

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
University Town Center – Forum Hall
Executive Committee Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Minutes (Final)

Directors present: Janay Kruger (JK) (Chair), Kris Kopensky (KK) (Secretary), Andrew Wiese (AW), Charley Herzfeld (CH), Deryl Adderson (DA), Nan Madden (NM), Pat Wilson (PW), Sam L. Greening (SG), Doug Williamson (DW), George Lattimer (GL), Petr Krysl (PK), Ryan Perry (RP), Bruce Rainey (BR), Alice Tana (AT), Kyle Heiskala (KH), Anu Delouri (AD), and Kristin Camper (KC).

Directors absent: Meagan Beale (MB), John Bassler (JB), Marilyn Dupree (MD), and William Geckeler (WG).

- 1. Call Meeting to Order** – Janay Kruger (JK) at 6:05 PM
- 2. B-2 Business Membership Qualification - DW**
 - a. DW: announced that his business has been sold and he no longer qualifies as a Business 2 member. He would be happy to stay if allowed
 - b. JK: This is a bylaw issue, lets table the issue until it can be resolved
 - c. The board was agreeable
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4. Agenda Adoption –**
 - a. Kilroy removed from agenda as they requested to come at a later date
 - b. JK: spoke to the City regarding item 10 and 11, recommendation was to reverse the sequence, placing 11 ahead of 10

Motion: Motion to approve as corrected by PW and seconded by AT.
Vote: Unanimous, motion passed.
- 5. Councilperson Sherri Lightner Office – Sherri Lightner**
 - a. Happy New Year
 - b. First two council meetings have been interesting
 - c. Vacancy on counsel with resignation of Tony Young
 - d. Sherri is charged with a proposal to address council committees to make them more relevant to 2013 topics, please share ideas
 - e. Serving on land use and housing, budget and infrastructure, and planning committees
 - f. Lakewood and Governor drive traffic signal meets the requirement and will be installed
 - g. SANDAG preparing EIR on 2050 plan
 - h. State of the City address is next Tuesday night
 - i. Questions
 - a. AW: Status of open space votes? SL: Some parcels placed in and some pulled out that are adjacent to the Fairbanks country club. 6600 acres were approved
 - b. KH: Where would we submit input on committee restructuring? SL: Send email to Jesse or Sherri, or phone call
- 6. SDPD- Omar Sinclair**
 - a. SDPD Northern Division Facebook page reminder
 - b. Lieutenant Voss discussed car burglary problem
 - c. Email: dvoos@pd.sandiego.gov
- 7. MCAS Miramar – Colonel Farnham**
 - a. Discussion on incident Nov 6, community leader forum is coming up on the 17th and may be a good forum to discuss the incident
 - b. RP: About a year ago left a message regarding a fly by at Qualcomm as they fly over

his house in Kensington. Bothered that he didn't receive a response as it seemed like arrogance and would like a response. A: We should have answered your question, Kristie is also here at this forum for that

- c. Q: Community, Barry Bernstein representing the UCAA. Proposing formation of committee with private, governmental, and military groups to come up with a unique solution for UC. This effort would help the understanding of the community and build the community relationship to MCAS. A: I would like to invite you to the meeting on the 17th to address these concerns and also happy to address your organization
 - d. Ron Belanger, presentation attached A: For clarification, the pilot that flew the plane in this incident was following procedure. A: The approach that evening was not an illegal approach and was guided by the FAA
 - e. NM: I was underneath both the flight that resulted in a previous accident and this flight, the plane sounded OK to her this time
 - f. PK: Still doesn't understand how we justify having safe procedures that fly over schools. A: Airports like Lindberg have same scenario, 98% of flights are not over schools. When winds change we fly this direction
 - g. JK: If they are flying on a carrier and they know there are weather issues, can't they just cancel flights? A: I would have to talk to the Navy about it that scenario
- 8. Approval of November 2012 Minutes -**
- a. DW: 10.a should read elected vs. nominated
Motion: Recommend approval of minutes as amended by DW and seconded by NM.
Vote: 13 in favor, one abstention, motion passed.
- 9. Information Item: Mid-Coast Trolley Update - SANDAG Presentation David Hicks, Greg Gastelum**
- a. Review of path of travel, 8 or 9 stations
 - b. BR: Question on traffic and greenhouse gas effects. The City doesn't allow an applicant to consider known public transit to offset trips. Is SANDAG working with the City? A: I understand the question but am unsure of the answer. We can check on the question
 - c. Community: You are going to place the train above Genesee but that isn't going to cause issues? A: The stations will be at a height that won't interfere with traffic but yes there will be construction congestion
 - d. Community: First responders utilize Genesee; suggest that SANDG work with those entities. A: We fully intend to do that
 - e. Draft EIR early 2013
 - f. Project approval 2014
 - g. Begin construction 2014
 - h. Open for service 2018
 - i. GL: Did I hear that the cost estimate is significantly higher than original plan? Yes, now at \$1.7B due to changes during scoping. Increase was about \$500M
 - j. GL: Question on operating cost expectations. A: Blue line is most profitable but does not cover operating costs. Will have to get back to you on a response
 - k. CH: Can you tell us how you're getting through the 5/52 intersection. A: reconfiguring open channel to allow room and will maintain bike path
 - l. CH: Comment to not build at night
 - m. AT: Would like to see a drawing on the VA station
 - n. PW: Are you still tunneling under Gilman? A: yes. PW: I can think of several communities that will then want to know more, what is your outreach plan? A: We will reach out and talk with them and go back after the EIR is out
- 10. Announcements – Janay Kruger (Chair)**
- a. Elections are coming up, you have to sign in tonight or previously to run in February
 - b. Elections in March
 - c. BR will run the election

11. Action Item: Westfield NUP Sign Permit PTS 298311 - Greg Fitchett

- a. Application was put in late October, City approved application ahead of UCPG opportunity to review as it was dark in December
- b. Review of locations
- c. Applying to be able to do different things on the signs that are permitted not about increasing area or size, just content. NUP would allow flexibility to advertise for other tenants than the building occupant
- d. PK: What is the visual impact of the increase A: Discussion PK: Seems to me like there is no impact
- e. PW: Would you need new approvals if you changed location of the signs? A: Yes
- f. Discussion on whether to vote on the action item before or after the appeal
- g. Decision to hear the appeal ahead of vote
- h. AW: May the signs be leased to third parties? A: Yes to shops only in the mall
- i. Community: feels the signs look completely like billboards, doesn't understand how you got the original permits
- j. Community, Bill Beck: statement in support of Westfield's improvements. Feels they are tasteful and respectful
- k. DW: Comment on experience with signage. Doesn't feel this is big issue

Motion: No vote until appeal is heard

12. Action Item: Westfield NUP Appeal of Environmental Document PTS 298311 -

Linda Colley

- a. Filed appeal and was asked to come here, feels it is an important issue and she is not going to withdraw the appeal
- b. Issues are:
 - a. Alterations are not minor
 - b. Are an expansion of square footage on sign and copy area
 - c. Allows signage for any business on premise
 - d. Visibility from public right of way needs to be evaluated
 - e. Lighting needs to be evaluated
 - f. Violation of billboard regulations
- c. PK: How do you determine more visual impact? A: I have a very good imagination
- d. AT: Westfield has reputation, tasteful in her opinion, this appeal is ridiculous
- e. GL: If this is permitted on Genesee, what happens on La Jolla Village Drive? A: There hasn't been an application for this signage
- f. GL: It sets a precedent as you could place something on the parking structure
- g. PK: Agree with George but doesn't think the copy area is the issue; the issue is who is allowed to advertise. A: Not relevant to the issue as it is the City's code
- h. CH: Issue is that it is creating value for advertisers and loosens what can be placed on the signage. A: Trying to create value for the mall not advertisers

Motion: Recommend approval of NUP as presented by DA and seconded by DW.

Vote: 8 in favor, 5 opposed, 1 recusal, motion passed

Motion: DW to not support an the appeal reviewed by Linda Colley seconded by AT

Discussion:

- a. AW: Opposed to making the motion
- b. PW: We aren't voting on size of the sign, just font? A: Yes. PW: Doesn't feel we should be legislating taste
- c. Discussion on whether or not UCPG should weigh in on an appeal either for or against
- d. JK: City has requested UCPG to review and comment

Vote: 6 for, 5 against, 2 abstentions, and 1 recusal, motion passed

13. Action Item: Fed Ex Parking Lot Process 3 PTS 287960 - Carl Fiorica

- a. Presentation of project
- b. CH: Is there a berm? A: Yes

- c. BR: Landscaping and trees? A: Will be reviewed with city, there will be tree islands
- d. CH: What is the current zoning? A: Light industrial, request to convert to parking
- e. GL: Why can't you do a parking lot in this zone? A: They can do a parking lot but they want to pave and light the lot
- f. CH: Question on hours for lighting? A: Unknown, likely 24/7
- g. PK: Fencing? A: Yes
- h. PK: Is this visible from residential buildings? A: I don't believe so as it is in an industrial area

Motion: Recommend approval with conditions that vacated areas previously disturbed are vegetated with California natives, landscaped, and that lighting is controlled to minimize spillover to AHPA area by BR and seconded by CH.

Vote: 12 in favor, 2 opposed, motion passed

14. Action Item: ERUV Line Process 4 PTS 300287 - David Caron

- a. Project was previously approved but right of way permit expired
- b. Project has not changed from what was previously approved
- c. PK: Concern about birds
- d. Discussion on danger to birds and how this issue was addressed at other installations

Motion: To approve with the requirement that reflective tape 2 inches in size be installed at 15 foot intervals by AT and seconded by AW.

Vote: Unanimous, motion passed.

15. Announcements (continued) – Janay Kruger (Chair)

- a. Going forward, City info will be sent by Jesse Mays as well as all info is available online, JK will no longer provide back up
- b. At next meeting JK will bring website listings for reference
- c. Chair will send agenda
- d. Next month, LDS visitor center and Torrey pines golf course bicycle trail data is coming out. Who would like to join the committee?
- e. AW would like to join the committee

16. Reports-

- a. **UCSD – AD**
 - a. School is in session through March 15th
- b. **Membership – JK**
 - a. Discussed sign in sheet and membership requirements
- c. **Assemblywoman Toni Atkins– Absent**
- d. **52nd District Congressman Scott Peters – absent**
- e. **Planning Department – Absent**
- f. **Public Comment**
 - a. None

17. Ad Hoc Committees

- a. High Speed Rail – SG
 - a. No report
- b. Capital Power Plant – WG
 - a. Absent
- c. Bicycle Safety Committee - PK
 - a. Coastal Rail Trail plan moving forward, concern is that the trail connects to UC
 - b. No meeting yet
- d. Mid Coast Trolley – JK
 - a. Update given earlier tonight
 - b. The reason the project got more expensive was due to the federal governments involvement

18. Old/New Business

- a. Action Item: Amend By-Laws or establish a policy
 - a. Moved to February

19. Adjourn – 9:55 PM

Submitted by:

Kristopher J. Kopensky, Secretary
University Community Planning Group