

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of
January 15, 2013
North Clairemont Friendship Center

P Jeff Barfield- Secretary P Jack Carpenter A Delana Hardacre P Travis Jaedtke	P Richard Jensen P Sheri Mongeau P Susan Mournian- Treasurer	P Billy Paul P Brooke Peterson – Chair P Margie Schmidt	P Donald Steele P Fiona Theseira- Vice Chair P Jacob Welhouse P Scott Wentworth
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P – Present A – Absent

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Chair Person Brooke Peterson, roll call was taken and a quorum present.

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Public:

Michael Sullivan announced that a cyclist was recently killed on Clairemont Mesa Blvd at the I-805 overpass. He stated no one was at fault, except the bad design of the roadway. He stated that he felt a much cheaper and easier method to upgrade the bridge structure was possible than what has been produced by Caltrans to make the bridge overcrossing safer for bicyclists. He went through some exhibits making his point and explained how the various components would work and provided cost estimates which he stated were significantly less than the improvements indicated by Caltrans and could be made much easier and sooner to solve the urgent safety issues with the overcrossing.

Billy Paul stated he gets the agendas but not the minutes. Brook indicated that we will begin posting the minutes following adoption.

Committee Members:

Billy Paul mentioned Clairemont Dr. near Denver Street was previously in bad shape, but recently repairs have been made and the street is much improved. He complimented authorities for the road work.

Scott Wentworth mentioned the success of the Madison Warhawks winning the State Football Championship and how proud Clairemont should be for the team and the community for getting behind the team.

Brooke Peterson announced that the over-sized vehicle parking ordinance is moving again and should go to land use and housing committee in the Spring.

3. Modifications to the Agenda

Brooke Peterson requested three agenda modifications: Continuing Balboa Genesee, Item 301, until next month because the applicants indicated they needed additional time and were not ready to present updates on the project and

replacing this Item with a request for a recommendation from the CCPG by the City on a grant application; and adding as Item 302 for an appointment to the Airport Advisory Board.

Move by Fiona Theseira, seconded by Donald Steele to approve agenda modifications.

Vote: 13-0-0, to approve.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Donald Steele to approve the meeting minutes for October and November, seconded by Sheri Mongeau, with changes as noted by CCPG members.

Vote: 12-0-1 to approve, with Travis Jaedtke abstaining due to absence.

5. Council Representative Report

District 6 Council Report (Ernie Navarro and Shirley Owen, Community Liaison, enavarro@sandiego.gov)

No report.

6. Information Items

101. Mid-Coast Transit Corridor Project Update (Kristen Byrne, SANDAG)

David Hicks with SANDAG presented along with Kristen Bryne and summarized the Mid-Coast Trolley project. Route and improvements were described, where stations are proposed to be located, and where connections are to be made to other transit facilities. He described the existing system and how the mid coast route will tie in. The mid coast will be an extension of the blue line. Mr. Hicks described how it connects with major attractions and destinations, such as hotels, employment centers, higher density residential, entertainment locations, etc.

Mr. Hicks described the construction cost, dollars into the community, increases that are anticipated in property values, and reductions in VMT and GHG expected.

Greg (last name not recorded) discussed the project funding and the project processing, including the environmental document- draft document and tech reports (25) are included in the documentation. Draft is near release, with Project approval expected in early-2014. Beginning of construction is expected in Mid-2014, and opening for service in late-2018. He described what is likely to be seen in the environmental document, which is a joint EIR/EIS.

City will be making some improvements in the Rose Creek open channel by the Army Corps of Engineers to accommodate the new tracks under the Hwy 52 Bridge. The tracks elevate and cross I-5 at La Jolla Village Drive. An aerial guideway will be proposed along Genesee Avenue. The terminus station is at Westfield UTC Shopping Center.

Mr. Hicks then described the public participation and public comment opportunities.

Billy Paul asked whether a stop is proposed at the VA hospital. Greg described the options for service to the hospital, but it is unlikely the trolley will run onto VA property.

Susan Mournian stated that some feel the removal of the nursery is a negative and asked what steps are being taken to facilitate relocation. Greg indicated they are following federal regulations for the removal and relocation of the nursery. Brian Schoenfisch added that the current site is city-owned and has been identified as a trolley station location in the Community Plan for some time.

Jack Carpenter reiterated that the nursery is one of a few community amenities and residents would be disappointed to see it leave the immediate area.

Donald Steele mentioned pedestrian connections are necessary and the interest of the Tecolote Canyon Committee has in these connections to the Canyon Park.

Richard Jensen asked about how the connection would be made to the existing blue line. Greg indicated that the connection occurs at the old town station.

A public member asked whether the construction would allow for a phase-in in service, rather than the whole line all at once. This is of interest to workers who will rely upon access up into Clairemont employment locations. Greg indicated construction phasing and the phases of services is being considered, but nothing definitive has been decided.

Other questions about pedestrian and bus access to the stations were asked by the public.

7. Workshop Item

8. Action Items

301. SANDAG Grant Application- (Brian Schoenfisch, City of San Diego)

Brian Schoenfisch with the Development Services Department (Planning Division) made a presentation requesting support of the CCPG for a grant application as an add-on to the existing Mid-Coast Trolley Morena Station Area Planning Study.

He described the \$400,000 grant, which would fund workshops and the amendments to the Clairemont Mesa and Linda Vista Community Plans and corresponding public facilities financing plans and environmental documents for potential land use and zoning changes along Morena Blvd. It would also address policies integrating the trolley in to the communities.

Members of the CCPG and several public members spoke in favor of the grant and urged the CCPG to support it by letter. Mr. Schoenfisch indicated he had a draft already prepared for our action. He read the letter out loud.

Motion by Billy Paul to approve the draft letter presented by Brian Schoenfisch,
Second by Jacob Welhouse.

Vote: 3-0-0 to approve .

302. CCPG Vision Task Force Update (Jack Carpenter, CCPG Task Force Chair)
Jack reviewed the suggested changes to the vision made at our previous meeting. There was discussion of tandem parking, with members both opposing and supporting. There was discussion involving the addition of higher density residential in or near shopping centers. Billy Paul expressed requested a statement be added to Page 1 that indicates placing higher density in existing single-family neighborhoods should be discouraged and that encroachment of multi-family in single family areas is less desirable. Travis Jaedkt and others voiced concern that reuse of surplus school property should not limited to just community uses/amenities in the event that private development could provide or help fund additional community amenities concurrent with development projects. Billy Paul offered an additional statement to Page 2, that we should encourage bicycle lanes to be installed along all major traffic routes where they can be safely incorporated. Commercial shopping should include bicycle racks in the project.

Motion by Jeff Barfield to accept the vision with the changes as follows: 1) on Page 1, Introduction, add a statement that encroachment of higher density multi-family development into single-family areas is not desirable; 2) on Page 3, Housing, revise the statement on tandem parking to indicate that projects that propose tandem parking should be carefully evaluated to ensure that parking issues in the neighborhood do not result; 3) On Page 4, Land Use, the statement on closed or surplus school property be revised to not restrict land use to only public uses but rather be open to opportunities where private development could be permitted where significant public uses or amenities are provided or funded; and 4) on Page 2, that bicycle lanes should be provided along major traffic routes where they can be provided safely and commercial shopping project are to provide bicycle racks; second by Jack Carpenter.

Vote: 13-0-0, motion approved

303. Appointment to Airport Advisory (Brooke Peterson, Chair CCPG)
Brooke described the appointment and our need for having a representative. Travis Jaedtke indicated his interest and that he would not oppose being appointed. Billy Paul indicated his interest in being the Alternate in the appointment.

Move by Donald Steele to appoint Travis Jaedtke as the CCPG Representative and Billy Paul as Alternate, second by Margie Schmidt

Vote 11-0-2, motion approved, with Billy Paul and Travis Jaedtke abstaining.

Item 8. Reports to Group

Planning Department

Brian Schoenfisch

Brian reported on further improvements on Balboa Ave. Some more money is in the fund making future improvements possible. A bicycle project is being planned from I-5 to Tierrasanta along Balboa Avenue. This money should be available in the Spring. He reported the median improvements that include landscape improvements near the Abernathy Street is in design. There was discussion about the left hand turn lanes. Brian indicated the closures are not part of the current design process and project, but could be considered in a separate project.

Town Council

Sheri Mongeau
No report.

BACAC

Billy Paul
No report

Chair

Brooke announced there will be elections coming shortly for CCPG membership and Brooke will be letting those know who are up for election.

Secretary

No report.

Treasurer

Susan Mournian reported \$157 in our account.

CPC Report.

No report.

Traffic and Transportation

Susan Mournian indicated her interest in the over-sized vehicle parking ordinance and she will follow the ordinance's progress. It is to be renamed to something different.

Project Review

Donald Steele made a comment that he appreciated the members time and involvement in reviewing projects coming before the CCPG.

Airports

No report.

Parking

No report

Schools Liason

No report.

Vision committee

Considered in Item 302.

Additional Items

Billy Paul announced he is having a hip replacement done soon and may miss the next few meetings.

Adjournment at 8:15 pm.