

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Approved Minutes of the Meeting of
January 15th, 2019
Alcott Elementary School Auditorium

P Naveen Waney - Chair P Nicholas Reed – Vice Chair P Margie Schmidt - Secretary P Delana Hardacre- Treasurer	P Harry Backer P Kevin Carpenter A Cecelia Frank A Chad Gardner	P Richard Jensen P Gary Christensen A Ryan Rolla A Jason Young	P Susan Mournian P Billy Paul P Matt Valenti P BarbarahTorres
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P – Present A – Absent L-Late

Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Naveen Waney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.. 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:

Michael Dwyer: Announced Pure Water presentation at next Clmt Town Council meeting on 2/7.
 Karin Zerk: Announced Love Your Wetlands Day on 2/2 at Kendall-Frost Marsh.
 Male speaker: Alerting to difficulty getting homeowner’s insurance if within 345 yds of beach.

Committee Members:

Barb: When will construction at Clairemont High end?
 Billy: Clarified “call for the question” does not automatically end debate on an issue.

Item 3. Modifications to the Agenda – None

Item 4. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Susan, second by Matt to approve minutes.

VOTE: 12-0-0; Motion passes.

Item 5. Council Representative Reports

District 2 Council Report, Carrie Munson, Community Liaison, cmunson@sandiego.gov

Welcomed and congratulated by Naveen. Carrie introduces self, is a licensed engineer, has been on CTC for 4 yrs in various posts, now is Vice President.
 Re: Milton St. Is delaminating, is under warrenty and will be resurfaced. Unknown date.
 Richard suggests this contractor not be used again in future.

District 6 Council Report, Dan Manley, Community Liaison, dmanley@sandiego.gov

Absent.

SANDAG Mid-Coast Trolley Monthly Update (Pete D’Ablaing, SANDAG)

Absent.

Item 6. Action Items

101. Genesee Ave. Sidewalk Improvements – PTS:620031 (Hong Le) A site development permit required d/t impact on coastal sage scrub. Installation on east side between Sauk Ave & Chateau Dr with a retaining wall

and revegetation of slope with native species. Presentation reviewed existing conditions and rendering of completed project includes sidewalk, a hydraulic disconnect strip filled with cobble that allows runoff to percolate through soil rather than enter storm drain, also new curb and gutter. Construction to begin late 2019, lasting approx. 6 months.

Kevin, as chair of Project Review Sub Committee, states is appreciative that this project came before community because it significantly impacts character of our community and hopes that all similar projects will also come before community even if not required. Notes that this was a CIP project identified by CCPG for several years. Reviewed motion made by PRS to recommend approval with conditions and recommendations regarding aligning horizontal panel joints, increasing plant sizes to 5 gallon for 3 species, using pile installation method that avoids vibration impacts to nearby residences, installing bike lane improvements on Genesee simultaneously, and preventing bike/scooter play in brow ditch.

Questions by Board regarding cobbles, brow ditch, type of fence atop wall, plant size and maintenance, noticing of neighbors, and traffic impacts during construction were responded to.

Question by public re possibility of widening roadway? Resp: Limited by right of way.

A restoration ecologist clarified that larger plant size would not improve success of plantings and could increase erosion concerns.

Motion made by Kevin to recommend as per PRS (above), second by Susan.

Motion by Billy to amend by deleting condition to increase plant size, second by Delana.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: 8-4-0, Motion passes.

Kevin clarifies motion: To recommend approval with the following 3 conditions and 1 recommendation.

Conditions: 1) Align horizontal joints from one concrete panel to the next 2) Use a method to install H piles that does not cause vibration to the adjacent residences 3) Provide means of preventing bike and scooter traffic in the brow ditch.

Recommendation: 1) Include bicycle facility upgrades to Genesee concurrent with this project.

VOTE: 11-1-0, Motion passes.

102. Recommendation of Final Draft Balboa Ave. Station Area Specific Plan – (Michael Prinz, Senior Planner, City of San Diego, mprinz@sandiego.gov)

Represents 210 acres on both east and west side of I-5 adjacent to Balboa Trolley Station. Plan identifies land use & mobility improvements in City of San Diego and access to the station. Goals: Implement General Plan of City of Villages, capitalize on mid-coast trolley extension, increase housing in transit priority area, and improve pedestrian & bike access to the trolley station. Review of plan components including existing conditions, proposed land uses/densities, roadway changes, bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure, 240 parking spaces at station and bus connections. Please see plan and PEIR at for full details:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/specificplans/balboa-station>

The recommendations made by Balboa Station Sub Committee included:

Implement the Medium Density Alternative included in the PEIR;

Prioritize infrastructure improvements;

Establish a cap of 2000 units prior to construction of a pedestrian bridge;

Provide an improved intersection at the Balboa Avenue/Morena Boulevard intersection;

Implement traffic mitigation measures in Clairemont.

Replace cycle track with Class II bike lanes on both sides of Morena Blvd.

These already presented to Planning Commission. Balboa Spec Plan will go before Land Use & Housing Committee on 2/6, then to City Council (date TBD).

Sub Committee comments:

Harry (chair) Expressed thanks to SC members. Station is an “island” without ped I-5 overpass.

George H.: States no support at Planning Comm for our recommendations. Is uncertain of own support today.

Donna R.: Felt SC pressured to make recommendation which is only a “draft”. New bridge is crucial.

Susan: Voiced concerns about E-scooters in cycle track? Memo re 4 lanes on Morena? Resp: City rules will apply but none formalized yet. Memo applied only Morena Spec. Plan area.

Board comments:

Barb: Opposes bike lane on one side, concerned about safety and visibility in abutment space, must secure ped bridge funding agencies, encourages public art opportunities.

Margie: Support median with turn lanes rather than free turn lane, concern that some buildings on Balboa abut sidewalk limiting ability to provide bicycle paths and that mature trees removed. Resp: Will be greater setbacks on Balboa for greater public space with redevelopment & replacement of trees is SANDAG responsibility.

Kevin: Need signage for pedestrian pathways & Santa Fe intersection dangerous. Resp: Those improvements recommended. Plans for abandoned cloverleaf space? Resp: Potential for park/open space, to address in CPU process. I-5 abutment space must await need for substantial improvements in Plan area? Resp: True.

Billy: I-5 overpass should be at Magnolia. Must have cycle track for safety, component of bike path from Oregon border through Calif in railroad right of way, California Rail Trail.

Richard: Bridge is necessity, City takes input but does not implement.

Matt: Ped overpass is greatest concern.

Naveen: Questions why change cross section of Morena in different segments.

Public comments included support for ped bridge, concerns that north of station cycle track will become Class II bike lanes both sides. No sidewalks on east side of Morena from Avati; Resp: are on City's capital improvements list, unclear timing of implementation. Concern that many properties in PB portion have recently been redeveloped so street infrastructure of multi-use pathway will be non-contiguous.

Motion by Harry to continue item until receive response from SANDAG, second by Richard.

VOTE: 4-7-1 (Delana abstains d/t unable to reach decision). Motion fails.

Motion by Matt to approve Balboa Station Specific Plan with conditions as recommended above with additional requirement to identify lead agency and funding source for pedestrian bridge.

Billy suggests removing Class II stipulation and retaining cycle track on Morena south of balboa station, accepted by Matt. Second by Delana.

Clarification of motion:

Recommend approval of Balboa Station Area Specific Plan with the following conditions:

Identify a lead agency and funding source to implement the pedestrian/bicycle bridge;

Implement the Medium Density Alternative included in the PEIR;

Prioritize infrastructure improvements;

Establish a cap of 2000 units prior to construction of a pedestrian bridge;

Provide an improved intersection at the Balboa Avenue/Morena Boulevard intersection;

Implement traffic mitigation measures in Clairemont.

VOTE: 11-1-0, Motion passes.

Motion by Nick to extend meeting time, second by Barb.

VOTE: 12-0-0, Motion passes.

Item 7. Informational Items

201. Formation of 2019 CCPG Election Subcommittee -(Nicholas Reed) Vice chair normally chairs this sub committee but Nick is up for re-election; Barb volunteers to chair. Ballot will be finalized next CCPG meeting. Requirements of candidates: Verified attendance at minimum of 3 of last 12 CCPG board meetings, must be resident or property/business owner in Clairemont, submit application. Information will be posted on media sites.

Seats up for election: Chad, Matt, Nick, Gary, Jason, Ryan, Margie, Richard.

Elections on March 19th, 9am-5:30pm, at North Clairemont Rec. room 2. Results announced at end of meeting that evening.

- 202. City of San Diego Citywide Tree Planting Program** – (Lesley Henegar, lhengar@saniego.gov)
Part of implementation of CAP. Top three most effective initiatives to advance CAP are using transit, reducing land fill emissions, and planting trees. Numerous health and economic benefits to increased # trees. Goal for 15% canopy by 2020, 35% by 2035; current canopy is 13% citywide, Clairemont is 16.8%. Need equivalent of 4 Balboa parks fully planted. Can apply for free tree to be planted in City ROW of single or multi-family properties. Streets division has funding for 1000 trees. Encourage additional independent tree planting on private property.
Apply at sandiego.gov/trees or call Streets Division.

Item 8. Workshop Items
None

Item 9. Potential Action Items
None

Item 10. Reports to Group

Chair Report – Naveen Waney – No Report

Vice-Chair/Parking & Transportation Report – Nicholas Reed – New parking requirements in Transit Priority Areas proposed: decrease to possibly 0.

Balboa Station – Harry Backer – No Further Report

Secretary/Morena Corridor Specific Plan Ad Hoc Sub Committee Report, Margie Schmidt – Meeting held last night, decision to continue action item of recommendation regarding the MCSP until after release of the final PEIR on 1/23. Have requested that this item not be taken to Planning Commission until after Feb CCPG mtg so that a board supported recommendation can be presented.

MCAS Miramar – Cecelia Frank – Deferred

Treasurer – Delana Hardacre – Deferred.

Community Plan Update – Susan Mournian – Deferred

Clairemont Town Council – Delana Hardacre – Deferred

Project Review Subcommittee – Kevin Carpenter – Deferred

By-Laws – Jason Young – Deferred

Mt. Etna/County Crime Lab – Matt Valenti- Deferred

Adjournment at 8:52 PM

The next meeting will be held on February 19th, 2019, 6:00pm at Alcott Elementary School.