

Encanto Neighborhoods Community Planning Group



Development Impact Advisory Subcommittee (DIAS)

Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Jacobs' Center, 404 Euclid Ave, Chollas View Room (2nd floor), San Diego, CA 92114
 DATE: Tuesday June 7, 2016
 TIME: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Seat	Member's Name	Here?	Seat	Member's Name	Here?
Chair	Leslie Dudley	Y	Recording Secretary	Kathleen MacLeod	Y
At-Large	Ed Howell	Y	At-Large	Khalada Salaam-Al	Y
City of San Diego Department	Name		City of San Diego	Name	
Planning, Facilities Financing	Vickie Burgess	Y	4 th District Representative	Matthew Gordon	N
Park Designer, San Diego, Planning Dept	Jeff Harkness	Y	Mayor's Representative	Darnisha Hunter	Y
Number of Visitors	Letitia Flynn	Y	Sign-In Sheet	On File	Y

1. **Call to order 6:30 p.m.** Chair welcomed and thanked attendees. Introductions were made.

2. **Communications from the public:** None

3. **Motions for New Business:** .None

4. **Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes:** MM/S/C Dudley, Salaam-Alaji, 4-0

5. **Chair's Report:** We have the opportunity to correct a problem that was not addressed by the 2016 Priority List. Our new Encanto Neighborhoods Community Plan has created more in-fill zones and they are going to need more parks. Currently, the majority of parks are located in suburban, single family home neighborhoods. This has created a problem of lack of services and equity for Encanto residents. The subcommittee would like make recommendations the review of maps and statistical data especially for: population growth, density, housing ratios and residents travel distances from parks. There photographs of am showing are of: 1. Kennedy Park only two, old pieces of playground equipment and four tables that need paints, and a health and safety issued contaminated sand. 2. The La Paz pocket park is not a good choice for Valencia Park; it is too small for their population and not worth the expense. One of our goals is better communication with representatives and we are pleased to have Ms. Hunter from the Mayor's offices, the Vicky Burgess, Facilities Financing and Jeff Harkness Parks Designer from the Planning Departments participating.

6. **Staff Reports: Vicky Burgess, Facilities Financing.** Ms. Burgess reported that the DIF will automatically be increased to in July. The only other way it can be increased would be if there are new projects. A centrally located police station was discussed in that it would raise the building permit fees only an additional two hundred dollars for developers. Currently, there is only \$ 342,722 in the Encanto Neighborhoods DIF fund account.

7. **Information Item(s): Parks. Presenter: Jeff Harkness, Park Designer, City of San Diego, Planning Department.** Mr. Harkness brought large maps showing the sites of current and future parks that lead to questions and answers:

Would it be possible to get a copy of any plans or designs that have been worked up for different parks in our Encanto Neighborhoods? "The City has General Development Plans for each of its parks. These are utilized for a park's development. So what you typically see in an existing park is what is on the plan "

Also, when do you start construction on any new parks such as the one in Valencia Park at La Paz? " If you go on-line to the City's website and look at the CIP budget for Park and Recreation, this will give you information on funding and schedule of a project.<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/fm/annual/pdf/fy16/vol3/v3parkandrec.p df> "

On the joint use Encanto Elementary School: "This is not a City project, but a School District project, so you would not find this in the budget. But it is our understanding the District plans on starting construction in July 2017."

Are there any plans for a joint use park for Horton Elementary School? "Yes. This is another District project planned in conjunction with a City pocket park on Guymon Street. Both projects should begin construction in the Fall/Winter of 2017."

8. Open Discussion: The committee reviewed the current DIF and Priority List and possible changes. San Diego parks are supposed to be population-based. However, some neighborhoods have less park land for their large population, and this problems needs to be a considered for the Priority list. Two of the largest high density neighborhoods need parks: Valencia Park has no parks and Lincoln Park has only one but it lacks facilities as photographs show. Two neighborhoods, Alta Visa and Broadway Heights, are not dense (single-family neighborhoods) but have no parks either.

The deadline for submitting a new Priority List for 2017 is September 21, 2016. Therefore, DIAS will have to present the new Priority list as an action item for approval of ENCPG at the September 19, 2016 meeting.

DIAS members asked Jeff Harkness if they could attend the meeting when the discussion and selection of new park projects for 2017 takes place. Jeff Harkness accepted DIAS members' request.

Funding discussion: since even at build-out there will not be enough DIF funds to create parks other sources of incomes such as grants were discussed. Ms. Darnisha Hunter explained the importance of hiring a writer previously successful at obtaining park grants.

Other topics discussed included: zoning, the Priorities List, permit fees, DIF fees, SANDAG fees, the City operated Encanto DIF account, Community Development Block Grants (CBG), the Parks and Recreation Department, the April draft budget, communication with Councilmember Cole's office, and the possibility of seeking outside advice from local universities.

10. Action Items:

A. DIAS members will attend meeting. Jeff Harkness accepted our request to attend and DIAS members have agreed to go to the planning department meeting on September 21, 2016 when the discussion and selection of new park projects for 2017 takes place. . MM/S/C Dudley, MacLeod, 4-0.

B. DIAS will use additional criteria for making decisions for 2017 Priority List. To evaluate the eight Encanto neighborhoods separately for population based parks. It will use the ratio of populations to park acreage in order to see which neighborhoods most need parks. These underserved neighborhoods will receive the highest priority to correct the inequity. MM/S/C Dudley, MacLeod, 4-0.

C. DIAS will ask both the Mayor's office and Councilperson Coles office to address the health and safety issues at Kennedy Park in Lincoln Park. MM/S/C Dudley, Ed Howell 4-0 (Note: since this meeting the Park and Rec Dept. has cleaned the sand, repainted tables and the bathroom.)

D. DIAS will contact the City's real estate office and find out what properties the city owns in Encanto, since creating parks from land the city already owns will lower the costs. Members will go see these sites and photograph them. MM/S/C Salaam-Alaji, Dudley, 4-0

E. DIAS will have to have a final 2017 Priority List finished and submitted to ENCPG for the Sept.19, 2016 vote, in order to submit it to the Sept. 21, 2016 the planning dept meeting. MM/S/C Salaam-Alaji, Dudley, 4-0

F. DIAS will contact and invite ENCPG Valencia Park seat member and other residents to attend the next meeting to discuss their lack of parks. We will do research to learn the history and details for the proposed La Paz Park. Members will visit and photograph the site and potential park sites in Valencia Park. MM/S/C Salaam-Alaji, Dudley, 4-0.

9. Suggestions for Future Guests: Possibly School District Rep. and Valencia Park residents. MM/S/C MacLeod, Salaam-Alaji, 4-0.

10. Continuing Business: None

11. New Business: None

12. Next meeting: July 15, 2016. MM/S/C Salaam-Alaji, MacLeod, 4-0

13. Adjournment: MM/S/C at 8:00 p.m. Hunter, Dudley 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen MacLeod, Recording Secretary

