

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Kearny Mesa Planning Group
February 22, 2018
Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library
9005 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123

Planning Group Members in Attendance:

Ping Wang Mark Olsson Ray Richmond Paul Yung Tana Lorah Todd Matcher
 Jeff Sallen John Turpit Meridith Marquis Buzz Gibbs Ed Quinn Karen Ruggels Robyn Badilla
Derek Applbaum John Mulvihill Dana Hooper

Community members in Attendance:

Allen Young, Lisa Lind, Scott Chipman, Stephanie Green, Phil Adams, Byron Nodd, Eric Craig, Tim Nguyen, Jason Weisz, Calvin Ngo, Wesley Quach, Hodge Patterson, Pat Geary, Sara Adams, Roger Blankenship, Caress Allen, Sapphire Blackwood, Michael Kinoshita and Joe Esposito

1. The Meeting was brought to order at 11:40 PM by Jeff Sallen, chair of the Kearny Mesa Planning Group. Copies of the **Minutes of the December 2017 meeting** were distributed and discussed. After the members reviewed the minutes, Jeff asked for any changes or corrections. They were **approved 6-0-2**.
2. **Action Item:** Michael Kinoshita (Principle/President) w/MKA Architecture & Planning returned for a third time to discuss plans to subdivide an existing Ramada Inn located at 5550 Kearny Mesa Road into two lots. Now that the planning group had all requested info from the city of San Diego to review and saw that there were no longer any outstanding issues, the planning group made a motion to approve the project. The final vote was in favor of the PDP (8-0-0).
3. **Public Comment:** Kearny Mesa Planning Group Member John Turpit addressed the board and community and read off a number items that John had learned while speaking with Councilman Chris Cate. John read the following list.
 - a. Sale and production of marijuana is legal in California.
 - b. Federal law prohibits the sale and production of marijuana.
 - c. US Attorney General has stated he will prosecute.
 - d. San Diego City Council voted to allow 40 marijuana production facilities (MPF) in non-residential zones. Councilman Chris Cate asked the Council to limit his district to 14. Council voted against Cates wishes. Per the law, there could potentially be 40 MPF's located in Cates district.
 - e. San Diego Police policy currently is NOT agreeing to monitor or regulate MPF's as they do the sale of alcohol. Why?
 - f. Federal banking regulations prohibit having MPF or retail outlets as customers. MPF and sales are generally cash only businesses.
 - g. MPF's are willing to pay rent that is significantly higher than most any other tenants.
 - h. MPF's often create odors that are disruptive to neighboring tenants.
 - i. MPF's will pay a 5% tax on income to the City of San Diego.

John stated that the approval of MPF's in Kearny Mesa could create a huge land use problem and made a motion to sideline all projects from receiving votes until the Sub-Committee discusses the concerns of the planning group with the City of San Diego who is in the middle of a Community Plan Update for Kearny Mesa. The Planning Group did not agree with John's motion and pushed to hear each of the applicants on the agenda.

A woman from the PTA addressed the Planning Group and voiced her concerns to allow MPF's to operate in Kearny Mesa. Following this speech, Mr. Scott Chipman with the Pacific Beach Planning Group also stood and voiced his concerns regarding the use, sales and distribution of marijuana.

4. **Action Item:** Stephanie Green, Project Manager with Focused Health LLC, presented on Project #585542. Focused Health LLC seeks approval of a CUP to operate a MPF at 9244 Balboa Avenue. The Planning Group voted 8-0-0 to sideline the project until all requirements by the City of San Diego were satisfied.
5. **Action Item:** Joe Esposito with Estrada Land Planning, presented on Project #585585. Estrada Land Planning seeks approval of a CUP to operate a MPF at 8039 Balboa Avenue. The Planning Group voted 8-0-0 to sideline the project until all requirements by the City of San Diego were satisfied.

6. Action Item: Sapphire Blackwood with Grassroots Resources, presented on Project #585369. Grassroots Resources seeks approval of a CUP to operate a MPF at 5205 Kearny Villa Way, Suites 101, 102, 104A&B, 106, 107, 108 & 109. Grassroots Resources is already operating in the two story office building. The Planning Group voted 8-0-0 to sideline the project until all requirements by the City of San Diego were satisfied.

The additional Projects on the Agenda were not heard due to a lack of time.

Jeff Sallen ended the meeting at 1:10pm.