

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP**

December 06, 2017

Members Present:

Paul Brown, Bob Cummings, Robert Doherty, Randall Dolph Alan Grant, Mary Holland, Derek Hulse, Rob Hutsel, John Laraia, Elizabeth Leventhal, John Nugent, Jim Penner, Keith Pittsford, Marco Sessa Dottie Surdi, Josh Weiselberg, Larry Wenell

Members Absent:

Steve Abbo, Deborah Bossmeyer, Cameron Bucher, Kaye Durant, Kathy McSherry, Andrew Michajlenko, Rick Tarbell

City/Government Staff:

Nancy Graham, Javier Gomez, Darnisha Hunter

Guests:

See list at end of minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dottie Surdi Chair, called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:05 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library Community Room located at 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA.

Verify Quorum: 16 members were present, constituting a quorum.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

Larry Wenell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. INTRODUCTIONS / OPENING REMARKS/REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Dottie Surdi welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present to sign the sign in sheets.

Guests introduced themselves.

Dottie Surdi appointed the Riverwalk Ad Hoc subcommittee:

MVPG members:

Rob Hutsel-Chair
Robert Doherty
Elizabeth Leventhal
John Nugent
Keith Pittsford
Dottie Surdi

Community members:

Karen Malin
Robert Shandor
Mary Shepperd
Frank Schutz

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rob Hutsel moved to approve the minutes of the November 01, 2017 regular meeting. Keith Pittsford seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 12 –0 – 4 with Paul Brown, Bob Cummings, Randall Dolph, Alan Grant, Mary Holland, Rob Hutsel, Elizabeth Leventhal, John Nugent, Jim Penner, Keith Pittsford, Marco Sessa, Josh Weiselberg, **voting yes, and** Robert Doherty, Derek Hulse, Dottie Surdi, Larry Wenell **abstaining.**

E. PUBLIC INPUT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS BUT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING GROUP.

“The Mission Valley Planning Group has been formed and recognized by the City Council to make recommendations to the City Council, Planning Commission, City staff, and other governmental agencies on land use matters, specifically concerning the preparation of, adoption of, implementation of, or amendment to, the General Plan or a land use plan when a plan relates to the Mission Valley community boundaries. The planning group also advises on other land use matters as requested by the City or other governmental agency.”
Mission Valley Planning Group Bylaws as Amended and approved July 2015

The following topics were addressed:

- Two students from the Scripps Institute spoke on environmental considerations for Mission Valley and the San Diego River
- Appeal of MMCC-Valley Greens.
- Concern about City Council regulations regarding marijuana cultivation and retail distribution,
- Darnisha Hunter from Mayors office introduced herself and indicated she was point person from Mayor’s office or homeless issues.

F. MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS

Keith Pittsford announced the MVPG election in March 2018 for 4 year terms (ending 2022) with 12 positions open for election. There will be three positions open in each of the following categories:

1. Property Taxpayer
2. Local Business Person
3. Resident
4. Property Owner

The official election notice has been posted on the Mission Valley Library Bulletin Board, the City of San Diego website-Mission Valley Planning Page and follows these minutes (see below)

G. TREASURER’S REPORT

Bob Doherty reported the balance remains at \$1,344.16

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. No items

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Information Item # 1:

San Diego River October River Blitz/Annual We All Count January 26, 2018-Rob Hutsel, President & CEO, San Diego River Park Foundation

Rob Hutsel reported:

- Twice a year the San Diego River Park Foundation conducts a survey to get a “snapshot” of San Diego River, especially the trash/homeless encampments
- Recent study by the San Diego River Park Foundation found the number of homeless living along the river has nearly doubled since October 2016
- In October 2016, volunteers counted 56 homeless encampments along the San Diego River
- In October 2017, volunteers counted 111 active homeless encampments along the San Diego River
- In October 2017, volunteers counted 165 inactive homeless encampments along the San Diego River
- In October 2017, volunteers identified 50 other sites that needed attention for litter, dumping, storm water issues.
- San Diego River Park Foundation’s cleanup efforts, with community volunteers, collected over 120,000lbs of trash—93.7% of the trash is sourced to homelessness.
- The SDRPF has compiled data on the homeless encampments' locations and the trash they produce. The map can be found at:
<http://www.immappler.com/sandiegorivertrash/>

The 9/22/17 News Article has changed the SDRPF procedures for sponsoring efforts to clean up encampments along the river including requiring volunteers to have a Hep-A vaccine or sign a waiver.

News article from Voice of San Diego:

Tijuana Sewage Is Not Fueling the Hep A Outbreak, But the San Diego River Might Be

The hepatitis A outbreak in San Diego has brought together a volatile cocktail of rampant speculation and uncertain science.

<http://www.voiceofsandiego.org/topics/science-environment/tijuana-sewage-is-not-fueling-the-hep-a-outbreak-but-the-san-diego-river-might-be/>

The San Diego River Park Foundation will be leading the homeless count along the San Diego River for the Annual WeAllCount on January 26, 2018 and is seeking volunteers to assist. More information on the WeAllCount can be found under the Public Health, Safety and Welfare Ad Hoc Committee in these minutes.

2. Information Item # 2:

Affordable Housing / Housing our Veterans / Housing our Homeless-Rick Gentry, President & CEO, San Diego Housing Commission

For more information: <http://www.sdhc.org/>

Rick Gentry provided an overview of the San Diego Housing Commission

Established in 1979, the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) is a public agency/corporation dedicated to preserving and increasing affordable housing within the City of San Diego./

The agency receives no General Fund money from the City of San Diego.

Programs include:

- SDHC's Rental Assistance Department administers the [Housing Choice Voucher Program](#) (Section 8) funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which provides rent subsidies for more than 14,000 low-income households in the City of San Diego. Under this program families, senior citizens, and individuals with disabilities pay between 30 and 40 percent of their adjusted monthly gross income on rent.
- Owns and manages more than 1,800 affordable rental units that are leased to low-income families, seniors, and the disabled.
- The City of San Diego's Inclusionary Affordable Housing Ordinance. The Inclusionary Housing Ordinance applies to all new residential development (including condominium conversions) of 2 or more units, and requires the payment of an inclusionary affordable housing fee. Instead of paying this fee, applicants may elect to set aside at least 10 percent (5 percent for condominium conversions) of the total number of for-sale dwelling units in the project for households earning no more than 100 percent of the area median income (AMI), subject to agreements with the San Diego Housing Commission. The San Diego Housing Commission uses the money to fund other projects to create affordable housing.
<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib532.pdf>
- Three Temporary Bridge Shelter Programs
In November 2017 approved more than \$6.5 million in SDHC funds for the operation of three Temporary Bridge Shelter Programs that will provide beds for 700 homeless San Diegans through June 30, 2018. These funds are in addition to the \$1.1 million SDHC directed toward the start-up costs for these programs to ensure that they will be ready by December 1, 2017. The use of these funds to implement these three temporary bridge shelter programs is important to address homelessness in the City and help combat the regional Hepatitis A outbreak. These shelter programs also complement the "housing first" model by providing the additional capacity that is needed up-front to help homeless San Diegans leave the streets behind and start on the path toward permanent housing.
- The San Diego Housing Commission's (SDHC) homelessness action plan, **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO: 2018-2020**, will create permanent housing opportunities for 3,000 homeless individuals and families in the City of San Diego over the next three fiscal years. **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO:**

2018-2020 directs \$79.7 million in Federal, City of San Diego, and SDHC resources into six programs:

- Landlord Incentives
- New Permanent Supportive Housing
- SDHC Moving Home Rapid Rehousing
- SDHC Moving On Rental Assistance
- Homelessness Prevention & Diversion
- Coordinated Outreach

This action plan is rooted in the national “Housing First” model of addressing homelessness – to provide homeless individuals with housing as quickly as possible, with supportive services as needed.

<http://www.sdhc.org/Homeless-Solutions/HousingFirst-SanDiego/>

- **The 1,000 Homeless Veterans Initiative**

The 1,000 Homeless Veterans Initiative is a \$12.5 million investment in Federal, City of San Diego and SDHC resources, providing housing opportunities for homeless Veterans in the City who are living on the streets or in shelters, and includes four program components:

1. Landlord Outreach “Housing Our Heroes” Campaign
2. Rapid Re-housing Assistance
3. SDHC Federal Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers
4. SDHC Federal Housing Vouchers with Supportive Services

<file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/SDHC.1000HomelessVeterans%20Initiative.PPT.FIN AL2.pdf>

- **SDHC Report: San Diego Housing Production Objectives 2018-2028**

The City of San Diego can create enough additional housing to meet its need for 150,000 – 220,000 housing units over the next 10 years if the majority of the proposals in a new San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) report are implemented. SDHC developed the report, *Addressing the Housing Affordability Crisis: San Diego Housing Production Objectives 2018-2028*, in collaboration with City Councilmembers Scott Sherman and David Alvarez, Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the City Council’s Smart Growth & Land Use Committee.

http://www.sdhc.org/uploadedFiles/Media_Center/Significant_Documents_Reports/SDHC-Housing-Production-Objectives-Report.pdf

Discussion/Comments/Questions

- Reasons for escalation of homelessness in San Diego/West Coast?

Mr. Gentry’s reply:

1. Lack of funding for affordable housing (subsidized housing)
 2. Lack of housing supply for Housing affordability (affordable real estate)
 3. Mental health/substance abuse among some of the homeless population
- More information at SD Regional Task Force on the Homeless

<http://www.rtfhsd.org/resource-library/>

- Why is homeless worse now in this economy? Mr. Gentry’s reply:

The rebound in the economy has increased the price of homes/rents causing some of the population to a situation where they cannot afford the cost of housing.

- What is done about the homeless that won't accept services/bed? SD Regional Task Force on the Homeless continues to create and offer the broadest opportunities, services and supportive housing as an attempt to help all within the homeless population, especially those with mental health/substance abuse issues.
- Are the three new tents the answer? The tents are "bridges"/temporary beds to get the individuals in to programs and housing, however without sufficient affordable housing and housing affordability this goal is a large challenge.
- Will Congressional budget bills hurt or help the homeless programs. As of now the House bill contains provisions that would hurt future affordable housing inventory and programs.

A. Standing Committees:

1) Design Advisory Board – Randy Dolph

The DAB did not meet.

2) Mission Valley Community Plan Update- Elizabeth Levental/Andrew Michajlenko

The Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS) did not meet in November and will not meet in December. The next meeting will be scheduled once SANDAG finishes the Mission Valley Mobility study and report.

The CPUS committee normally meets the second Friday of each month from 3:00-4:30 at the Mission Valley Library.

For more information please visit the CPUS website at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/missionvalley/>

B. Ad Hoc Committees

1) Public Health, Safety and Welfare – Elizabeth Leventhal

Elizabeth Leventhal reported on the January 26, 2018 We All Count plan:

WeAllCount

- WeAllCount is the San Diego name for the federally mandated annual census of homeless persons known as the Point-in-Time-Count (PITC).
- January 26, 2018 is the date for WeAllCount/the Point-in-Time-Count
- The PITC is meant to be a one-day snapshot of persons living either on the streets or in short-term shelters.
- The PITC is usually conducted during the last week of January each year.
- The information is used at both the national and local levels to help inform discussions and decision-making around homeless issues, funding, and the design of a system of care that best serves the most vulnerable people while maximizing limited resources.
- San Diego River Park Foundation will be leading the count along the San Diego River for the Annual WeAllCount and is seeking volunteers.

The WeAllCount program needs volunteers in the following categories:

Counters – Counters walk the streets to count the homeless. Counters self-select a census tract area to survey and are deployed in teams from a specific count site during the morning of WeAllCount. For more detailed information,

<http://www.rtfhsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Counter-Description.pdf>

Interviewers – Interviewers get more involved in the counting process by conducting guided surveys of homeless persons willing to tell their story. Interviewers will self-select an interview site and work in teams to conduct these in-person surveys to as many homeless individuals and families as time permits. For more detailed information: <http://www.rtfhsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Interviewer-Description.pdf>

Coordinators – There are two different kinds of Coordinators: those who supervise the sites where the Counters work out of, and those who oversee the Interviewing sites.

2) Riverwalk-Rob Hutsel

An introductory meeting of the subcommittee was held on November 09, 2017.

On December 06, 2017 Dottie Surdi appointed/reappointed the following to Riverwalk Ad Hoc subcommittee:

MVPG members:

Rob Hutsel-Chair

Robert Doherty

Elizabeth Leventhal

John Nugent

Keith Pittsford

Dottie Surdi

Community members:

Karen Malin

Robert Shandor

Mary Shepperd

Frank Schutz

The next meeting will be on January 11, 2018 at noon at the Mission Valley Library.

For more information please visit the Riverwalk website at:

<http://riverwalksd.com/>

3. MV Stadium Redevelopment-Paul Brown

The Committee did not meet

2. Community Reports

1. San Diego River Coalition

The next meeting will in January 2018. The November meeting included establishing a work plan for 2018.

The Coalition normally meets the third Friday of each month from 3:00-4:30 at the Mission Valley Library.

More info at: <http://www.sandiegoriver.org>

3. Community Planning Chairs Meeting –

A meeting was held on November 28, 2017. The main agenda topics were:

- Utility Underground Master Plan
- Changes to Park and Recreation Councils
- City’s Equal Employment Opportunity and Conflict of Interest Policy

Agendas and Minutes of meetings are located at:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpc>

4. Miscellaneous Mail/Items/For the Good of the Order

Josh Weiselberg discussed the traffic congestion at the intersection of S. Qualcomm Way and I-8. This led to a brief discussion on traffic and traffic mitigation in the Mission Valley. Mobility issues, including automobile traffic, are part of the Mission Valley Community Plan Update. Documents regarding traffic/mobility as part of the Mission Valley Community Plan Update can be found at:

https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/mission_valley_eer_final_06082017.pdf

https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/appendices_8.5x11.pdf

Further information on the Mission Valley Community Plan Update can be found at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/missionvalley/>

Josh Weiselberg will review the documents and, if needed, will request the item of traffic congestion at the intersection of S. Qualcomm Way and I-8 be addressed by the Mission Valley Community Plan Update Committee or MVPG.

L. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday January 03, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library, Community Room.

John Nugent, Secretary

NOTICE OF MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP GENERAL ELECTION

On Wednesday, March 7, 2018 the Mission Valley Planning Group (“MVPG”) will hold a General Election of Members to serve on its Board. The General Meeting and Election will be at **Noon**, in the Community Room, Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego.

The MVPG Board represents the General Members of the Mission Valley Planning Group and is an all-volunteer group. Its primary purpose is to advise the City Council, Planning Commission and other governmental agencies as may be appropriate in the initial preparation, adoption of, implementation of, or amendment to the general or community plan as it pertains to the area or areas of influence of Mission Valley.

Only General Members who have attended a minimum of two (2) meetings of the MVPG in the twelve (12) months prior to the February 2018 regular meeting qualify to fill any Board position. Attendance at the required meetings must be documented in the minutes of the meetings. Each term is four (4) years and three (3) positions will be filled in the General Election in each of the following classifications:

Class I: Property owner, who is an individual identified as the sole or partial owner of record, or their designee, of a real property (either developed or undeveloped) within the community planning area. ***Term expires March 2022***

Class II: Person (including residents or persons representing business entities) paying property taxes on any parcel of real property in the community planning area. ***Term expires March 2022***

Class III. Resident, who is an individual, whose primary address is an address in the community planning area (either an owner or renter). ***Term Expires March 2022***

Class IV: Local business person (including persons representing business entities), who is a local business owner, operator or designee, with a business address in the community at which employees or operators of the business are located. ***Term expires March 2022***

For further information, please contact Keith Pittsford at kpittsford@sgpa.com

Design Advisory Board (DAB) Standing Committee

DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD Mission Valley Planning Group

The Committee did not meet so there are no minutes this month

The Community Plan Update Subcommittee (CPUS)

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**PHOTO OF GUEST SIGN IN SHEET FOR DECEMBER 06, 2018 MEETING
(see next page)**

GUEST SIGN-IN

Meeting Date December 06, 2017

We have open board positions—please let us know if you wish to volunteer

	Print Name	Print Affiliation
1	DAVID THORNE	HIG
2	Seth Springman	FIX
3	FRANK SCHULTZ	PRESIDENT
4	TELEFETEKE METAI	STUDENT (SCRIPPS)
5	SAEBOM JUNG	Student, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
6	MICHELLE GOFF	SDSU STUDENT PRES
7	Kathy Lippitt	San Diegoans for Safe Public Health
8	Ken GOTTHELF	PROP OWNER
9	Bhavish Parikh	Maverick
10	Noel Zs	LUP 6
11	Rick Gentry	SDHC
12	Alex Nolenesi	-
13	Pat Grant	
14	Dawn Hunter	
15	Rick Wilson	MV YMCA
16	Naomi Grant	PROP OWNER
17	JIM HAUGHNEY	RIVERWALK
18	Carol Green	
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