

Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning Group



ENCANTO NEIGHBORHOODS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Jacobs Center's Community Room: 404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego CA 92114

MINUTES

Date: September 21, 2015

Seat	Member	Here?	Seat	Member	Here?
Alta Vista	Marry Young	Y	At-Large	Alfredo Ybarra	Y
Broadway Heights	Maxine Sherard	Y	At-Large	Edward Howell	Y
Chollas View	Ardelle Matthews	Y	At-Large	Steve Ward	Y
Emerald Hills	Gayle Reid	Y	At-Large	Khalada Salaam-Al	Y
Encanto-North	Ricky Valdez	Y	At-Large	Brian Pollard	Y
Encanto-South	Kenneth Malbrough	Y	At-Large	Kwame Oates	Y
Lincoln Park	Leslie Dudley	Y	At-Large	Emilia Castillo	Y
Valencia Park	Monte Jones	Y			
City Dept.	Name	Here?	Dept.	Name	Here?
Planning	Laura Gates	N	Mayor	Darnisha Hunter	Y
Planning	Karen Bucey	Y	4 th District	Mathew Gordon	Y

Number of Visitors: 36 Sign-in sheet on file: Yes

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:35PM.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Board Chair Ken Malbrough requested that Action item # 8A and Info item # 9A be placed at the front of the agenda. Motion made by Ardelle Matthews; seconded by Brian Pollard to accept the agenda change; motion approved by a vote of 12-0-2.

3. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Unanimous approval of minutes

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Kathleen McCloud again addressed the issue of the unsightly transformer located at Woodman and Imperial Avenue. She cited its jail-like structure and its incompatibility with the design of the community plan.

Ardelle Matthews expressed her concern that the street renamed for Lakiba Palmer was done without the majority approval in the neighborhood. She stated, "No one wanted the change! However, "The Planning Department went ahead and made the change that the community didn't want. ...Didn't go with the community." Also, Matthews stated, "The Punch-through-Street to Hilltop should not be punched!"

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5. ACTION ITEM: 8A

Citygate Report Review (Fire Station Shortages)

Presenters: Council President Pro Tem Marty Emerald

Speakers included Marty Emerald; Kenneth Barnes, Assistant Chief, Fire Rescue Department; James Nagelvoort, Director and City Engineer, Public Works; Christopher Olsen, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Office of Independent Budget Analyst; and Alan Arrollado, President of Local 145. The team of presenters spoke for more than 30 minutes on a 5-year plan and funding mechanisms for building the needed fire stations.

Of the 19 fire stations identified, three stations are currently funded; 16 additional fire stations are in need of funding (See handout: Citygate and Building Fire Stations).

Councilwoman Myrtle Cole stated she supported Marty Emerald efforts 100%.

At the end of the presentation a vote was taken to fund the fire stations via a General Obligation Bond (GO) that would allow immediate access to capital. Motion to support GO Bond by Steve Ward; seconded by Leslie Dudley; motion passed (14-0-0).

Info Item: 9A

Geographic Targeting, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Presenter: Joe Whitaker, HUD Compliance Analyst, Economic Development Department City of San Diego

Joe Whitaker, along with two additional staff members spoke on the administration of the federal grants program, including a 5-year road map and three strategic actions (See 4-page handout- Geographic Targeting: Summary of Findings).

Last year the program was funded at 11 million with a law to modernize, as well as serve underserved populations.

6. STAFF REPORTS:

A. City Council Report: Mathew Gordon

The following announcements were made:

- (1) Saturday, October 26th at 10AM – community walk: SD Imperial Counties... to start at St. Rita's Church;
- (2) October 3rd, receive notice of public utilities rate increase; November 17th about proposed rate;
- (3) Struck 6-year Horton School Joint-Use Agreement;
- (4) Rapid response squad: Fire Stations to decrease response time for saving lives, greater efficiency w/4 or 5 minutes, not 7 minutes.

B. Assemblywoman Weber Report: LaShae Collins- District Director for Weber.

LaShae Collins Discussed briefly on "the importance of your voice on what legislation to propose for next year."

C. City Planning: Karen Busey

- (1) New director, Jeff Murphy;
- (2) Handout: Last 2 workshops of year, 6pm Kearney Mesa;
- (3) Guidelines for Community Plan, update with explanations now on-line;
- (4) Community Plan presentations scheduled for October, 22nd and November 17th.

D. Civic San Diego Report

Civic SD received funding for Jackie Robinson project; suppose to triple in size.

January 20th, 2016 construction to begin.

Civic SD will take part in Diamond Street Fair.

E. JCNI: None

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7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Facilities Finance Plan

Brian Pollard reported that 80% of the CIP report is done. The Sub-committee meets at 6pm on Thursdays. October 22nd, should have report done.

Vicki Burgess is the consultant for the Facilities Finance Sub-committee.

B. Bylaws Ken Malbrough reported that the bylaws are about done. Karen Busey stated that the Community Plan will be ready for City Council review by next week. That which is not ready will be rolled into next year.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

8B. Better Block Southeastern San Diego

Presenter: Brian Pollard, Urban Collaborative Project

Brian Pollard passed out a survey to be completed. Karen Johnson, a BB member and presenter stated that Better Blocks was a national project. A letter of support was requested for a 1-day demonstration project to be held at the SW corners of Euclid and Imperial- 4-corners- from 5 to 7pm on October 17, 2015

A long discussion ensued concerning the demonstration project's design, plan, process and procedure. Darnisha Hunter voiced her concerns about the project's implementation of designs and practices that conflicted with the City's permits and procedures.

A motion by Maxine Sherard to write a letter of support for the project failed in favor of a motion to write a letter of support that met the expectations of the City (10-2-3).

9. INFO ITEMS:

9B 47th and Castana Project

Presenter: Charles Davis, GroundWork- San Diego

Charles Davis expressed concern about the lack of support of the ENCPG Board concerning watering, maintenance and canyon cleanup at the Chollas Creek Crossing.

9C Urban Greening Grant Letter of Support

Presenter: Patrice Baker, GroundWork- San Diego

Patrice Baker briefly discussed the 32 mile designation of the Chollas Regional Park. Joel Cragner, Urban Corp will provide additional information October 22nd – 24th. Urban Canyon Day in January (See handout: Urban Greening and Neighborhood Transformation).

10. CONTINUING BUSINESS

Board Election for Recording Secretary:

The Chair placed into nomination new board member, Emilia Castillo for recording secretary. The motion to elect Emilia Castillo: unanimous.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn: Unanimous (10:00PM).

Respectively submitted,
Maxine Sherard