

Community Planners Committee

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CPC MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Varnadore, City Heights	Landry Watson, Ocean Beach
Doug Case, College Area	Mel Ingalls, Otay Mesa
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area	Charles Mellor, Peninsula
Greg Morales, Encanto	Ellen Willis, Rancho Bernardo
Chris Blatt, Greater Golden Hill	Craig Balben, Sabre Springs
Tom Hebrank, Kensington/Talmadge	Steve Otto, San Ysidro
Joe LaCava, La Jolla	Doug Wescott, Serra Mesa
Ron Tomcek, Linda Vista	Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills
William Kenton, Midway	Reynaldo Pisano, Southeastern San Diego
Ted Brengel, Mira Mesa	Lee Campbell, Tierrasanta
Tracy Reed, Miramar Ranch North	Morton Printz, Torrey Pines
Rob Steppke, North Park	Leo Wilson, Uptown

VOTING ELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS: None.

NON ELIGIBLE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT: Maria Riveroll, Southeastern San Diego

Guests: Ron May, Dale May, Susan Goulian, Pam Wilson

City Staff: Mary Wright, Nicholas O'Donnell, Marianne Greene, Shahriar Ammi, Karen Lynch-Ashcraft

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:**

Pam Wilson, Carmel Valley, wanted to make CPC aware of a group called San Diegans Against Billboard Blight. She talked about their concerns about increasing number of illegal billboards in San Diego.

Ron May, Neighborhood Preservation Coalition, expressed his concern over the proposed Technical Advisory Committee's change from being a Development Services advisory committee to a major policy advisor to the Mayor. He advised CPC members to attend the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting on November 12, 2008.

Susan Goulian represented Sheri Lightner and informed CPC that Sheri is running for City Council.

Guy Pruess, Skyline/Paradise Hills, informed CPC about a Pedestrian Master Plan workshop that the City will be conducting and encouraged CPC representatives to attend the meeting on November 8, 2008.

Craig Balben, Sabre Springs, informed CPC about the City Council's continuance of the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance. He discussed his letter he sent Jay Goldstone about the concerns that oversized vehicles create.

Lee Campbell, Tierrasanta, was concerned that environmental impact reports are being posted in an unsearchable format. He requests that the City of San Diego Environmental Analysis section establish standard guidelines for publishing environmental documents.

Shahriar Ammi, Transportation Planner, CPCI, announced that the City will be updating the Bicycle Master Plan and requested that CPC nominate two members and two alternate members to assist with the public outreach with this update.

3. MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Jim Varnadore, City Heights, moved to approve agenda. All voted in favor.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2008 AND SEPTEMBER 23, 2008:

Leo Wilson, Uptown, requested a continuance of the June 24, 2008 minutes until updates have been made.

Laura Riebau, Eastern Area, requested that Lisa Silverman's public comment in the September 23, 2008 minutes be modified to be a recommendation to the City Attorney/Mayor.

Morton Printz, Torrey Pines, moved to approve the September 23, 2008 minutes. Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

5. TELECOM WIRELESS FACILITIES:

Karen Lynch-Ashcraft, Senior Planner, Development Services, gave a presentation on wireless facilities. Two major issues involving wireless facilities are right-of-way applications and expired applications for monopoles.

CPC members expressed concerns about the growing number of Cricket Wireless communication facilities and that the community is not receiving proper notification about the addition of these facilities.

Tracy Reed, Miramar Ranch North, moved to recommend that all cricket and XBee facilities should be subject to Process Two discretionary review, and be subject to community review. Laura Riebau, Eastern Area, seconded the motion. Motion passed 23-0-1. abstention, Uptown
Craig Balben, Sabre Springs, moved to recommend that wireless facilities lease fees go back to the community. Laura Riebau, Eastern Area seconded the motion. Motion passed 23-0-1. 1 abstention: Uptown.

6. HISTORICAL RESOURCES:

Ron May expressed concern about the lack of members on the Historic Resources Board and the difficulty in establishing a quorum. He stated that five positions are currently available.

Leo Wilson, Uptown, discussed how the Historic Resources Board's (HRB) supra-majority vote requirement often creates an insurmountable barrier to preserving a potential historic structure. With the several current vacancies on the HRB, historic designation often requires a unanimous vote of the HRB members present at a meeting. If one HRB member votes against designation, the structure is not designated and there is no appeal process. Often potentially historic structures are demolished within a short time thereafter."

Mary Wright, Deputy Director, CPCI, explained that the Mayor is currently vetting two general members who may be seated by January. The City is also recruiting two people to fill the architect positions.

Landry Watson, Ocean Beach, moved to recommend that:

1. The Mayor's Office take immediate action to fill the vacancies on the Historic Review board.
2. Democracy and diversity be promoted on the Historic Resources Board, by including community members for consideration among those appointments.

Motion seconded by Rob Steppke, North Park. Motion passed 23-0-1. 1 abstention: Uptown.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES FOR COUNCIL POLICY 600-24:

Marianne Greene, City Attorney's Office, discussed the revised draft Administrative Guidelines Prepared by the City Attorney's office. CPC members had questions and suggestions regarding the content of the Administrative Guidelines. The item will be placed on the November agenda for further discussion.

8. REPORTS TO CPC

- Staff Report:
 - Mini-COW is scheduled for October 29, 2008.
 - Mary Wright reported that group's bylaws will be docketed for a City Council hearing in November. Progress in resolving bylaws issues has been made as follows:
 - Number of groups with deviations have been reduced from 14 to 12.
 - Number of deviations have been reduced from 31 to 25.
 - Number with Brown Act conflicts have been reduced from 3 to 2.
- Subcommittee Reports
 - COMPACT has begun discussion to seek alignment with CPC or a department with the City.
 - The Community Plan Preparation Manual Subcommittee has reviewed 7 of the 9 chapters and will make a recommendation to CPC in the beginning of next year.
- CPC Member Comments:
 - Jim Varnadore, City Heights, requested that CPC members contact him if they are having problems with news racks. He also asked how to determine whether projects are considered process 1 or process 2.
- Chairperson's Report:
 - Had a good meeting with Bill Anderson on the Uptown/North Park/Greater Golden Hill community plan updates and is glad the stakeholder committees will be subcommittees of each planning group.
 - Upcoming Agenda Items
 - COMPACT

- Oversized Vehicle Ordinance
- Administrative Guidelines
- Demolition Policy
- Model Drought Response Ordinance
- General Plan Action Plan
- Bicycle Master Plan Representatives

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Leo Wilson at 9:00 p.m.