

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP**

April 02, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Deborah Bossmeyer
Jason Broad
Paul Brown
John Carson
Gina Cord
Bob Cummings
Randall Dolph
Robert Doherty
Alan Grant
Elizabeth Leventhal
John Nugent
Doris Payne-Camp
Alex Plishner
Brittany Ruggels
Karen Ruggels
Marco Sessa
Dottie Surdi
Josh Weiselberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Monica Davis
Perry Dealy
John LaRaia

GUESTS

Julie Bartlett
Gordon Dunfee
Rob Hutsel
Laszlo Kelemen
Kara King
Robert McDowell
Heather Pollock
Rick Tarbell

FEDERAL REP'S STAFF

Jonathan Hardy

CITY STAFF

Adam McElroy
Ryley Webb

COUNTY STAFF

ASSEMBLY STAFF

Katelyn Hailey

President Dottie Surdi called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library Community Room located at 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Verify Quorum: 18 members were present, constituting a quorum.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Doris Payne-Camp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. INTRODUCTIONS / OPENING REMARKS/ AGENDA CHANGE

Dottie Surdi welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present to sign the sign in sheets.

Guests introduced themselves.

D. MARCH MINUTES

Marco Sessa inquired about separating the March MVPG membership minutes from the March MVPG Board minutes. The minutes will be separated and the MVPG Board minutes for March will be presented at the May 2014 MVPG board meeting.

E. PUBLIC INPUT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items.

F. MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS – John Nugent

1. Election of Officers

John Nugent reported on the nominees for the MVPG officers, with terms ending in 2016.

Chair: Dottie Surdi
Vice Chair: Jason Broad
Secretary: John Nugent
Treasurer: Robert Doherty

John asked for any nominations from the floor.

Gina Cord moved to elect Dottie Surdi as Chair, Jason Broad as Vice Chair, John Nugent as Secretary and Robert Doherty as a Treasurer, with terms ending in 2016. Marco Sessa seconded the motion. Nominees were elected 18- 0 -0 .

Doris Payne-Camp announced her resignation from the MVPG as she was selling her condo and leaving the Mission Valley. Appreciation was expressed for her years of service.

John Nugent reported that with Doris Payne-Camp's resignation the following positions are open on the MVPG;

Property Taxpayer-term ending March 2016
Property Owner-term ending March 2016
Local Businessperson -term ending March 2018
Resident--term ending March 2018

G. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Doherty reported a balance of \$1,414.43.

H. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

1. Police Department – Officer Adam McElroy

Officer McElroy arrived late. See his report at end of meeting.

Fire Department – No report.

I. GOVERNMENTAL STAFF REPORTS

1. Mayor's Office

Anthony George emailed that he was sick today and could not attend the meeting but asked that the following announcement be made:

There is a District 7 “Meet the Mayor” event on April 16th from 5-6:30 in Linda Vista at the bayside Community Center. A flyer for the event will be emailed to board members.

2. State Representatives

a. Senate Member's Office – Sen. Marty Block from the 39th Senate District
Katelyn Hailey was not present. No report

b. Assembly Member's Office – Shirley Weber from the 79th Assembly District
George Gastil was not present. No report.

3. Federal Representatives

a. Congresswoman Susan Davis' Office --

Jonathan Hardy distributed the latest “Davis Dispatch”, reviewed the 2014 Congressional Art competition and is attempting to schedule the Congresswoman to attend a MVPG meeting.

b. Congressman Scott Peters' Office – Sarah Czarrecki was not present. No report.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon and ½ Marathon Routes – (Information Item)

Kara Kong reported on the June 1st Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon and ½ Marathon and distributed map and road closure information.

The route will be the same as 2013:

- Finish line will be at Petco Park
- Southbound SR-163 will remain open on race day
- Northbound SR-163 will be closed for less time between downtown and Friars Rd
- Access lane will be provided in protected eastbound bike lane from Colusa St to Fashion Valley Rd. All traffic must turn on Fashion Valley Rd.

Further information and route maps can be found at:

<http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/san-diego>

2. Girls Think Tank-Heather Pollack- Information Item

Health Pollack reviewed Girls Think Tank's history, mission and projects.

The Girl's Think Tank's mission is to inspire, empower, and organize the community to advance basic human dignity, with a focus on the homeless. The organization views basic dignity as universal human rights, including access to basic needs and the right to be free from violence, exploitation and discrimination.

Strategy

Girls Think Tank provides a vehicle for citizens to become hands-on change agents in San Diego.

Girls Think Tank follows a collaborative, volunteer-based model, holding a monthly Basic Dignity Coalition meeting to identify issues, then starts a hands-on project to gather information and do on-the-ground research. From there, they craft community-based solutions to the challenge, entailing coalition building, organizing, and advocacy.

Projects:

- Raising \$700,000 in funding for public restrooms and water - two facilities are currently being installed at 14th and L next to Tailgate Park and 11th and Market,
- Survival Backpacks, which provided needed supplies three times a year to the homeless community.
- Mobile legal clinic
- The Transitional Storage Center in downtown San Diego. The center allows 350 displaced families and individuals to safely store their personal belongings without the risk of being stolen or destroyed. As of May 1, 2014, the Center will be located at 252 16th Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The new location is owned by the SD Housing Commission.

More information can be found at: www.girlsthintank.org

K. OLD BUSINESS

1. City Planning Update

Brian Schoenfisch was not present. No report.

2. Council Office-District 7- Councilmember Scott Sherman

Ryley Webb is filling in for Lx Fangonilo during his leave of absence. Ryley encouraged members to attend the Linda Vista Multicultural Fair and the Linda Vista "Meet the Mayor" meeting.

Ryley reported that they still had not received an answer regarding the installation of the proposed HAWK (High-Intensity Activated crossWalk beacon) traffic signals used to stop road traffic and allow pedestrians to cross safely.

In response to a request regarding the paving of Qualcomm Road, he discussed the capital improvement bond passed by the SD City Council which is now in limbo due to a threatened lawsuit.

3. Mission Valley Survey- John Carson

John Carson reported that he had received word from The San Diego Foundation that the MVPG grant application had been accepted and we will be notified after April 6th if the MVPG application has been selected for the next round of review. If so, the sub-committee will meet to draft the necessary documents.

4. Subcommittee Reports

a. Design Advisory Board

Randall Dolph reported that the Committee did not meet so there was no March report, He reported that Homewood Suites Mission Valley-Site Development Permit (Project 322356) will probably be an action item at the May meeting.

b. Stadium Committee

Randall Dolph reviewed a news article dated March 31, 2014 from CBS Sports.com titled *Chargers, city of San Diego haven't given up on new stadium* which included reference to a possible sale of the current stadium site in order to build a new stadium elsewhere.

c. San Diego River Coalition

Alan Grant reported that at the March meeting the annual work plan was reviewed and the May 2014 River Days events were discussed. The April meeting will include a presentation by the organization "I love a Clean San Diego" on water quality issues.

The dedication of the River Park trail under Hwy163 will be April 21st at 11:30 am.

d. Community Planners Committee (CPC)

Dottie Surdi will send out the minutes when she receives them.

e. Parks Subcommittee

Jason Broad had no report

f. Uptown Regional Bike Corridor Advisory Group

Brittany Ruggels had no report.

g. Public Health, Safety and Welfare

Elizabeth L Leventhal reported that Dolores Diaz from the Regional Task Force on The Homeless will speak at the May MVPG meeting.

4. Miscellaneous Mail

No Mail.

Police Department – Officer Adam McElroy

Officer McElroy reported on the weekly riverbed "sweeps of the homeless camps".

He reported that Sgt Ed Zwibel of the SDPD Homeless Enforcement Team- Central division will be on the agenda for the June MVPG meeting.

Officer McElroy answered questions regarding the legality of the individuals requesting money on the roadway median from idling drivers.

L. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 07, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library, Community Room.

John Nugent, Secretary