

Community Planners Committee

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COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2004

ATTENDEE:

Paul Robinson, Centre City
Michael Sprague, City Heights
Dave Potter, Clairemont Mesa
Scott Moomjian, College Area
Jim Leighton, Eastern Area
Steve Stratman, Greater Golden Hill
Mike Powers, Greater North Park
Buzz Gibbs, Kearny Mesa
Ed Cramer, Linda Vista
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa
Linda Kaufman, Mission Valley
John Pilch, Navajo

Mel Ingalls, Otay Mesa
Jan Johnston, Otay Mesa/Nestor
Cynthia Conger, Peninsula
Joost Bende, Rancho Penasquitos
Michael Freedman, San Ysidro
Cindy Moore, Serra Mesa
Guy Preuss, Skyline-Paradise Hills
Reynaldo Pisano, Southeastern San Diego
Eric Germain, Tierrasanta
Milton Phegley, University
Paul de la Houssaye, Uptown

GUESTS AND STAFF:

City Staff: Sabrina Curtin, Betsy McCullough, Gail Goldberg, Coleen Clementson, Jean Cameron, Victoria Hamilton, Rob Albrecht, Ann Kern, Chris Zirkle, Lynda Forsha

Guests: Alan Ziegau, Chris Wahl, Jim Varnadore, Kim McGinley.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Dave Potter called the meeting order at 7:04

Introductions were made and Committee members gave summaries of various actions taking place in their communities.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2004.

Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Passed Unanimously.

MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:

Added: Discussion of electronic distribution to CPC members (see Item #5)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Gail Goldberg continued the report from the February meeting regarding the budget and overhead rate. The auditor's office sets the overhead rate based on a formula that varies by City department. The overhead rate is a formula between direct and indirect cost, averaged out over a 5 year period. Short of changing the work program of the Planning Department and increasing indirect costs, it would be nearly impossible to raise the overhead given the kinds of cuts that are expected. It appears that cuts will likely be targeted toward indirect costs and support.

Bruce Brown has completed his term of office with the Planning Commission and is being replaced by Dennis Otsuji. Mr. Otsuji is a Landscape Architect and is the president of ONA. He will be appointed at City Council on March 29, 2004. Staff will report out later in the meeting regarding the electronic distribution.

BUSINESS:

1. PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN: Information item

Victoria Hamilton and Lynda Forsha returned from last month to give their presentation on the Public Art Master Plan. More than 350 art programs exist at federal, state and local government levels as well as transportation, port and redevelopment agencies. The adoption of the recommendations within the Public Art Master Plan would strengthen the City of San Diego's commitment to sustaining a vibrant cultural life. Under the program, the public art financial requirements would be imposed on all private, non-residential development projects and private/public building projects with building permit valuations over \$5 million.



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2. 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN: Action item

Rob Albrecht presented the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Official application for Federal Community Planning and Development grants through HUD. The five-year plan includes the following components; 1) An assessment of housing and community development needs and market conditions, 2) A strategy that establishes priorities for addressing the identified needs, and 3) A one-year "Action Plan" that outlines the intended use of federal resources (created annually as a separate, related document). Strategic goals are to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities. *MOTION:* (Stevens) To approve the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, as presented to CPC. Seconded (Freedman). *VOTE:* passed 12-7

3. SAN DIEGO AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND –ANNUAL PLAN: Action item

Ann Kern from the San Diego Housing Commission presented the San Diego Affordable Housing Fund. The City of San Diego's Affordable Housing Fund is a permanent, annually renewable source of funds to help meet the housing assistance needs of the City's very low-, low-, and median-income households. The City Council expresses this intent in Municipal Code Sections 98.0501-98.0618. Within the Affordable Housing Fund are two accounts: The Housing Trust Fund and the Inclusionary Housing Fund. Comments should be submitted before May 14. Will be presented to City Council in June 2004. Comments provided by CPC with no Action taken.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS REGULATIONS: – Action Item

Chris Zirkle presented a report on Environmental Appeals Regulations that was presented to City Council on March 15, 2004. All feedback from the CPC was to be collected before presenting to LU&H. *MOTION:* In view of the substantial deficiencies/question, it is recommended that the Ordinance be rewritten to address the above comments as well as other comments provided by CPC members and the public the CPC meeting. Refer back to staff to answer all question raised and revise the ordinance as appropriate, returning to CPC in May. *VOTE:* passed 19-0

MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION TO CPC:

This item was added to the agenda for CPC members to discuss the merits of electronic distribution of the CPC agenda and materials. With the cuts made to the Planning Department budget, staff is evaluating different avenues of cost cutting. An electronic distribution of meeting materials was done for the month of March. CPC members provided comments and raised a number of issues regarding the electronic distribution. *Advisory Motion:* (Freedman) Provide CPC with a printed distribution in addition to providing the materials on the Planning Department website. Seconded (Pruess) *VOTE:* passed 12-7

6. REPORTS TO CPC:

Staff Report:

Kevin recapped the Big Box Ordinance; over the last few weeks, staff has been meeting with the stakeholders to formulate a recommendation which would allow a greater variety of retail stores in San Diego, including home improvement stores, which cannot operate in a smaller format store. One way to accomplish this is to raise the cap on allowable square footage. In addition, staff is considering a discretionary review process for stores meeting a certain size threshold. This will establish a public input process to review project-specific traffic studies regarding proposals, and will provide an opportunity to apply design regulations. Additional landscape regulations of the Land Development Code will still apply. The item is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on April 8. The item is tentatively scheduled for Land Use and Housing Committee on April 21. Staff hopes that the new recommendation goes toward addressing the major concerns of the CPC.

Kevin also briefly commented on the process of distributing the Parking Stamps to CPC members. Also, the Planning Department will be holding the COW (for newly elected members) on April 24, 2004. It will be held for 8am to 12:30pm at the Metro Operations Center, 9192 Topaz Way in Kearney Mesa.

Betsy reported on the status of the Planning Commission website for reports, agenda and minutes, hoping to complete this calendar year.

Subcommittee Report:

Varnadore – presented the Newsrack Task Force Interim report, also reported on COMPACT

Chair Report:

Next Tuesday the City Council will hear the TAOZ and RTPOZ, requested that CPC members attend to represent the concerns of their communities.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

600-24 Subcommittee report

Meeting adjourned 9:52 p.m. by Dave Potter.

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