

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of May 17th, 2016 Cadman Elementary School Auditorium

P Keith Hartz - Chair P Naveen Waney – Vice Chair P Nicholas Reed - Secretary P Delana Hardacre- Treasurer	P Harry Backer P Kevin Carpenter P Cecelia Frank P Chad Gardner	L Debra Howell P Richard Jensen P Michael Puente P Margie Schmidt	P Daniel Smiechowski P Lynn Titalii
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Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chair Keith Hartz. 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:** 2-minute time limit per speaker.

Public:

Meghan Flaherty – From the Audubon Society letting us know of a Town Hall meeting regarding Rewild Mission Bay project. Mission Bay HS June 14th, 2016 from 4-7pm.

Katie Haush – UCSD Urban Planning student, taking a class on updating the Clairemont Mesa Community Plan. Fellow classmates are present as well.

Arianne Leigh – North Clairemont Librarian, talking about summer reading programs for children and adults. Also an evening concert will be held.

Billy Paul – Speaks about 30ft. height limit near South Clairemont Keils, and walkability issues around Clairemont.

Committee Members:

Daniel Smiechowski - Speaks of reporting overgrown vegetation at the corner of Moraga Ave. and Balboa Ave.

Keith Hartz – Noting that bylaws state that as chair he must make it known whether he will be voting on issues that come before the Planning Group, and he did note that he will indeed be voting on issues. Also noted that Nicholas and he are attempting to keep the meeting within a specific timeframe with times noted next to each item on the agenda.

Delana Hardacre – Thanking Allen Young of Councilmember Chris Cate’s office, and Councilmember Chris Cate regarding the North Clairemont Senior Center funding and keeping it open. Funding was identified originally until June 1st, but subsequently, further temporary funding has been acquired to keep the Senior Center open past June 1st. Also speaks about a recent street repaving on Moraga Ave. that was not completed down all the way to Balboa Ave.

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 Lynn Titalii to approve April 19th, 2016 minutes. Vote: 13-0-1 (Debra Howell was not present).

Item 5. Council Representative Reports

District 2 Council Report, Adrian Sevilla, you can contact him at: adsevilla@sandiego.gov

Adrian reports on some requested items that were included in the FY17 budget. Some items and/or projects include, ticketing devices for the oversized vehicle ordinance. Additional city electricians to address streetlight repair. There will be \$4.5 million for Police Officer recruitment and retention. \$650k will go to new Police Dispatchers. There will be 380 miles of street repair within the city. Recreation Center hours will be increased to 60hrs/wk. Proposition H will be on June 7th ballot, known as the Rebuild San Diego initiative, which will set aside half of major growth revenue for addressing infrastructure needs in the city in the future. Possibly \$4 billion could be set aside over the next 30 years. May is Reading Awareness Month, there is a book drive going on at the local libraries, donate new or lightly used children's books until the end of the Month. Richard Jensen asks a question regarding Prop H, asking where the money is coming from, Adrian replies saying if we get any new city revenue, half of that will be set aside for projects. It is not a new tax. Will take politics out of city infrastructure projects. Lynn Titalii asks about an issue on Morena Blvd between Clairemont Dr, and Balboa Ave on some water leaks coming from under the street. Adrian indicated that he will follow up with this issue. Harry Backer asks a question on the new ticketing devices and who will be using these devices; Adrian indicated that PSO (Police Service Officers) will be the ones enforcing the oversized vehicle law. Harry also asks how much of the 380 miles of street repair will be within Dist. 2, Adrian did not have any figures on that. Member of Public Susan Mournian asked about the request for a new Park Ranger for Tecolote Canyon, Adrian indicated that it might not have been included in the funding, he will follow up with Susan. Rudy Klassen asks about the demolition plan for the Stevenson School site that will be turning into new housing, Adrian replied that he will follow up, but board members Daniel and Nicholas indicated that this property is within District 6. Naveen noted that the developer is pursuing a site development permit and further documentation including demolition is forthcoming. It will come to the Project Review Committee meeting. Another member of the public, name unavailable, asked if the 380 miles of street repair for FY17 is an increase or decrease from last year, Adrian indicated it is an increase in miles allotted for repair.

District 6 Council Report, Allen Young, Community Liaison, you can contact him at: allenyoung@sandiego.gov.

Not present for the May 17th, 2016 meeting.

Item 6. Action Items

None

Item 7. Informational Items

201. Final Candidate List for June 21st, 2016 CCPG Special Election – Naveen Waney

Naveen indicated that there are 2 positions on the board, and 3 candidates. Candidate's names are Susan Mournian, Jason Young, and Billy Paul. The special election will be held June 21st, 2016 at North Clairemont Recreation Center from 9am to 6pm. Advanced notice of the election will be made on social media. Naveen is requesting help to man the polling place and to contact him via email for scheduling a shift. Richard Jensen requested a statement from each candidate.

Billy Paul has indicated that he has been involved in the Clairemont community for many years, and wants to improve walkability, and bike infrastructure within the community.

Jason Young is a native San Diegan, and cares deeply about the Clairemont community, he indicates he is a CPA for an Aerospace Company, lives on Moraga Ave, and has been present at many previous meetings with discussion regarding the Moraga Ave Traffic Circles.

Susan Mournian is a former CCPG member, served also on the Project Review sub-committee, and is a previous public member of the By-Laws sub-committee. She is looking forward to serving again on the board.

Lynn Titilii asked if absentee voting is possible for elections, Michael Puente indicated the By-Laws do not allow for absentee balloting.

202. Installation of sidewalks on south side of Balboa Ave. from Moraga Ave. west along Balboa and continuing along Morena Blvd. on-ramp to Balboa Ave. – Daniel Smiechowski

Daniel makes a presentation with pictures showing the known issue of no sidewalks along the route he described. There is a 100ft dead tree with limbs falling down below. He also shows how close a MTS bus stop on the south end of Balboa is to the curb line. Margie Schmidt asks if Daniel is advocating for improvements to this general area? Margie indicated that these are included in the CIP list, and the area is to be evaluated for changes with the Mid-Coast trolley line coming through. Daniel did indicate that he is only reaffirming that these issues do exist and need to be looked over. Kevin Carpenter suggested visiting the next scheduled Balboa Station Sub-Committee meeting to make these concerns aware to that board. Michael Prinz indicated that these linkages will be covered in discussion with the Balboa Station plan, and other linkages will be identified as well. City staff is aware of these issues. Naveen Waney would like to see the maintenance issues including moving the bus benches back from the curb line be dealt with, and the landscaping trimmed right away. Billy Paul as chair of the Balboa Advisory Committee noted that a walkway was not placed on the south side due to the railroad overcrossing further down on Balboa, it would be too narrow. Margie noted that there are limitations having sidewalks on both sides, we should not assume that pedestrians walk on just one side of the street, but both sides. We need to have safe sidewalks on both sides of a street. Jason Young is wondering if the area Daniel is describing is actually designated as an official walkway or not, and we definitely need to speak to the City about getting this addressed promptly. Keith Hartz asked who we can contact at the City about getting these issues addressed, Michael Prinz said that he will get in touch with the Transportation & Storm water department and report back to the board.

203. Maintenance Assessment District Presentation – Paul Sirois, Luis Ojeda, Elizabeth Studebaker

Paul and Elizabeth make introductions, and go into what a MAD is. A MAD is a legal mechanism where property owners both business and residential can tax themselves to improve community parks, street landscaping, community activities, etc. The legal authority for MAD's comes from voted approved Proposition 218, and the Landscape & Lighting act of 1972, and the San Diego City MAD ordinance. A list of MAD's within the city was made available to the board, and was included in the power point presentation. There is a 10-step process that involves a Letter of Intent to form a MAD, a survey of the community, a feasibility study, public meetings, funding and ranking what projects are within the MAD, how to form the MAD. Create a management plan, and a assessment engineers report, create petitions to pass out to the community, resolution of intent, balloting, and finally a resolution of formation. Each year, the council will update the annual assessment reports, and authorize the expenditure of the MAD funds. There are 2 different types of MAD's, economic, and Park/Recreation. Park/Recreation MAD's are maintained by city workers, while economic MAD's are managed by the Economic Development Dept. Delana Hardacre asked how the MAD's are assessed, Elizabeth responded that they are assessed annually, and included in a Property Tax bill each year. They are determined by the size of the proposed district, the number of parcels, the proposed services, and the cost of services. Debra Howell asked, once an assessment is made, how can a MAD be stopped, Elizabeth responded that another ballot would be needed. How are groups formed, Elizabeth responded, we would look to the community to form the district formation committee, stakeholders could come from CCPG and Clairemont Town Council, making sure the effort was done properly. Lynn Titilii was saying that perhaps the Bay Park Sign, different style streetlights could fall under this, asked for clarification, Paul, says, yes, that is correct, those are the services. Elizabeth said that some MAD's can also do some sidewalk improvements, and the city can match the grant/funding. Nicholas asks, what are the new MAD's within the city are, Paul responded that there are 5 new Kensington lighting districts that install new lights in the neighborhood, well received. Elizabeth is working on the recent one in Economic Development is Barrio Logan. Some MAD's to possibly come in the future are La Jolla Village, Mission Beach, and a separate North Park Business Overlay MAD, which would increase services within the commercial area of North Park. Naveen asks is it up to the district(s) what they want to assess themselves for, Elizabeth responded saying that it depends on what services you want in the MAD. Naveen also asks, you need a prescribed list before forming a MAD, Elizabeth responds, you cant start

petition phase until you know how much property owners want to tax themselves for MAD. 15% of Park/Rec MAD budget will go to administration of district. For economic MAD's, it's a 4% admin fee. Keith Hartz asks what other MAD's have done to show what each MAD does, their annual budget is, information is available on the website. Are fees flat, variable on percentage of parcel value, it depends on what the MAD wants to do and services provided. Michael Puente asked what we can look at of things that a MAD has done around the city, and a figure of what we could tax ourselves with, an example of that would be Rancho Bernardo's MAD is \$23/avg per residential unit. North Park is \$20, some can go up to \$100. Things you can see around the neighborhood include Public Art, Community Signs, etc. Daniel asks, do Proposition 13 taxpayers pay less, they do not. Members of the proposed MAD are given a opportunity to vote on forming MAD. City Clerks office sends out ballots by mail, to win, 50.1% of weighted ballots must be returned. Do larger property owners pay more, they will also have more of a say. If people don't agree with MAD, they should vote against it.

Ceceila Frank asks, is the city allowed to take money out of the MAD fund, they are not allowed to. Richard Jensen asks, can you have a small MAD assessment district, you can. MAD's managed by City Staff, they oversee the budgets. Park and Recreation manages 55 of the MAD districts, Economic manages 9. The differences between the 2 are residential and commercial. Does the advisory committee have any power, not entirely, but is indeed possible if financially not feasible that Park/Rec could turn down a request. Kevin Carpenter asks a procedural question, would a bigger parcel get a bigger voice in a petition drive, Elizabeth responded yes. Is there any movement for this MAD to happen in Clairemont, outside of Town Council, no, Lorrie Zapf's office invited, no other groups or individual forming a movement. Chad Gardner says this sounds more like are baseline services. We shouldn't have to set up a different district. Margie asks, is it CCPG and CTC the only ones being approached? Elizabeth responded that is not the case, it depends on what property owners, communities are looking for in a MAD. Park/Rec does not solicit support for a MAD. Margie sees Morena Corridor as possible future MAD. Billy Paul: sees a Bay Park MAD as a possibility. Katie Haugh asks, is there a penalty for not paying MAD fees, and what happens to extra funds not used during the fiscal year. There is a reserve fund of 10% per state law. Jason Young asks, preliminary forming of MAD is not funded, how would funding work? Paul says, depending on type of MAD, either businesses, or a grass root resident movement would fund it. Another member of public asked would some of CIP projects require a MAD to maintain them, Paul says yes. Susan asked if there have been any lessons learned from the Golden Hill MAD issues, Elizabeth explained they are codifying in Muni. Code on how MAD's are formed. Member of public, what the penalty if assessment isn't collected. Paul says, if still delinquent, new property owner would have to pay the delinquent fees.

Item 8. Workshop Items

None

Item 9. Potential Action Items

None

Item 10. Reports to Group

Chairman Report/Community Planners, Keith Hartz: District 6 Budget Brief on May 18th, at SDGE innovation center. Mt. Acadia Senior Home conditional permit group was approved.

By-Laws, Michael Puente: Request list of sub-committee members. And request 2 other members of the by-laws committee, Richard and Nicholas nominate themselves.

Planning Dept, Michael Prinz: There will be an informational item updating the Clairemont Community Plan at the June meeting. Will be working with CCPG/CTC, and other stakeholders. Richard asked whose going to be putting the input in and finalized, Michael will work on the plan with a team, any template, there isn't any, just a general guideline for updating plan, climate action plan, implementation, etc. want to identify goals to be achieved etc. Debra asks if its a new format. Michael says, yes it will be from the current plan. And work with

the general plan, and if we are able to take the old plan and put next to the new plan to see if there are any changes.

Project Review, Naveen Waney: Discussed Balboa Car Wash, lots of issues that need resolving and CUP amendment for a Child Care Center POV/UCC church to come to the main CCPG group.

Balboa Ave Station Plan Ad Hoc Sub Committee, Harry Backer: First meeting was held, presentation on what to facets of what the plan entails, and discussed presentations and put feedback in, next meeting is due to be in the late summer to the fall.

Morena Corridor Specific Plan Ad Hoc Sub Committee, Margie Schmidt: Presentation by SANDAG representative clarified that no surplus right of way exists that could be utilized for Morena Corridor amenities. Next meeting June 13th, St David's Church 6pm

Treasurer, Delana Hardacre: \$200+, no invoices.

Clairemont Town Council, Delana Hardacre: Speaks about extra Police/Fire Dispatchers. There was a forum of City Attorney candidates at the Clairemont Town Council meeting for May. Invites everyone to the Clairemont Town Council meetings.

Parking/Transportation/Mobility, Nicholas Reed: Visited live well meeting and discussed some issues with streets around Whitman, and possible single lane config on Claremont south of Balboa

Adjournment at 8:32 PM

The next meeting will be held on June 21st, 2016, 6:30pm at Cadman Elementary School.