

MIRAMAR RANCH NORTH PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 1, 2013
Scripps Ranch Community Center

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03 p.m. Quorum established at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present: Lorayne Burley, Jan Kane, Chuck Mitchell, Lou Segreti, Tom Meissner, Chris Todd, Michelle Defelippi, Pat Wright, Ralph Merg, Bill Crooks, Michelle Abella-Shon, Russell Shon

Guests: Assemblymember Brian Maienschein, Rob Knudsen, Andrew Erickson (intern in Assemblymember Maienschein's office) Ernie Burciaga, Sandy Wetzel Smith, Wally Wulfeck, Bob Ilko, Jim Sullivan, George Pecoraro, Justin Schlaefli, Janay Kruger, Karen Ruggels, John Leppert (Leppert Engineering Corp.)

Introductions: Committee members and guests in attendance introduced themselves.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda items):

John Leppert of Leppert Engineering reported concerning Mira Mesa Boulevard median improvements. Work is scheduled to start in approximately two weeks from the date of this meeting. There will be no more cones in the median at the easterly terminus of Mira Mesa Boulevard where it intersects Scripps Ranch Boulevard. In place of the raised plastic cones there will be a raised median, stamped concrete, a turn pocket enabling Eastbound traffic to turn into commercial properties on the North side of the street. New traffic controls will restrict U-turns at Eastbound to Westbound Mira Mesa Boulevard where Mira Mesa Boulevard intersects Scripps Ranch Boulevard. Scripps Ranch Boulevard will be widened at Erma Road to allow U-turns there. The project will be undertaken at night so as to not disrupt commuters during heavier traffic times. The project is expected to last 4-6 months.

Jim Sullivan expressed his appreciation to the MRNPC, the Watermark ad hoc committee, and to the chair for undertaking efforts to improve traffic concerns associated with the Watermark project.

Modifications to the Agenda: Assemblymember Maienschein was permitted to speak first rather than fourth under the Communications portion of the agenda. MedImpact/Sudberry/Watermark Project was switched from Item 3 under the Presentations/ Discussion/Action Items portion of the agenda to item 2. Item 2, Speed Limit Increase on Scripps Creek Drive, was switched to Item 3.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Federal/State/County: Assemblymember Brian Maienschein reported:

- a. As of the time of the meeting the Miramar Airshow would still be taking place in spite of the federal government shutdown (it was thereafter cancelled).
- b. Andrew Erickson, SRHS's ASB president, and Assemblymember Maienschein's office intern, was given special recognition.
- c. Assemblymember Maienschein noted that there would be an upcoming commemoration of the Cedar Fire, on its 10-year anniversary.
- d. Assemblymember Maienschein reported on his first year in the California legislature. 42 members out of 80 are new, which was noted to be good for change, but with maximum 12 year terms rather than the

prior six, it is hoped that the legislators will be better able to collaborate and perhaps lead to some institutional memory assuming offices are held to the maximum term. It was also noted that open primaries appear to have made for more competitive elections.

e. Assemblymember Maienschein noted that the six bills he authored or sponsored all made it out of the legislature to the Governor's desk. Three were highlighted:

1. AB465 -- Background checks for youth sports coaches
2. AB68 -- Prisoner release for parole and medical reasons, the county in which the release occurs will be notified
3. AB216 -- Students in foster care can use state graduation requirements rather than individual school district requirements so as to avoid being hamstrung by conflicting rules

2. **City Council District 5:** None.

3. **City of San Diego Planning Dept:** None

4. **Caltrans:** None

5. **Scripps Miramar Ranch Planning Group:** Wally Wulfeck, chair of the SRMPG, reported:

- a. Responses are due October 2 for the draft EIR for the Carroll Commercial Center,
- b. A meeting recently addressed traffic impacts related to the Watermark project
- c. September 30, Mr. Wulfeck and others attended a seminar at City Operations, on Advanced CEQA training.
- d. There has been a traffic impact study, but no EIR yet, for Continuing Life Communities, with its proposed Glen at Scripps Ranch, next to Chabad and Alliant. The project calls for varying residential units including independent living up to skilled nursing level, and even an Alzheimer's unit. Projected ADT's are at 1800, which is relatively mild. Regardless, Pomerado Road widening was raised as a potential need by Pat Wright.

6. **Scripps Ranch Civic Association:** Bob Ilko, President of the SRCA, reported:

- a. Newsletter, October 2013 issue -- a lot of effort was undertaken to get this issue put together; part-time staff members worked full-time to get it complete. The issue highlights many aspects of the Scripps experience with the Cedar Fire ten years ago.
- b. Evacuation Plan Brochure -- the brochure, included as an insert to the October 2013 newsletter, was three years in the making. SRCA and Fire Safe Council funded it.
- c. Eagle Scout project -- a history of Scripps Ranch from 1890 - 2010 done by Jake Todd.
- d. 10/19/13 Day of Community Service -- Those interested in volunteering can obtain a map from SCRA and drop off fire prevention materials (two packets have been produced for distribution), from 9:00 to noon.
- e. 10/27/13 at the Scripps Ranch Recreation Center -- a celebration lunch commemorating Scripps' recovery from the Cedar Fire. What took 10 years for Oakland to complete the recovery from its

wildfires took Scripps a total of 2 years and community teamwork is to be celebrated at the celebration lunch.

7. **Community Planning Council:** See attached.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **September 3, 2013 Minutes** – Approved.

PRESENTATIONS/ DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Election Ernie Burciaga** – Mr. Burciaga has been a resident since 1996. He has been a member of the SRCA for the past 2-1/2 years. He is interested in development and beautifying the community. **Michelle Abella-Shon moved, Jan Kane seconded Mr. Burciaga's nomination. Mr. Burciaga was elected unanimously.** Having come on mid-year, Mr. Burciaga's first term will expire March 2017.
2. **Watermark project** -- Janay Kruger, Justin Schlaefli, and Karen Ruggels were present to address any concerns and to secure MRNPC's sign-off on a letter memorandum of understanding. MRNPC's ad hoc Watermark subcommittee had a meeting and developed community agreements. Colton Sudberry will sign the letter on Thursday October 3, on his return from out of town. Sudberry Properties will advocate to the City Council all of the nine issues set forth in the memorandum letter. The project will be going to planning commission on October 24, 2013. Sudberry would like the letter as part of the support. One item is completely within Sudberry's complete control, #5 giving the community \$20,000. These funds will be held in a special account, and if there is a v-calm or other traffic calming approach in the residential area immediately due south of the proposed Watermark, then the City will charge against the account for purchase of the items. Sudberry is very excited about the project. Whole Foods has executed a letter of intent. The former co-owner of Cinopolis will be entering a deal for the upscale movie theater. Upscale hotels and restaurants are also very excited. **Chris Todd moved, Tom Meissner seconded approval of the letter and to authorize the chair to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Speed Limit Increase Scripps Creek Drive** -- Lorayne Burley presented, reporting that the City had indicated it would increase the speed limit from 25 mph to 30 mph on Scripps Creek Drive. On MRNPC's notification to the community, fourteen letters had been received as of the time of the meeting, all against an increase. George Pecoraro from Watkins Court spoke against an increase. There was further discussion concerning the dangerous exit, both for left and right turns, coming out to Scripps Creek Drive from Watkins Court. Four way stops at Mulgrave, or three way stops at Watkins Court, were suggested as possible remedies to the dangerous exit turn. Ms. Burley noted that she has asked the Traffic Engineer to evaluate whether there should be a stop sign at the Scripps Creek Drive and Watkins Court intersection. **Bill Crooks moved, Ralph Merg seconded opposing the proposed speed limit increase. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Signs Policy** -- Jan Kane reported as a matter of information that the community signs policy is that no signs are allowed. Exceptions are made on school properties, where banners are allowed. Per Ms. Kane's experience, Jaime Diez on behalf of the MAD will take care of any signs put up in violation of the policy, and he will do so rapidly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Chair's report:** The report of Ms. Burley is attached.
2. **MAD/LMD:** None.
3. **New Projects & Transportation:** None.
4. **Facilities & Financing:** None.
5. **Schools:** None
6. **YMCA, Open Space, Parks & Recreation:** None.
7. **Round Table:** Ernie Burciaga attended the Los Penasquitos Watershed meeting. Rather than utilizing the previous fractured approach where every city within a watershed was allowed to do its own thing, the County Water Authority is now undertaking a more collaborative approach. The Los Penasquitos Watershed includes the area from the foothills east of 67 to the ocean. Interested community stakeholders are encouraged to participate and can learn more by going to [www. ProjectCleanwater.org](http://www.ProjectCleanwater.org).
Tom Meissner attended a recent Sustainable Scripps Ranch event promoting clean energy and energy efficiency.
It was also noted that the City' Director of Development Services is looking for input from each community on its "Top Three Things." This topic will be agendized in the future.
Other Business: None.

Adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

MRNPC Chair's Report for October 2013

Fellow MRNPC members,

We have a full agenda this month so I encourage you to review the agenda, the attachments, and links prior to the meeting.

On the agenda:

(#1) Election of Ernie Burciago - welcome aboard!

(#2) MedImpact/ Sudberry / Watermark Project

The final Watermark Project EIR was released on Thursday, Sept 18th.

A Watermark Project Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 26th in the SR Library Seminar Room at 6:00pm.

(#3) MRN Signage Policy

A concern regarding signage in MRN has been raised. Current policy and procedures will be reviewed. A copy of the "Sign Policy on the Ranch" article is attached from the SRCA Newsletter, April 2002.

(#4) Speed Limit Increase on Scripps Creek Drive

MRNPC received a City Traffic division notification letter regarding a pending increase of the posted speed on Scripps Creek Drive between Spring Canyon Road and Scripps Poway Parkway in the MRN community. Copy of letter was distributed to MRN members and is attached.

Consent Agenda Items:

#1 Approval of August 2013 Minutes

The minutes will be circulated among the members as a PDF document prior to the meeting via email. An opportunity to request corrections will be made in the meeting. Should no such requests be made, the Chair will deem the minutes adopted by unanimous consent.

In other matters:

1. The Watermark Project

~~The final Watermark Project EIR was released on Thursday, Sept 18th. A Watermark Project Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Sept 26th to review the final EIR results and advise on potential amendments, such as the agreements from the May, 29th Traffic Meeting. Amendments or conditions can be added, by vote to the current MRN project approval (May 2013/6-2 vote)~~

2. Neighborhood Input for Capital Improvements

Our CIP work was submitted to the CPC Chair, Joe LaCava on Sept 16th. MRNPC was the first official submittal. A summary of our CIP work attached. Good job to everyone for participating in the 3+ month long process, attending the training workshop and concluding with submitting our 4 top CIP items plus an inventory list of CIP work for our MRN community.

3. Administration News

(a) Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Calendar the date of November 5th, 6pm at the SRCA Community Center to prepare for our annual December 3rd budget review and approval. This year, we also need to consider the impact of the

pending new living wage increase ordinance and review the results of the Assessment Engineering Report posted on the MRNPC website at:

http://www.scrippsranh.org/images/stories/AssessmentEngReportMRN-MAD-2014-pgs1-25_web.pdf

(b) Public Facility Finance Plan (PFFP) Ad Hoc Subcommittee – TBD

4. Carroll Canyon Commercial Center (CCCC)

The draft EIR for the CCCC has been released was distributed in prior email. The public information announcement, w/ website URLs, is included in attachments. An ad hoc subcommittee meeting for the CCCC is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 26th in the SR Library Seminar Room at 4:00pm.

5. CPC News

I attended the Tuesday, September 24, 2013 meeting. Agenda topics included: Alcohol Licensing Procedures, Previously Conforming Premises and Use, Feedback on Crafting a Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance, and Neighborhood Input on Infrastructure. Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpc/agendas/index.shtml>

6. Water Quality Improvement Plan workshop

A water quality workshop regarding the Los Penatitos watershed was held on Wednesday, September 4 at the City of Poway Council Chambers. The City of San Diego and the cities of Del Mar, Poway, the County of San Diego and Caltrans are seeking input from the community to assist with the creation of a Water Quality Improvement Plan for the watershed. Additional information can be found at: www.projectcleanwater.org Ernie Burciaga attended and will provide a report.

7. Traffic concerns in MRN school zones

Letter received regarding MRN traffic problems around the Ellen Browning Scripps School (11778 Cypress Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92131). This is a yearly, specifically during back-to-school, occurrence in MRN neighborhoods and is addressed by the City of San Diego Council representatives, the City of San Diego Traffic dept and SDUSD administrators. Letter attached.

8. Three Top Issues

When Bill Fulton, the new Director of Development Services, addressed the CPC members at the June 2013 meeting, he stated that he would try to attend every community planning group meeting at least once and ask, what are the "Top Three Issues" for the community? Look for this agenda item in the coming months.

Have a great week, read up on the agenda items, and we will see you on Tuesday, Oct 1st.

Regards

Lorayne Burley

MRNPC Chair's Report will become part of the public meeting record.

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