

# EASTERN AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Parish Hall – 2725 55<sup>th</sup> Street, San Diego, CA 92105

May 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes - FINAL

Chair Laura Riebau noting a quorum called the meeting call to order at 7:15 pm. Board members in attendance were Denise Armijo, Mario Ingrasi, Carl Davis, Andy Huelskamp, Jonathan Cutler, Jolaine Harris, Daniele Laman, Bruce Williams and herself, Earl Lamar joined at 7:20; Anne Schoeller and Linda Godoy were absent..

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC:** Daniele: Meet the Mayor function at Cherokee Elementary on Thursday, May 15, 5:00 pm.

**COUNCIL AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:** Chris Pearson, District 9 Representative was not present, but sent report to Chair that increase in DIF fees had passed the Infrastructure subcommittee meeting and was on its way to the full City Council. Chair reported she attended meeting and Councilmembers Myrtle Cole, District 4, and Marti Emerald, District 9 both spoke in favor. Staff Report mentioned that all four planning groups, Kensington-Talmadge, Normal Height, Eastern Area and City Heights in Mid-City Community Plan want their own, separate community plans.

**EL CAJON BOULEVARD MOBILITY STUDY, IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:** Discussion lead by Michael Prinz. He had been visited by members of a committee formed to work on finding funding sources and applying for grants for a Mobility Study on El Cajon Blvd. The Chair for the College Area planning group, Jan Hintzman of Rolando and Laura R. are members of this committee. The Mobility Study will include community members and result in a plan. A Plan is needed before money can be allocated for improvements. The cost for a study is expected to be \$250,000 - \$300,000. Councilmember Marti Emerald has earmarked about \$50,000 in her budget for the Study.

Discussion included the following board questions and Michael's responses:

Q - Three major intersections comprised a traffic study in the past. College and Montezuma, El Cajon and College, and 54<sup>th</sup> and El Cajon. Was this study successful in its implementation.

R - : I believe this project did not come to fruition.

Q: Can we change the right of way rights as projects are developed in proximity to the Blvd.?

R: This could be looked at but would take an extensive review and alteration of City planning.

Q: Is there coordination between the multiple studies ie: Bike study, 54<sup>th</sup>/University re-configuration.

R: I do meet with the planners on a semi-regular basis and we to confer on communication from the planning committees and communities.

Q: It seems there is a lack of cohesion on some of these projects. Each done separately creates impacts that are not considered as a whole and it is creating problems.

R: We do tend to focus on one project alone in order to ensure each project receive required funding.

Q: There is funding to around 50<sup>th</sup> Street. The committee is currently looking at development from 54<sup>th</sup> and East – Can we included those 8 blocks in a mobility study?

R: that is a possibility depending on where the grant funding comes from.

Q: The current status of the Chollas Triangle EIR?

R: looking at public review Mid Summer. Will provide info to the planning committee.

Q: What timeline are we looking at for improvements to happen?

R: Possible plan finalized in the fall and projects to follow towards the end of next year.

Michael will be our contact for further questions and concerns – information with the City is best routed through a single point.

**OAK PARK BRANCH CHOLLAS CREEK ENHANCEMENT PLAN** - Eric Bowlby of San Diego CanyonLands presented “Proposed” Canyon Enhancement Plan Oak Park Branch of Chollas Creek. San Diego has a Canyon Enhancements Program(CEP) that has a committee that meets with stakeholders to discuss the plans and concerns. Canyonlands is asking for support moving the plans forward and into the planning and development phases. A full CEQA document would be drafted and sent for approval. Documents provided (Oak Park Chollas Creek Draft / Map Legend)

Comments /Questions and Responses:

Q: Can bridges be built in the Ridgeview area to overcome the steep trails and endangered wildlife protected by MSPCA (multi species protection act)

R: This is a possibility but the amount of infrastructure may not be supported.

Is it possibly a children’s nature interpretive center at the northeast side of Sunshine Bernadini Park.

Suggestions for changes to Draft Enhancement Plan. Separate EACPC (Webster, Oak Park and Redwood Village from City Heights, Ridgeview.

Comments from Redwood Village should be included regarding community clean up and the Friends of the Creek committee.

Concerned about flooding and safety of children.

Concerned with habitat preservation and believes should be an addition

Will the other canyon trails connect to the creek?

R:Yes

Will the area around Home Ave. be developed?

R: North End of 54<sup>th</sup>.

Earl: Are canyons of Elm Street included?

R: Do not appear to be.

Vote to send letter in favor of Enhancement Plan – Yes 9; No-0; Chair abstains.

**HOOKAH LOUNGE ENFORCEMENT LETTER:** Many problems. Business owner is claiming he is only a retail location. Owner is subletting; Landlord claiming his hands are tied. SDPD is helping. FDA is pursuing regulation of Hookah and E-Cigarettes. Zodiac Hookah Lounge is in the approval process for their liquor license.

Denise/Mario: Review of letter to Mayor Faulconer and City Council voicing an immediate review and addressing of the permitting process and regulations over such establishments.

Suggestion to add compliance enforcement costs into licensing fees; include zoning in relation to schools, churches places with children

Daniele motions to approve letter with proposed amendments; Andy Seconds Vote – passes Yes 8; N-0; Chair abstains.

Daniele Parks: Little League wrapping up. Problems with current Park Ranger not spending much time at Chollas Lake Park and a second park ranger and this issue should be raised at the upcoming meetings.

Schools: Iftin – old Jackson elementary school site - is meeting for long term planning May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ask current School board member about Navy housing children being bussed.

Transportation: City adopting State smart transportation initiatives.

Bicycles: Updates to the plan including few alternative routes and seem to be moving to only main streets in Eastern Area.

Good of the Order:

Euclid Ave Gateway Master Plan( South of 94 and Include some areas North.  
[SanDiego.gov/encantocpu](http://SanDiego.gov/encantocpu) .

Rquid preliminary injunction ruling on review by Judge Catherine Bacal.

Webster should form a subcommittee to help with the grant applications for upcoming grants.

Meeting adjourned on motion, second and unanimous vote at 9:45 pm.

Submitted by Jon Cutler, Secretary