

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of
May 18, 2010
North Clairemont Friendship Center

P Jeff Barfield- Secretary P Jack Carpenter P Brandy Christian	P Delana Hardacre P Richard Jensen A Sheri Mongeau - P Kathy Monsour	P Susan Mournian- Treasurer P Billy Paul P Brooke Peterson - Chair	P Donald Steele P Fiona Theseira- Vice Chair P Scott Wentworth
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P – Present A – Absent

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Brooke Peterson and quorum present.

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Public: None

Committee Members: None

3. Modifications to the Agenda

None

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Donald Steele, second by Susan Mournian, to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2010 with corrections as noted.

Vote: 12-0-0, motion passes

5. Information Items

101. Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project (Anne Steinberger, Sandag)

Ms. Steinberger and other Sandag staff provided a status update to the mid coast trolley project, including history of planning efforts, status of current work, and a brief description of LRT Alternatives. Seven alternatives for the extension of the blue line have been prepared. The planning efforts had to respond to changing conditions with respect to I-15 ROW and improvements. Four BRT alternatives were developed as part of the alternatives. A Commuter Rail Alternative was also developed. All alternatives were compared for ridership. LRT provided the best ridership volume. A FTA Cost Effectiveness Indicator was developed based on cost per benefit hour. The LRT alternative was cost effective compared to BRT and the CR. This was because it has the higher numbers of riders and builds on the existing system. The MTS LRT operating experience is similar to national trends. Other considerations such as environmental conditions were considered. The three main alignment alternatives share the same alignment from old town to just north of Hwy. 52, but then differ in the northern reaches

through University city. A fly over was provided and described the differences from that point on.

The three preferred alternatives are advancing into the environmental document. Scoping meetings are upcoming Ms. Steinberger provided the names of groups actively involved in the environmental scoping process. Sandag and the FTA will be deciding final alternatives for the environmental review. MTS as operator has been involved and supports LRT alt #1 as the preferred alternative because of its service to UCSD. Bus Rte 150 will be affected by the LRT. Other bus service routes shouldn't be affected.

Questions from CCPG followed. Jack Carpenter made a comment about adding a super transit loop that would circle through Clairemont to feed the trolley stations. The MTS representative stated they are always looking for adding service, although ridership and costs are often a constraint.

Billy Paul made comment about the Clairemont Drive stations and criticized the 50-car parking lots as ridiculously overdone. He asked for a trolley stop at the door of the VA hospital.

Scott Wentworth questioned the excessive distance from the Balboa Ave. stop to the Nobel Dr. stop. He thought a stop in between was necessary because of the extended distance. Sandag staff responded that ridership was too limited in that area and that a stop there would be underutilized, not warranting the delay. Richard Jensen expressed concern about the need to transfer to get to the beach from Clairemont as a result of the current plan rather than direct route trip as it is now.

Don Steele commended staff for the presentation but asked whether taking private property or existing park space was required for any of the alignments. Staff indicated none or very little of any park area was to be taken and very little of existing open space. Don also voiced a need to have young people be targeted to get in the habit of public transit. Susan Mournian asked about parking and access to Clairemont Drive. Brandy Christian asked whether the EIR needed to address people that would be driving to the beach instead of taking the bus because of the transfer.

6. Workshop Item

None

7. Action Items

301. Clairemont Community Planning Group Bylaws (CCPG)

Brooke Peterson introduced this item In response to Richard Jensen's request to consider reducing the number of available seats on the CCPG in response to the current and historical number of positions the CCPG has been able to fill. Richard expressed concerns that we have too many slots to fill and that we are consistently looking for members. Billy Paul spoke for keeping the membership at 16, believe that we are a big community and need large representation. He felt should make an effort to get more people and fill the vacancies. Brooke indicated she spoke with Brian Schoenfisch and he indicated that the city is not concerned about number of vacancies. Don Steele felt he saw both positions. Susan Mournian stated since staff indicated we don't need to do anything, we shouldn't act, and that constricting membership is not a good thing to do. Jack Carpenter remarked he was going to agree with Billy Paul for once and keep it the way it is. Scott Wentworth stated he agreed with Billy's position. Susan Mournian asked

that we coordinate with Frye Lights to get the word out that vacancies exist that can be filled.

No motion was made.

302. Tree Planting- Pathway along 805 between Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Balboa Ave. (Brooke Peterson, CCPG Chair)

Brooke provided a brief history of the request for trees in this area and the kind of tree required. Brooke stated that if they are Jacaranda's maintenance could be paid for by the grant funds. Another kind of tree would not be eligible for the grant money.

There were a few questions asked and answered between CCPG members.

Motion by Scott Wentworth to have Brooke Peterson write a letter in support of planting the Jacaranda's, seconded by Fiona Theseira. Discussion: Don Steele spoke that if it included maintenance, it could be supported. Fiona Theseira supported that position. Billy Paul spoke in support. Brandy Christian asked is the area visible, and if so, she supported. Susan recommended the maintenance aspect be emphasized in the letter otherwise, they will die and look bad. Keith Corry commented on status of the Jacaranda's on Morena Blvd. He has questioned the arborist and has been told that they are not dead simply dormant.

Vote: 12-0-0, the motion passed.

Item 8. Reports to Group

District 6 Council Report

Keith Corry commented that action is being taken on the taco wagon at Balboa and Clairemont drive and it should be going away soon as a result.

Planning Department

No report

Town Council

June 3, 7 to 9 pm, the Town Council will be discussing the Mid coast trolley with representatives from Sandag to give a presentation. Brandy Christian commented they now have an electronic newsletter and offered to include notices about CCPG meetings and business.

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Billy Paul announced review of the left hand turn at Balboa and Mt. Abernathy and closure options. Billy also commented on the elimination of landscaping in the future at the Clairemont Drive and Balboa Avenue clover leaf due to lack of funds. He indicated mulch is likely to be the replacement.

Mission Bay Park Committee

None

North Bay Redevelopment Committee

Jeff Barfield reported on the Pt. Loma Townhomes project that was denied by the Coastal Commission based on a recommendation from staff.

Chair

Brooke Peterson reported the update on the wireless task force meetings and discussions between the public and the industry. She offered to make reports on a regular basis. She also thanked Fiona Theseira for Chairing last month's meeting.

Secretary

No report.

Treasurer

The current bank balance is \$213.

CPC Report.

No report.

Traffic and Transportation

None

Project Review

None

Airports

None

Parking

None

Schools Liason

None

Additional Items

Adjournment at 8:21 p.m. Next meeting to be held on June 15, 2010, starting at 6:30 p.m.