

## Clairemont Community Planning Group

### Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2016 Cadman Elementary School Auditorium

P Scott Wentworth - <b>Chair</b> P Keith Hartz – <b>Vice Chair</b> P Lynn Titilii - <b>Secretary</b> P Delana Hardacre- <b>Treasurer</b>	P Harry Backer P Kevin Carpenter P Cecelia Frank P Chad Gardner	P Debra Howell P Richard Jensen P Michael Puente P Margie Schmidt	P Daniel Smiechowski P Nick Reed P Naveen Waney
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P – Present    A – Absent    L-Late

**Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Scott Wentworth. Roll call was taken and a quorum present.

**Item 2. Non-Agenda Public Comment** – Issues that are not on the agenda and are within the jurisdiction of the Clairemont Community Planning Group. **NOTE:** 3-minute time limit per speaker.

**Public:**

Giovanni Angolia - Support Ed Harris for mayor, former marine. Very involved in the community. Passing out literature.

Billy Paul - Clean Up Rose Creek, next weekend on Saturday. Meet at Mission Bay High School. Cleanup is from 9-12.

Stephen Gross - Running for San Diego Unified School Board, District A. Passionate about system, honest and has integrity, looking at funding gaps. Has 3 kids in the system, looking at financials and gaps in bonds.

**Committee Members:**

Margie Schmidt - On April 27th, 6pm, there is a De Anza Community meeting at Mission Bay High School. Reviewing possible changes at the De Anza site.

Daniel Smiechowski - Voting for elections in three weeks, so important to vote.

Naveen Waney - Theres a Clean San Diego canyon cleanup Lakehurst to deadend, 9am on Saturday.

Harry Backer - Meeting on 5/10 for the Balboa Station at Toler Elementary at 6pm. People from the Pacific Beach area should also attend.

**Item 3. Modifications to the Agenda** – Requires 2/3 approval.

No modifications to agenda.

**Item 4. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Margie Schmidt, second by Nicholas Reed to approve March minutes. Vote: 10-0-4 (Naveen Waney, Lynn Titilii, Chad Gardner, Harry Backer abstain; was not present).

**Item 5. Council Representative Reports**

**District 2 Council Report, James McGuirk, you can contact him at: [jmcguirk@sandiego.gov](mailto:jmcguirk@sandiego.gov)**

This is budget season, Lori Zapf has put in for additional library books, a new park ranger, and hand held devices. This is volunteer appreciation month. Lori Zapf is holding an appreciation event this Saturday, 8:30-11:30 am by the coaster in Mission Beach to recognize exceptional volunteers. The work on the Mid Coast Trolley extension is occurring on Thursdays from 8pm - 5am. Some Friday and Sunday night closures up through June. There is funding for the traffic circles on Moraga, waiting for final cost estimates.

**District 6 Council Report, Allen Young, Community Liaison, [allen@sanidiego.gov](mailto:allen@sanidiego.gov).**

The roadwork in the median area of Balboa and Mt Abernathy is in the final stages. Landscaping will be done being mindful of flooding and drainage. There will be a mayor's budget townhall meeting on 5/18/16 from 6-8pm, at the SDGE Innovation Center. RSVP to Chris Cate. There is also a cleanup at Lindberg Park this Saturday. The LiveWell Senior center - the city is going through the RFP process, should close out soon. Hope to have new proposals for LiveWell. Will be fighting hard to keep center open.

**Item 6. Action Items**

**101. Election of Officers to CCPG - Keith Hartz**

Thanks to Scott Wentworth for all his work on the board, on the CCPG and on the Town Council. Scott has decided not to run for Chair and stepdown from a position on the board. The chair is the principal officer and oversees all operations of the CCPG, sets the agenda, primary contact for applicants, community planners committee. Is there anyone who wants to be nominated. Naveen Waney nominates Keith Hartz for the position of chair, seconded by Delana Hardacre. Keith states he's only here for one more year but will accept nomination. Vote: 14-0-0

Vice-Chair - In the absence of the Chair the Vice-Chair shall take over all the duties of the Chair, head up elections and tallying ballots, communications to public, and print and public media. Daniel Smiechowski volunteered for the position. Lynn Titalii nominates Naveen Waney. Delana Hardacre nominated Michael Puente. Michael Puente states he travels extensively for work, making it difficult to take on a position, so he withdrew. Daniel Smiechowski seconded the motion for Naveen Waney for Vice-Chair and Naveen accepted. Vote: 14-0-0.

Secretary - Posts agendas, takes minutes, establish and keep track of a quorum, and keeps track of all correspondence and ensures the public have access to this information. Nominations for secretary - Harry Backer nominates Margie Schmidt. Margie Schmidt declined and nominated Lynn Titalii, seconded by Delana Hardacre. Lynn declined position. Delana Hardacre nominated Nicholas Reed, seconded by Lynn Titalii. Nicholas accepted. Vote: 14-0-0

Treasurer - Responsible for paying for expenses, keeps track of monies. Harry Backer nominated Delana, seconded by Margie Schmidt. Delana accepted. Vote: 14-0-0

**102. Citizens Plan for the Responsible Management of Major Tourism and Entertainment - Donna Frye**

Jeff Powers and Donna Frye are speakers tonight to educate the CCPG and community on this measure and obtain support from the CCPG. This is a ballot measure, supported by the San Diego League of Conservation Voters and League of Women Voters. The measure would allow the city's transitory tax to adjust to a rate comparable with other similar sized cities, a 15.5% tax for large hotels and a 14% tax for small hotels. That money will go to the city's General Fund. The most recent increase (past) is \$30 million annual, given to the hoteliers for the next 35 years, however the public was not given an opportunity to vote on it. The public should be able to vote on these measures. This measure also repeals 4% earmarked for the transient occupancy tax and used to promote San Diego as a tourism destination. Also repeals San Diego's tourism marketing distribution ordinance and surcharges on hotel guests to be used to promote tourism in the city. Replaces these two programs with two voluntary programs; hoteliers to self-assess for marketing to promote city tourism and another self-assessment to finance an off water front expansion of the San Diego Convention Center. The remaining measures are not mandatory. Does not preclude other development downtown. Allows for retention of the Chargers, either in Mission Valley or downtown, however prohibits the expenditure of public funds for a new Charger stadium without a public vote. Does make it easier for the development of a new Charger stadium. Still has to go through a public process, follow all reporting requirements. Provides certainty for the environmental quality act. Want to provide a new vision for Mission Valley if the Chargers relocate, rather than more condominiums. Support more parkland and more educational opportunities. Colleges could expand, provide student housing, research facilities, sports facilities. No specific plan for Mission Valley. Provides for 150 acres of parkland for recreation, small stadium for the Aztecs. Allows for the sale of the 166 acre

Qualcomm site at FMV. Still requires a CEQA review. Chad Gardner - this is ambitious measure. Donna Frye - it is ambitious, in the last 15 years nothing has changed. Have spent years to allow the public to be involved. Single Subject Rule - numerous attorneys have looked at measure and ok'd it. Puts \$18 mill in General Fund to use. Richard Jensen - Like to see both sides of it, don't feel prepared to vote on it tonight. Requires 51% vote, losing power. Hoteliers will not self tax or go low. Hoteliers would rather have the city pay for marketing for tourism. Money going to general fund, the city is drowning with pension issues, concern the money will pay pension dept. Michael Puente - very complex subject, needs more information to vote. Would like a longer educational presentation, but would love to see Qualcomm property used for public use. Daniel Smiechowski - Qualcomm may be a historical landmark. Keith Hartz - wants to learn more before we vote. Is CEQA being suspended in downtown area. No. Lynn Titillii - a very complex ballot measure, don't feel we have enough information on where the money is going to vote tonight. Public - too many items in one ballot measure. Concern about the stadium issue, what will happen to the old stadium? Richard Jensen: Motion to take no action at this time. Seconded by Chad Gardner. Vote: 14-0-0

### **103. CCPG - Open Position on the Board - Keith Hartz, Michael Puente**

Secretary has reported there are two open positions on the CCPG. We must have a mid-term election in June. Open up nominations tonight. Close the nominations at the next meeting, election in June. People interested must of attended three meetings in last twelve meetings. Michael Puente made a motion to open nominations tonight, close the nominations by the next meeting and hold a mid-term election in June. Seconded by Nick Reed. Vote: 14-0-0

## **Item 7. Informational Items**

### **201. Neighborhoods First Coalition - District 6 - Arnie, Steph**

Established in 2014. Passed out timeline, information on strategic plan and milestones. All this information is on Chris Cate's website and the Coalition's website. Clairemont received 54 items out of the 101 priorities. Chris' effort is to show measuring points. The CIP items submitted are incorporated into the Coalition. CCPG submitted a wonderful CIP. Achievable, measurable, and accountable are the criteria for a measure in the NFC. Nick Reed volunteered to help with the NFC. When a status update is provided, the board will provide the information back to the community.

### **202. Chick-Fil-A - Phil Rath**

Plan to replace Coco's on Balboa Avenue with a Chick-Fil-A, providing general information and planning to return in a couple of months. The site plan and design was provided. Individually owned and operated, closed on Sundays. The original building is 5800 square feet. All signage would be replaced, and a complete remodel is proposed, resulting in a 2000 sq ft building, 34 outside seating. Only patio seating and a walkup window outside. Also a drive through window with a wall blocking being able to view the cars in the drive through. The maximum car stack needed at peak hours is 15 cars. Chick-Fil-A anticipates the cars in the drive through will make a u-turn when finished and exit onto Balboa, rather than Mt. Alifan. Going through a discretionary process with the City of San Diego. Chick-Fil-A making all the improvements. Zoning CC-3-4. Would like to see the rest of the shopping area, so can see the entire picture. Concern expressed about the traffic in and out of the center, and the amount of traffic brought in by the Chick-Fil-A. The public also like the idea of a walk in restaurant.

### **203. Status of Clairemont Entry Signs at Balboa & Moraga - Keith Hartz**

Pictures of the sign presented, blocked due to vegetation in area, which is maintained by Parks & Rec. Damage to the sign, cracks. Made out of foam stucco. Median maintained by a gas tax. A duplicate sign will cost \$15,000. Suggestion to raise the sign up so people can view it easily. James McGuirk - moisture under the foam stucco, needs to be replaced. Gas tax fund will only pay if it's the same height, and size, it cannot be raised. Entire area will be renovated soon with the new trolley. Suggestion to use relinquishment funding. Public likes the idea of a better and larger sign. Could we use alternate material? Options can be reviewed.

**Item 8. Workshop Items**

None

**Item 9. Potential Action Items**

None

**Item 10. Reports to Group**

**Chairman Report/Community Planners, Scott Wentworth:** No report.

**Planning Dept, Michael Prinz:** The first Balboa Station meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10th, Toler Elementary. The Clairemont Community Plan Update will kickoff in June. Website to obtain online engagement. Improve gateways, parks and recreation, input on priorities. Think big and visionary plans.

**Morena Corridor Specific Plan Ad Hoc Sub Committee, Margie Schmidt:** Actively discussing mobility concerns, configurations. More discussion next meeting. Review the roadmap and zoning and land use. Most of the land will remain as is. Small sections are being considered for a change, including two trailer parks, and a few other areas. The next meeting will be May 9th from 6-9pm at St. Davids Episcopal church.

**Adjournment at 9:10 PM**

**The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2016, 6:30pm at Cadman Elementary School.**