the Senate Local Government Committee to



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look at the government structure of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. The hearings will take place on October 10, 2006 at the Balboa Park Club and November 17, 2006 at the new Caltrans facility in Old Town, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearings is to acquire information and suggestions from the public about the potential for change.

3. **MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:** Pat Shields questioned whether it was in the realm of the CPC to take action on the airport relocation issue. The Chair reminded Ms. Shields that the CPC gave consent to have this item on the agenda. Ms. Shield's moved to delete Item 8 from the agenda, to prevent the CPC from giving a recommendation on the airport relocation issue. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Conger. The motion failed 6-19-0.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the Minutes of June 27, 2006 as corrected. It moved, seconded and approved to accept the Minutes of July 25, 2006 as written. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Minutes of August 22, 2006 as written.
5. **COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CITY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT:** (Info Item) Bill Anderson is attempting to meet with one planning group per week. Since taking the position as Director of CPCI, Mr. Anderson has focused primarily on the General Plan Update and the reorganization structure. The City Planning and Community Investment (CPCI) Department's reorganization combines Planning, Economic Development and Redevelopment into one department in order to better integrate visioning and planning with implementation. CPCI is then organized into four divisions, Economic Development, Planning, Redevelopment, and a newly created division, Urban Form Planning Division. Administrative and technical services, public information and legislative review, research, and facilities financing will report directly to the Director. Once the Mayor's office has given their final approval on the reorganization structure, an organization chart will be distributed to the CPC.
6. **SAN DIEGO REGIONAL AIRPORT RELOCATION:** (Info Item) Presentations were given by the following representatives:

**Angela Shafer-Payne of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA):** Ms. Shafer-Payne informed the members that the legislation that created the SDCRAA required the Airport Authority to look for the region's long-term transportation solution, including the use of current military installations that may become available for civilian or mixed-use in the future. The ballot measure talks about the need between now and 2020 to have a dialog with the military to understand if there is the possibility to work out a solution for civilian use at Miramar. The airport, on some 661 acres, provides a 9 billion dollar annual economic impact to the region; a recently completed economic analysis report states that there is risk to not providing for the region's long-term air transportation solution. The most capacity-constraining portion of Lindbergh Field is its single runway; projections show that by as early as 2015 or as late as 2022 it will reach a point of severe of congestion.

**Lt. Col. Rick Pagel of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar:** The purpose of Lt. Col. Pagel's presentation was to educate members on the strategic value of MCAS Miramar and the potential conflicts associated with civilian/military joint use at Miramar. The Marines have continuously told the SDCRAA that any commercial use concept at MCAS Miramar is not a viable option, is incompatible with the Navy and Marine Corps mission and cannot be achieved without severely impacting military readiness. Only a limited amount of space is available due to existing military uses, the Miramar landfill, and habitat/open space protection. Lt. Col. Pagel noted that the 1996 National Defense Appropriations Act prohibits commercial use of MCAS Miramar. Lt. Col. Pagel summarized with this statement: "We are dedicated to continuing a mutually beneficial relationship with the San Diego community, but we cannot agree to a request that directly and negatively impacts our ability to train and prepare for the nation's security requirements."

**John Chalker of ASAP 21:** The purpose of ASAP 21 is to work for the development of an international, environmentally-sound airport for the region by the year 2020. Mr. Chalker pointed out that although the SDCRAA passed a resolution on June 5, 2006 that recommended that MCAS Miramar as a site for meeting the long-term aviation needs of the San Diego region, no specific plan was presented and nothing had been approved by the SDCRAA for the Miramar site. The ballot measure does not recommend any specific plan or layout, it simply asks the electorate if the SDCRAA and the government officials should work together. Mr. Chalker said the purpose of the ballot measure is to pressure the political leaders and the military to seriously address this issue. Mr. Chalker commented that there is no other choice, but Miramar and he gave a recommendation in favor of Proposition A.

**Jim Panknin of San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC):** Mr. Panknin stated that he has a good working knowledge of the needs and limitations of all the region's airports. He believes Proposition A is bad for San Diego, bad for the country, nationally and he believes it's based more on an obsession for land than for the needs of the region. Proposition A is requesting the Marines relocate, but it does not state who will pay for this relocation. Mr. Panknin commented that we need to listen to and support our Marines and Navy.

**Jay Shumaker, Architect, Native San Diegan, East Miramar:** Mr. Shumaker's presentation demonstrated how a two-runway airport could potentially fit in East Miramar. He reminded everyone of the tremendous economic opportunity to the City of San Diego with the relocation of an airport at East Miramar.

7. **CPC DISCUSSION - AIRPORT RELOCATION: (Discussion)** It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to end discussion at 9:25 p.m. and proceed with the vote. The following concerns were discussed:

- Impacts to existing residential areas in surrounding communities from noise;
- Problems with the ballot language;

- Cost to implement the plan;
- Affect on general aviation;
- Affect on airport land use compatibility plans and community plans;
- Impacts to the economy;
- Impacts of having or not having a new international airport;
- Federal law that prohibits military/civilian airport joint-use;
- Impacts to traffic congestion;
- Affect on habitats/open space; and
- Affect on safety.

8. **CPC MOTION - AIRPORT RELOCATION:** (Potential Action Item) Eric Germain distributed a document resolving a “NO” vote on Proposition A. Mr. Germain proceeded to make a motion that the CPC accept the resolution, which was read aloud. The motion was seconded by Leo Wilson. The motion was approved 19-5-0. (see resolution below)

CPC Resolution on Proposition A: WHEREAS the Community Planners Committee (CPC) is comprised of the chairs of community planning groups in the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS the CPC is the City-recognized citizen advisory committee to the Planning Commission, the Council Committee on Land Use and Housing and the City Council; and

WHEREAS the CPC is vitally interested in all transportation and land use matters; and

WHEREAS the San Diego Regional Airport Authority has, pursuant to law, forwarded to the San Diego County Registrar of Voters a ballot measure for the November 7, 2006 election, known as Proposition A, which recommends that Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar should be the location of a future San Diego International Airport; and

WHEREAS the CPC has, on September 26, 2006, heard presentations about the Proposition A ballot measure from representatives of the SDCRAA and by representatives of the US Marine Corps and others; and

WHEREAS the CPC has discussed at length the desirability of adopting said ballot measure; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that on September 26, 2006 the Community Planners Committee, recommends a “NO” VOTE on Proposition A and encourages all communities to support a “NO” vote on Proposition A.

9. **REPORTS TO CPC:**

- **Staff Report:** Betsy McCullough reminded members that Development Services will hold a session on discretionary review this Thursday at MOC II, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The next mini COW will be held on October 26, 2006. Jeff Strohming reported that Marcela Escobar-Eck has accepted the position of Director of the Development Services Department.

- **Subcommittee Report:** Leo Wilson reported that the General Plan Subcommittee will meet on October 30 and November 13, 2006, at the MOC 2, Conference Room 2E.
- **Chairperson's Report:** None.
- **CPC Member Comments:** None.

The next Regular Meeting of the CPC will be held on October 24, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at the Metropolitan Operations Center II, Auditorium, 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa, California.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. by Steve Laub.

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