

## MINUTES

### Barrio Logan Community Planning Group

Meeting Location: 2212 Main Street, San Diego CA 92113

January 20, 2015

- I. Meeting Called to order 6:15 PM
- II. Adoption of the Agenda: Motion, Hector Perez; Second Tim Fraser
- III. Welcome and Introduction – Lara Gates, City of San Diego
  - a. Introduction of Nancy Bragato, City of San Diego
  - b. The Planning Department services are available to the Barrio Logan Planning Group (BLPG)  
For guidance especially in regard to: Land use and zoning policies
  - c. Mark Steele elaborated on the purpose and parameters of the BLPG's responsibility and authority.
    - i. BLPG is not responsible for writing a Community Plan however may advise the City about changes therein. The BLPG is primarily an advisory entity.
- VI. No other civic officials present for introductions
- VII. Introduction of community groups in attendance: Rudy Gastelum and Robin Carbajal  
from SDCCD Continuing Education
- VIII. Council Policy 600.24 ( Powerpoint) – Lara Gates
  - a. Overview of Ralph M Brown Act ( Powerpoint)
  - b. Planning Group is subject to the Brown Act
  - c. Membership is 15 with 8 constituting a majority (quorum)
  - d. Initial Group granted seats by the City Council
  - e. 1<sup>st</sup> elections in 2016 for 2 year term. Next election in 2018
  - f. The Planning Group must be constituted of members of the community
- IX. BLPG Role – Mark Steele
  - a. BLPG is an Advisory group to the City and responds to development projects seeking discretionary permits.  
Projects range from housing permits to zoning issues, to changes in the community plan
  - b. The BLPG welcomes informational items

- c. Action by the group is achieved by voting on projects and forwarding those recommendations to the City.
- d. Members may dissent or speak on an issue as individuals but not represent the BLPG

X. Cesar Chavez Feasibility Study – Ernie Medina, Chief Engineer, Port of San Diego;

Armando Mora, Port of San Diego

- a. Waterfront Activation Study / Water Access Feasibility Study from Cesar Chavez Park
- b. Powerpoint – Purpose of Study is to assess feasibility of access for small craft launching
- c. Input has been taken by a variety of groups
- d. Currently Pacific Tugboat leases the area
- e. Option 1: Floating docking area, Option 2 Pathway from Park to the bay
- f. Challenges: Public Safety and other factors

Comments:

- Build a floating dock off the existing pier for hand launched watercraft
- What will this lead to in terms of larger luxury craft wanting access next
- This item needs further review; there are many other suggestions for use.
- What will be the usefulness of this project to local residents since few if any own water craft
- An member of the community #1 provided a character reference for John Alvarado and stated that the project can offer an alternative activity for our youth
- the projects lack of relevance to the local community
- Opportunity for educational and science oriented uses for the are for our youth and students
- Environmental issues and rising water levels in the future from an engineering standpoint
- Individual not in favor of this project since it would not benefit the local community, especially since the water is severely polluted, hazardous cargo ship traffic. Suggested rather that attention should be given to improvements of Cesar Chavez Park
- g. Mark Steele summarized the discussion with a vision of the 25<sup>th</sup> Street terminus from Balboa Park.  
Comment: Josie Talamantes stressed that the Historical Chicano Park be considered in in this vision and not just Balboa Park

Comment: Tom Ryan, Stressed the environmental concerns but also that the access is for everyone not just members of the immediate community

Comment: Josie Talamantes Spoke to personal use of the waterway in the past and commented on the level of pollution

Comment: Armando Mora: Study showed that water quality is okay for this type of use

XI. Next Meeting schedule on February 18, third Thursday of every month

XII. Public Comments:

- a. Comment: There' is nobody from local business on the BLPG this will lead to the same problems with the last Community Plan effort
- b. Response: Mark Steele- The BLPG is not chartered to redo the Community Plan but is more of a voice from the community
- c. Comment:—How is this different from any of the other local committees
- d. Response Mark Steele – The BLPG is officially chartered by the City of SD
- e. Comment: Can others be elected to this “board”?
- f. Comment: The BLPG needs organized labor representation
- g. Comment: What will happen to the community plan that lost in the last referendum?
- h. Response: Mark Steele, Still not clear.
- i. Comment: Urged the members of the BLPG to do their own homework and not rely on information from others.
- j. Comment: South Bay Dreams, Promoting the Marijuana Dispensary for local medical patients located at 2405 Harbor Drive

XIII. Adjournment: Mark Steele