

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of September 20th, 2016 Cadman Elementary School Auditorium

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 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: Erin Cullen of the Raise the Balloon committee announced that there was going to be an event held at the future site of the Clairemont Ave Mid-Coast Trolley station on October 1st between 11am and 1pm.

Max Elderidge is a representative of Shay Collins who is running for San Diego Unified School District School Board, Dist. E. He explains that the candidate is wondering why the current school board members aren't considering big ideas for change in the district. Which is the reason for his candidacy for the District E seat.

Janet Lancaster speaks about an illegal daycare being operated near her residence, and wanted to let the group know of its existence. She has contacted Council Dist. 6's office regarding this issue.

Marilyn Gabriel presented a petition on behalf of residents of Raffee Dr. complaining about speeding on their street.

Edward Johnson is a resident near a project on Gila St and has concerns regarding it, and subsequent traffic issues involving the project.

Committee Members: Lynn Adams speaks about a new single home project on Ticonderoga and the current condition of the property and how much of an eye sore it looks at present.

Harry Backer made a suggestion when construction begins on or near Morena Blvd for the Mid-Coast Trolley Extension, that the speed limit be reduced to 35mph to increase safety.

Susan Mournian notes that the Keil's Supermarket in the Clairemont Village Shopping Center is closing on November 1st and the South Clairemont area will be without a full service supermarket for at least a year.

Daniel Smiechowski speaks about short-term rentals possibly coming to Clairemont in the future.

Item 3. Modifications to the Agenda – Requires 2/3 approval.
None

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

Nicholas made note regarding the votes for the July minutes that some people who had voted no on motions made on action items had not been completely identified. He will finalize the votes prior to sending the approved minutes to the city. Margie makes a motion to approve the minutes, Cecelia seconds.

VOTE: Passes 11-0-2 (Kevin, and Chad abstain)

Item 5. Council Representative Reports

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

Adrian comments on the citywide homeless problem and how it is growing. He also mentions that hazardous dead trees along Morena Blvd by Costco Wholesale have been removed recently. Also mentioned was the celebration of 50 years of planning groups being in the City of San Diego at City Council chambers today. And as a gift from the District 2 office, Adrian showcased a planning group logo sign. Adrian also mentioned that in the district 2 newsletter that there is a bureaucracy buster phone number listed. A member of the public asks about the Gila Ave project, it is a 12 unit apartment complex being built. She has concerns about not receiving a notice and potential parking issues. A gentleman who lives in the same area also asks about the house that was bulldozed on the project site. Adrian said that he will get back with more information soon. Another member of the public too also has issues about the noticing of projects. Adrian is unsure if this project has gone through the city, or is a private project. Richard asks where exactly this project is on Gila. Daniel speaks about the housing crisis within the entire city.

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

Allen noted that the replacement Clairemont sign placed facing the westbound lanes of Balboa Ave. at I-805 was unveiled recently. He also brought up continued public safety and graffiti issues around the community, and the need for more Neighborhood Watch volunteers. Allen also notes that there will be a luncheon at the Clairemont Senior Center on September 22nd between 11am and 1pm. Cecelia brought up an issue regarding recent sewer drain-out installations in her neighborhood and sidewalks not being repaved after the install. Allen said that he will report back regarding this issue. Richard asked about the incomplete work regarding the North Clairemont Library repaving and ADA-compliant improvements. Allen said that there was a pipe under one of the new proposed walkways that was not marked properly, workers are finding a remedy to that and should complete work soon. Delana asks if there has been any updates to speed reduction improvements with the bike delineators on Balboa Ave. between Clairemont Dr. and Mt. Culebra Ave. Allen said that there is indeed a reduction of speed of traffic on the route. And further improvements to come include V-com signs in both directions on Balboa. A member of the public asked about the Gila Ave project, Allen said, that is not within District 6 and refers the question to Adrian Sevilla of Dist. 2 where the property is located.

Item 6. Action Items

101. Tecolote Canyon Master Plan Amendment (Kimberly Roeland, kroeland@sandiego.gov)

Kim begins by explaining what is called the Natural Resource Management Plan, and what this document entails. The original Tecolote Canyon Master Plan was adopted in 1982. And it is now being brought forward for a few amendments. Work on this amendment has been done in conjunction with the Tecolote Canyon Advisory Committee. Members of the public have also provided feedback. The Linda Vista Planning Group has voted to approve this amendment. Some improvements to Tecolote Canyon with this amendment include, new trailheads in North Clairemont, loop trail from September St., new undercrossing at Balboa Ave. Lynn asked for more information regarding the new trailheads in North Clairemont. Harry asked if there will be any changes to the Tecolote Canyon Golf Course, Kim said there will not be any changes as the course does not fall into the scope of the master plan. Delana asks about the removal of a trailhead. Kim said that there was no connection to the other trails within the canyon. Susan did note of the detailed meetings the Tecolote Canyon Advisory Committee had regarding these amendments. Keith asks about changes to the entrance at Mt. Acadia, there will be according to Kim. But they will be worked with in conjunction with SDG&E as it crosses their property lines. Daniel asks about the long-range plans for the Tecolote Canyon Golf Course. Kim said the lease on that expires in 2022. There are no plans for any changes to it in the short term. Margie has some issues regarding the

lack of information provided in the handout. She also asks if the trails are meant for hikers or bikers. Kim said that they are to be multi-use. Margie asks about removal of non-native species. Kim said that is part of the natural resource portion of the master plan. Margie asks as a final question about any components to protect the watershed within the canyon. Kim said yes there are components to do such protections. Margie makes a suggestion to continue this until more information is available. Richard and Chad also suggest that this be continued until further information is available. Richard also makes a note about the Balboa Ave undercrossing. Kevin inquires about the Mt. Acadia trailhead. Public Speaker Donna Reggalato asks if public restrooms are part of these improvements. Kim said yes they are. Donna also asks the total distance of the trails within Tecolote Canyon. Kim said there are a total of 17 miles of trails. Nicholas Motions to continue this to next months meeting due to lack of information, Margie seconds the motion.

VOTE: Passes 9-3-0. Harry, Delana, and Susan voted no.

Item 7. Informational Items

201. Neighborhood First Coalition Presentation (Steph Groce, Wayne Cox)

Steph begins the presentation by explaining what the NFC is and the background behind the coalition. He also goes into detail of what projects were completed in 2016, and what is to come for 2017. He continues on to explain what the NFC representatives across district 6 do to add projects to the coalition. And continues on to discuss what the priorities are across the district. 174 priorities were given as input from across the district for 2016. 85 of them being in Clairemont with one important one being the Bike Delineators that are on Balboa Ave. Steph continues on to say that they look for input from CCPG, this doesn't deter from CIP requests, but supplements it. Also discussed was the simplicity of the process for the district budget now with this program. Public Speaker Donna Reggalato asks if there is a similar program for District 2, Steph replies that there is not. Wayne explains that District 6 Councilmember Chris Cate can come to each NFC meeting to hear input. He also discusses the strategic plan and the time length to finalize the budget. Ideas given should be actionable and measurable. An open forum to provide input will be held on October 18th between 7pm and 8pm. The submissions will be collected by the end of October. A draft plan comes back to the NFC by November, and the budget is submitted in January. Daniel praises the work of the Councilmember and Steph on the implementation of the NFC. Margie also provides praise for the hard work done, and suggests a CIP Subcommittee be formed soon. Public Speaker Joel Smith asks if there are any issues with interaction with the City Council with the NFC. Steph said there has not been any at all. Delana suggests to Donna Reggalato that you speak to Councilmember Zapf about this program being implemented within District 2.

202. Proposal to limit CCPG Subcommittee Memberships to 1-year Terms. (Susan Mournian)

Susan speaks about the importance of the by-laws. She continues on to suggest that we could perhaps reduce members roles in multiple subcommittees, and focus volunteerism towards a single subcommittee. Also suggests a 1-year term for each member on a subcommittee. Margie suggests that we can review subcommittee memberships annually, but not replace entire subcommittees yearly. Richard agrees with Margie, but feels Susan is not suggesting those types of changes. He also suggests that we review attendance rules in the near future.

203. Balboa Ave. Median Landscaping Presentation (Brian Stup, Sabeen Cochinwala)

Brian makes a presentation showcasing the landscaping improvements being made at the intersection of Balboa Ave and Mt. Abernathy Ave./Mt. Alifan Dr. This will be part of a project that includes improvements to 3 other intersections along Balboa Ave in the Kearny Mesa and Clairemont neighborhoods. Which is also showcased in the presentation. Margie asks about if there were any improvements planned for the Balboa Ave. and Moraga Ave. Bus Stop. It was replied that those improvements should be addressed by SANDAG as they are to be part of the Mid-Coast Trolley project. Richard asks about Traffic Light pole replacements. Kevin inquired as to why the previous discussions to this median improvement had been disregarded by city staff. Sabeen explained that they were working with a planting palate that works in conjunction with the state water restrictions. At the same time, there would be less maintenance involved with a drought tolerant planting palate proposed. Kevin strongly recommends that the water restrictions be exempted at this location due to it not conforming with the rest of the

medians along Balboa Ave. east of this intersection where trees are currently planted. Sabeen replied saying that there are no exceptions more than likely, but she could report back to the group at a later time.

Susan asks about the drought restrictions and how long they are supposed to last. It is a relative unknown at this time, and it is up to the state to lift these restrictions. A member of the public asks if all the improvements will be completed at the same time. Brian said yes they will take about 6 months total to complete the 4 intersection improvements, with each intersection taking on average about 1 to 1 and a half months to complete the improvements. Another member of the public suggest placing rain barrels near this site for irrigation. While another member of the public suggests a private entity to fund the landscape irrigation. Carol Sleichmann comments about the wasting of water when new water pipes are flushed out.

204. Luce Bar & Grill Patio Expansion (Antonio D'Amato, Jessica Hardacre)

Antonio describes the patio expansion and the changes to the parking around the project area. Jessica goes into the background of what entails for the expansion of the patio, this will be a city administration decision. The proposal also includes converting the present patio area into a dining space, and for customers to wait for their dinner reservations. The area will close earlier than the rest of the restaurant to limit noise. With regards to previous expansions, San Diego Police and the State Alcohol Board has had no issues with the restaurant. Finally, Jessica explains that the parking spots that are being removed for this patio are being placed elsewhere on the property. Keith made a suggestion that this project come to the Project Review Subcommittee for further review. Harry voices support for this project. Richard asks if there will be a canopy over the patio, Jessica said its possible.

205. SANDAG Mid-Coast Trolley Extension Update (Sharon Humphreys)

Sharon presents a power point presentation regarding the construction already underway along the right-of-way for the new extension. The phases of construction are, utility relocation, supporting infrastructure. Then comes construction of stations, bridges, and viaducts. Continuing on with installation of track, power substations, and overhead wire. And finally, comes testing of the line and start up work near the completion of infrastructure work. Sharon notes that construction will be continuous along the line from late 2016 to late 2018. Sharon discusses connectivity to other modes along the new Trolley line. She also mentions that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony at the campus of the UCSD Preuss School on October 22nd between 11am and 3pm. Kevin asks when the first scheduled Balboa Ave. Station Plan meeting is, Nicholas replies that he spoke with Michael Prinz who is organizing it earlier today, and he told Nicholas that the meeting should be sometime in November. Sharon said construction of the Balboa Ave station should begin around 2018. Chad asks Sharon if any input that we give now will still have merit. Sharon says, they will take input from residents, and the planning group. Richard asks if the extension will open all at once. Sharon says, it will open all at once in 2021. Margie thanks Sharon for explaining that the Balboa Ave./Moraga Ave. Bus Stop is within the area of the construction SANDAG is doing for the trolley extension. Margie also states that SANDAG recently voted to use eminent domain on a property next to the Clairemont Dr. Station and makes a suggestion that some alternatives other than just a park and ride facility be considered. Susan asks what the outreach effort would entail. Harry asks if Sharon can come to the Balboa Station Plan meetings, she said that she would be happy to. Harry also asks if station design plans can be altered, Sharon said they possibly could. Lynn reported a construction issue to Sharon, and she replied to tell Lynn to call the construction hotline. Public speaker Donna Reggalato asked if there will be any changes to the turn lanes along Morena Blvd. at the site of the future Balboa Ave. Station, Sharon should have more information regarding this issue soon. Another member of the public asks about the different forms of outreach to let the public know of the ongoing status of this project. Sharon replies saying there will be booths with representatives at community events, along with Social Media outreach.

206. Neighborhood Code Compliance Volunteer Group (William Dauphin Jr.)

William explains that there are multiple volunteer groups around the city, and citizens are trained to help find violations within plain site and helps report them to Code Compliance for verification and enforcement. The program was resurrected to help find quality of life issues around the city where these volunteer groups are. The program is operated off of a 2-letter system. Along with ongoing training for citizens, community groups will work with issues that are brought up. The volunteers function as the eyes and ears within the community. Items that tend to come up involve unusual storage within sight of a public right-of-way. Parking issues are another issue that a group of volunteers in the College Area report.

Item 8. Workshop Items

None

Item 9. Potential Action Items

None

Item 10. Reports to Group

Chairman Report/Community Planners, Keith Hartz: No Report

By-Laws, Michael Puente: No report.

Planning Dept., Michael Prinz: No report.

Project Review, Naveen Waney: No report.

Balboa Ave Station Plan Ad Hoc Sub Committee, Harry Backer: No report.

Morena Corridor Specific Plan Ad Hoc Sub Committee, Margie Schmidt: Margie made note that at the next subcommittee meeting that CalTrans will be presenting ideas regarding the Clairemont Dr Bridge over I-5. Their next meeting is October 10th, 2016 at 6pm. At St. David's Episcopal Church.

Treasurer, Delana Hardacre: No report.

Clairemont Town Council, Delana Hardacre: No report.

Parking/Transportation/Mobility, Nicholas Reed: No report.

Adjournment at 9:18 PM

The next meeting will be held on October 18th, 2016, 6:30pm at Cadman Elementary School.