

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Scripps Ranch Civic Association Community Center

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 pm with a quorum established.

Members Present (12 total): Lorayne Burley, Lou Segreti, Ralph Merg, Tom Meissner, Russell Shon, Michelle Abella-Shon, Ernie Burciaga, Jan Kane, Bill Crooks, Chuck Mitchell, Dustin Steiner, Pat Wright.

Guests: Wally Wulfeck (SMRPG), Sandy Wetzel-Smith, Tiffany Vinson (City Council), Wes Danskin (past MRNPC Chair & SRCA President), George Pecoraro, Craig Balben (SD Water Authority), Jamie Diez (MAD Grounds Manager), Casey Smith (MAD District Manager).

Introductions: Committee members and guests in attendance introduced themselves.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda items):

Regarding Carroll Canyon Commercial Center (CCCC) Project. *Resident Wes Danskin*, who served as the MRNPC Chair for 8 year during the 90s and 3 years as the SRCA President spoke to the committee, thanking the group for their service and his concern with the CCCC land use change, specifically the conversion of land use from industrial to commercial. Mr. Danskin believes the CCCC Project to be a critical issue for all of SR including both planning groups. He wrote a Dialogue article in the Dec 2013 SRCA Newsletter expressing his concern.

Modifications to the Agenda: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Council District 5: *Tiffany Vinson reported.* Coffee w/ Mark Kersey is available to any resident upon request. The FY 2015 budget outlook (attached) shows a 19.1M deficit despite past years of surplus expected. Storm water regulations needs to be updated per new Federal guidelines. Consideration for a 120M bond issuance by the City for infrastructure, repairs, new libraries and fire stations, and storm drain improvements. Infrastructure plans for next 5 years and long term. Councilman Kersey is looking for qualified individuals to serve on Boards and Commissions. If you would like to apply for a different board, a list can be found on the city's website.

The City is working w/ the community to approve the official name change of the *SR Community Information Center* to *SR Civic Association Community Center*. A letter (attached) from SRCA President Bob Ilko to Councilman Mark Kersey was distributed. MRNPC members voiced no objections to the name change. The Chair stated that the committee has been utilizing the "SRCA Community Center" name on meeting documents, such as agenda postings and minutes, since we host our meetings at this location which is currently marked w/ the unofficial name on a vinyl banner sign.

Andy Fields was named the Interim Director, Parks & Recreation Dept. (Memorandum attached)

2. City of San Diego Planning Dept: None

3. Caltrans: None

4. Federal/State/County: None

5. **Scripps Miramar Ranch Planning Group:** *Wally Wulfeck reported.* MRNPC are invited to attend the Thursday, December 5th SMRPG meeting. Dan McAllister with the San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector will present. Two main construction projects: the Carroll Canyon Commercial Center which is waiting for the final EIR and response to the new Caltrans letter; and the Continuing Life Communities (CLC) project, the Glen at Scripps Ranch, which is south of Pomerado Road.

6. **Scripps Ranch Civic Association:** *Tom Messiner and Ernie Burciaga reported.* Fundraising is a big effort now due to underfunding. Realize the need to market the SRCA to the public. Recently held very productive meetings/workshops. Trying to reconnect with residents.

PRESENTATIONS/ DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Election:** George Pecoraro was elected to a four year term effective December 2013. Motion by Jan Kane; Second by Tom Messiner. Motion carries 12-0.

2. **Update on Nob Hill Improvements Project:** *Craig Balben*, with the San Diego Water Authority presented. He provided an update on the replacement of two sections of existing pipelines in the Nob Hill area. The status on the draft EIR schedule, which is pending release in January 2014, was shared as well as the construction of a new access road from Scripps Lake Drive. Project info/details can be found at: <http://sdcwa.org/nob-hill-pipeline-improvements>

3. **MRN-MAD Budget Approval:** *Jaime Diez*, Grounds Maintenance Manger and *Casey Smith*, District Manager, presented the FY 2015 (FY15) version 11-22-13 MRN-MAD budget for approval. Also presented, was the Plant Replacement Costs for the Median at I-15 and Scripps Poway Parkway, and the December Staff Report.

Casey shared with the committee that the District was re-engineered in FY 1999 for compliance with Proposition 218. The District was re-balloted for FY 2003 to allow for an increase in assessments and additional District improvements.

The FY15 version 11-22-13 budget requested a 20% increase in assessment rates due to the prevailing wage ordinance increase, a 15% increase in water and SDG&E/electrical costs, a backlog for tree trimming, park and recreation repairs and an increase in district administration costs.

Bill Crooks shared that the goal in the past was to reduce assessment increases by reducing services such as, reducing landscaping services, minimize enhancement projects and decreasing water costs.

Others on the committee shared the approach of a more modest increase in rates was needed to maintain a mid range target operating reserve. Also, noted was that the committee had been too conservative on past increases.

Two acceptable approaches emerged after discussion: either increase the assessment by a modest amount of 5-10% or wait 1 year, with no increase, and observe expenditures. The second choice was a viable approach due to sufficient operating cash reserves at this date.

Lorayne Burley shared that a 10% increase raised the assessment payments to \$5.20 for zone 1 and \$23 for zone 2. A 15% increase raised the assessment payments to \$8 for zone 1 and \$34 for zone 2.

The first motion presented by Pat Wright; Second by Michelle Abella-Shon; was to increase the MRN-MAD assessment by 5%. **Motion failed by vote of 5-7-0.** (For: Abella-Shon, Shon, Burley, Burciaga, Wright; Against: Crooks, Kane, Meissner, Merg, Mitchell, Segreti, Steiner; Abstentions: none)

The second motion presented by Lou Segreti; Second by Ralph Merg, to have no increase and evaluate expenditures and operating cash reserves next year at the FY 2016 review, passed. **Motion carries by a vote of 7-5-0.** (For: Crooks, Kane, Meissner, Merg, Mitchell, Segreti, Steiner; Against: Abella-Shon, Shon, Burley, Burciaga, Wright; Abstentions: none)

Hence, the MRN-MAD assessment rates will have no increase, under the revised FY15 version 12-03-13 budget, pending District administration review and authorization.

An archive of MAD documents, such as the two versions of the budget (FY15 version 11-22-13 & FY15 version 12-03-13), the median replacement costs, the past 6 months of MAD staff reports and a chart of the assessment history from FY08-FY15, are available online for your review at:

<http://www.scrippsrancho.org/committees/advisory-committees/mrnpc.html>

For additional information, a chart of the assessment rate history, from FY08 – FY15 was reviewed. Of interest is the fact that between FY11 – FY13 the assessment rates decreased by 10% due to use of reclaimed water and an updated landscape contract. It's also noteworthy that the assessment rates for FY13 – FY15 will remain unchanged.

4. Approval of minutes - November 1013: Pending. Need to circulate for group review prior to next meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Chair's report:** Circulated by email.
2. **MAD/LMD:** No report.
3. **New Projects & Transportation:** *Michelle Abella-Shon* asked about the new traffic light at Hibert Street, noting that it appears too tall.
4. **Public Facilities & Financing:** No report.
5. **Schools:** No report.
6. **YMCA, Open Space, Parks & Recreation:** No report.
7. **Round Table:**

a) *Dustin Steiner* suggested that MRNPC consider writing a recommendation letter on behalf of Andy Fields for his excellent past work with our committee.

b) *Bill Crooks* suggested that the MRNPC discuss and recommend on the CCCC Project, since it impacts all of Scripps Ranch collectively, when the final EIR is available.

c) *Jan Kane* brought forward as an informational item the Vulcan Materials Company Poway Mine Project located in Beeler Canyon, north of Stonebridge Estates. Truck traffic on SPP will increase when the mine becomes operational.

Other Business: None.

Adjournment at 9:15pm. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2014 due to limited agenda items in the month of January 2014. The January cancellation notice will be posted in December 2013.

the projected FY 2015 deficit is an increase of \$43.0 million. The following table displays the impact of the Mandates section of the Outlook on the surplus/(deficit) projected for FY 2015 through FY 2019.

(\$ in millions)

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Mandated Expenditure Adjustments	\$ 40.5	\$ 64.6	\$ 81.8	\$ 99.0	\$ 104.9
Net Impact of Mandates	\$ 43.0	\$ 68.9	\$ 88.1	\$ 106.4	\$ 114.1
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Critical Operational Needs

The Critical Operational Needs section incorporates a significant number of critical programs and projects identified by the City's General Fund departments that will provide enhancements to current service levels or upgrade existing equipment. Additionally, several of the items identified within this section have been historically underfunded or funded with grants. Programs and projects included within the Critical Operational Needs section are grouped by department and discussed in detail later in this report.

For FY 2015, department's Critical Operational Needs are projected to result in a minor increase in revenues and a \$15.8 million increase in expenditures. The net impact to the projected FY 2015 deficit is an increase of \$15.8 million. The revenue increase projected for FY 2015 is anticipated to remain constant for FY 2016 through FY 2018 and then decrease in FY 2019, while the impact of expenditures are projected to decrease through the Outlook period. The impact of departments' Critical Operational Needs on the surplus/(deficit) projected for FY 2015 through FY 2019 is displayed in the following table.

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Critical Operational Needs Revenue	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ (2.0)
Critical Operational Needs Expenditures	\$ 15.8	\$ 11.0	\$ 10.4	\$ 10.7	\$ 7.0
Net Critical Operational Needs	\$ 15.8	\$ 11.0	\$ 10.4	\$ 10.7	\$ 9.0
Critical Operational Needs Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (78.0)	\$ (66.8)	\$ (51.4)	\$ (44.1)	\$ (19.1)



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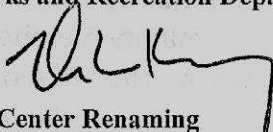
MARK KERSEY

CITY COUNCILMAN, FIFTH DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 14, 2013

TO: Andrew Field, Interim Director, Parks and Recreation Department

FROM: Councilman Mark Kersey 

RE: Scripps Ranch Community Service Center Renaming

The Scripps Ranch Civic Association is a non-profit organization that is vital to the success of the community of Scripps Ranch. I hereby respectfully request the renaming of the Scripps Ranch Community Service Center to "Scripps Ranch Civic Association Community Center."

The Scripps Ranch Civic Association represents over a combined 12,000 households in the communities of Scripps Miramar Ranch, Miramar Ranch North and Rancho Encantada. The Scripps Ranch Civic Association protects and promotes neighbourhood interests, keeps the community informed through publication and delivery of its monthly newsletter to every household, and partners with the City to deliver services to Scripps Ranch. In addition to the enhanced services delivered through the organization, the Scripps Ranch Civic Association administers the Scripps Ranch Fire Safe Council, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and a Neighborhood Watch program that has served as a model for the City. The organization also manages successful community events, such as the 4th of July Parade and Fair, the Scripps Ranch Community Fair, and biannual Community Cleanup Days.

The impact the Scripps Ranch Civic Association has had on the community is undeniable and is applauded. Renaming this facility will provide due recognition to an incredible asset to the community. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

cc: Hon. Mayor Todd Gloria
Kathy Ruiz, Deputy Director, Community Parks I



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October 22, 2013

Councilman Kersey:

As an active community leader, I would like to request the name of the Scripps Ranch Community Information Center officially be changed to the "Scripps Ranch Civic Association Community Center."

As you know, the Scripps Ranch Civic Association (SRCA) operates the Community Information Center with the purpose of creating a space for community members to use, building the culture and character of Scripps Ranch. The SRCA maintains a community calendar on our website, www.ScrippsRanch.org, on which residents can view events at the center and review vacant times to plan future events. Working closely with groups such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Toastmasters, homeowners associations, 50+ Club, and Sustainable Scripps Ranch, the SRCA works diligently to include groups and residents from neighborhoods across our community.

In addition to operating the Scripps Ranch Community Information Center, the Scripps Ranch Civic Association oversees a very successful Neighborhood Watch program, the 4th of July Parade and Celebration, Scripps Ranch Clean-Up Days, and other events that benefit the community, such as the Cedar Fire Anniversary events. The Scripps Ranch Civic Association is a dedicated partner to the City with the ultimate mission to make Scripps Ranch a better place to live. Therefore, we respectfully request the renaming of the Community Center to the "Scripps Ranch Civic Association Community Center."

Thank you

Bob Ilko, President
Scripps Ranch Civic Association