

SABRE SPRINGS PLANNING GROUP

MINUTES September 16, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Chairman Craig Balben.
Board Member Attendees: Craig Levitt, Rachele Melious, Mike Nelson. Secretary Craig Levitt declared nine vacancies on the planning group.

City Planner Tony Kempton questioned whether a quorum was present to conduct the meeting. Chairman Balben stated that a quorum of members was present since the Secretary, Craig Levitt, had declared there were nine vacancies from the total of 15 members the planning group had as of March 2009. The vacancies were declared because those nine members had not attended a planning group meeting since the March 2009 meeting.

MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT REPORT

City staff member Andy Field stated his staff would not present to the group because Mr. Kempton had questioned whether a quorum was present. Chairman Balben stated a quorum was present and asked Mr. Field to present the median re-landscaping project. Mr. Field declined and removed his staff from the meeting and left.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March and May 2009 minutes were unanimously approved.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Chairman Balben stated that Item 11(a) would be taken after the updates.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Balben stated he received several letters and announcements and if anyone is interested in learning more to see him after the meeting.

POLICE REPORT

There was no police representative present to offer a report.

REPORTS FROM OFFICES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

- **75TH STATE ASSEMBLYMAN NATHAN FLETCHER'S OFFICE**
Oscar Urteaga introduced himself to the group and provided an update on the assemblyman's positions and activities in the community.
- **COUNTY SUPERVISOR PAM SLATER-PRICE'S OFFICE**
There was no representative present to offer a report.
- **MAYOR JERRY SANDERS' OFFICE**
There was no representative present to offer a report.

- **COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 – CARL DeMAIO’S OFFICE**

John Ly provided an update on Councilman DeMaio’s votes and activities in the community.

COMMUNITY PLANNER’S REPORT

Tony Kempton, new Sabre Springs city planner, reported that the Sunrise Senior Center project is still moving forward and that Sunrise still had not submitted grading plans.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Fire-Safe Sabre Springs

Former planning group member Barbara Baker introduced herself and shared fire-safe information with the group and community members. She stated that she has been meeting with the Rancho Bernardo Fire-Safe Council and plans to share what she learns with the planning group and Sabre Springs residents. The planning group discussed holding a special fire-safe meeting in October 2009 or 2010 to share information with Sabre Springs residents.

B. Subcommittee Items

i. Community Website

Craig Levitt provided an update on the community website, www.sabre-springs.com.

ii. Parking Issues in Sabre Springs

Residents have noticed a big reduction recently in the amount of vehicles that are parking in their residential areas east of Sabre Springs Parkway. It was stated that April and May of this year were bad. Mike Nelson stated that Bridgepoint recently hired a community relations person and that their Sabre Springs office will now only house their corporate offices. He stated their call center has moved to the Sunroad building in Kearny Mesa, which should affect the amount of vehicles parking in residential areas.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Poway Road Class I Bike Path

Julie Ballesteros provided an update on the project which will upgrade a portion of the existing Class II bike path on Poway Road to a separated, Class I, bike path. The planning group unanimously approved the project, with conditions. The planning group would like to review the retaining wall, fencing, and landscaping in more detail before the design is finalized.

C. Medical Marijuana Task Force Nominee

Chairman Balben stated that the city council is considering nominees to serve on the newly created medical marijuana task force, which was created by the city council to recommend changes to the land use code and zoning guidelines to accommodate medical marijuana storefronts and dispensaries. Chairman Balben asked if anyone was interested. Chairman Balben stated his interest in serving on the task force. Craig Levitt motioned and Mike Nelson seconded to nominate Chairman Balben to the city council’s medical marijuana task force.

D. Election of New Members

There were no new members to elect but one new attendee expressed interest in joining the group and stated that she thought the topics discussed were important to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.