

Serra Mesa Planning Group

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Minutes of Serra Mesa Planning Group Regular Meeting.

Thursday January 15, 2008

Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library Community Room, 9005 Aero Dr.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

10 of 12 board members were present constituting a quorum. There were 15 audience members present.

Roll Call: Present: M. Marion, A. Smith, J. Feinberg, D. Wescott, B. Ryan, J. Ander, B. Savall, R. McDowell, E. Jimerson, D. Shockey. Not present: T. Wright, K. Mock (1 showed up after the first vote)

Community Forum: D. Wescott pointed out that this meeting was being held just 4 days shy of the 2 year anniversary of the first SMPG meeting in the new library.

Monica Fuentes wanted to announce the Friends of Ruffin Canyon is having a clean up on Feb. 7th. Also, "I Love a Clean San Diego" is looking for captains and co-captains.

There was a short discussion about the Valero gas station, did we know when it would be on the agenda as there are several people interested in making comments? D. Wescott doesn't have a firm date yet. He has some details about issues they're having related to a CUP to operate there that possible wasn't properly followed through on. The new owners are likely going to push for a renewal of the CUP, a car wash and possible expansion of the nearby food area.

Main Topics:

D. Wescott also mentioned the new hospital building having opened and felt that people should go take a look. During the opening, Dan Gross had thanked SMPG for working with them and didn't say the hospital was in Kearny Mesa, which is progress.

B. Ryan had an update on the traffic issues in Birdland: There has been ongoing work to try to alleviate the traffic getting in and out of their Children's campus and Birdland in general. The traffic backs up enough in the evening rush that at times, ambulances can't get through in a timely manner. There have been meetings with the city, SanDAG, etc. Looking for a short term fix for emergency vehicles as well as long term solutions. There was discussion of possibly disallowing street parking on Berger Avenue to open up more lanes, or asking schools and/or juvenile court to stagger schedules. Someone asked about the lot on the corner of Health Center Dr. that is often near empty. No one is sure who owns it, but it's likely owned by one of the medical buildings there, possibly the cardiac center.

D. Wescott mentioned that due to the lawsuit being filed against the Palladium project, the developer has said they won't fund the Aero Dr. landscape architect for the Street scape guidelines anymore. The city approval for the project didn't have that requirement in writing so they might not be able to hold the developer responsible for it. C. Moore mentioned that one city planner didn't want to vote for it without the Serra Mesa entry sign and that it might be a component of the guidelines. Also that SMCC is working on a brochure and signs to promote the lawsuit in the community. She also mentioned that the city marked the negative declaration items as "no impact" even though the project is far larger than the surrounding area. The lawsuit is working to shrink the size of the project, not to stop it all together.

D. Wescott brought up the updated bylaws. He thought the city was supposed to have approved them or not by now, however the city is backlogged at the moment with the change-

over in the city attorney's office. The City Attorney put together a guideline about how to interpret the 600-24 laws, also a short handbook is in the works.

SMPG has \$570.80 in the bank. D. Wescott made a motion to be reimbursed for expenses from last May for the constant Contact Subscription in the amount of \$153. B. Ryan seconded. Vote (9/0/0) passed unanimously. Doug also mentioned that SMCC will be taking over the Constant Contact account so this won't be a recurring fee for SMPG. There was a discussion about whether SMPG should continue to have a bank account or just allow the SMCC to handle money issues. A. Smith made a motion to refund the money to SMCC and close the account to avoid bank issues and piggy back on SMCC since the groups work together already. R. McDowell seconded. J. Ander wanted to know if the money could be earmarked for SMPG to ensure SMPG needs are fulfilled. Vote (4/5/0) failed to pass. B. Ryan made a motion to return all but \$100 to SMCC, keeping the \$100 as emergency funds under Doug's name. J. Feinberg seconded. Vote (8/2/0) passes, J. Ander and R. McDowell against.

There was a short discussion about Bob's gas station on Sandrock. It was going to become a Valero station in 2008 but that didn't happen. Not sure of the current status. SMPG is trying to keep pressure on the owner about the look/condition of the station.

The San Diego continuing education building is going to be remodeled. Not sure of plan details. There was talk of demolishing the secondary building, now it seems like they might demolish the main building and start from scratch. This remodel has been figured into the West Aero study. Any remodeling will have to meet CEQA standards, however it might possibly not need to meet some city requirements due to being part of the state.

People are still looking to put pressure on the developer to do something on the Mission Village apartments site on the corner of Mission Village Dr. and Ruffin Rd.

SMPG elections are coming up in March.

Cubberly is being looked at as a possible school that could be closed by the school district due to being smaller and not currently needed. Don't know details. There is a Small schools closure committee meeting on Jan 19th from 12 to 1pm.

Marco gave a short update on Quarry Falls. The process is moving forward but slowly, he estimated about 18 months to 2 years before construction is likely to start. Still no firm decision on the Phyllis Pl. Connection. C. Moore suggested that SMPG keep an eye on the road connection issue as she thinks the city still might try to slip it into the final plans. J. Feinberg asked if Sudberry had a stance one way or the other about the connection, Marco said no, they'd really just like a decision either way. J. Ander brought up that the fire department was also interested in the connection for emergency action. Others mentioned that there is information somewhere about Kaplan Dr. being another possible emergency route.

J. Ander explained the envelopes she'd handed out earlier: They were for donations to the Friends of the Library. The library is under a lot of pressure to reduce hours and cut back due to budget issues. J. Feinberg asked about the difference between the Friends of the Library vs the library foundation. The foundation is concerned with libraries as a whole and works with businesses to get backing, while Friends of the Library is local and working specifically for our library.

J. Ander also had updates about Montgomery Field. Flight services offices are no longer located in the San Diego area, they moved to Prescott Arizona. The running lights will also be on every night. They are making arrangements for inclement weather to put on high power lights

for visibility. There is also going to be a change to the ILS at the airport, addition of Distance Measuring Equipment.

D. Wescott brought up the city clustering the community plan updates in order to save time and money. Serra Mesa is likely at the end of the list as we don't have any large development area here and such redevelopments to fund the process.

R. McDowell mentioned that MCAS is adding a new joint strike fighter group so there will likely be increased flights. Had no update on historical buildings.

Legislative Aides and Community Planner:

Kristen Camper-Wozniak, District 6 / Council Office, 619-533-6460: Not present

Brian Shoefisch, Long range planner, 619-236-6153: Not present.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:51pm
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