

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

**March 6, 2019**

Mission Valley Public Library, Community Room  
2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA 92108

**Members Present:**

Steve Abbo, Michele Addington, Cameron Bucher, Perry Dealy, Kaye Durant, Bob Cummings, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Derek Hulse, John La Raia, Elizabeth Leventhal, Kathy McSherry, Jim Penner, Patrick Pierce, Keith Pittsford, Marco Sessa, Michael Sherman, Dottie Surdi, Rick Tarbell, Josh Weiselberg, Larry Wenel.

**Members Absent:** Andrew Michajlenko

**City/Government Staff:**

Nancy Graham, Zach Bunshaft

**Guests:**

See list at end of minutes

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Jonathan Frankel called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:03p.m. at the Mission Valley Library Community Room located at 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA.

Verify Quorum: 18 members were present, constituting a quorum. Dottie Surdi, John LaRaia, Josh Weiselberg joined the meeting later.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –**

Jonathan Frankel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. INTRODUCTIONS / OPENING REMARKS/REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Jonathan Frankel welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present to sign the sign in sheets.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Kaye Durant moved to approve the minutes of February 06, 2019 regular meeting; Michele Addington seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 16-0-5 with Steve Abbo, Michele Addington, Cameron Bucher, Perry Dealy, Kaye Durant, Bob Cummings, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Elizabeth Leventhal, Kathy McSherry, Jim Penner, Patrick Pierce, Keith Pittsford, Marco Sessa, Rick Tarbell, and Larry Wenel voting yes, and Derek Hulse, Michael Sherman, and Dottie Surdi abstaining. [Confirm John LaRaia and Josh Wiselberg were present for vote.]**

**E. Public Input – Non-Agenda Items but within the scope of authority of the planning group.** None

**F. Membership Committee – Keith Pittsford**

1. Open positions on the MVPG Board – two open positions and two prospective candidates. A vote will be held at the April meeting.

**G. Treasurer’s Report – Elizabeth Leventhal**

1. Reported that the balance remains the same at 1,344.16.

**H. Information Items**

**1. Reform of Parking Regulations in Transit Priority Areas – Jonathan Frankel**

Jonathan gave a general summary overview of the City Staff’s report on the proposed reform of Parking Regulations in Transit Priority Areas. A question was asked concerning the City’s ability to enforce the placement of specific tenants or uses, which allow the City to weight in favor or reduced parking requirements on a case by case basis.

**I. Action Items –**

1. Consideration of Neighborhood Use Permit for Signage Modification at Mission Valley Target – Steven Pollock

Update proposed to comprehensive signage plan required by City. Updated includes change of name from Wards to Target, as well as incorporate signage locational changes. Target proposes reduction in overall signage from current area of 1104 square feet to 890 square feet. Proposal also includes the addition of pick up sign and wine/spirits signage along northerly end of Target building on its western frontage. A question was asked concerning the parking space sizing and whether applicant could raise the issue with landlord seeking increased parking space sizing. Applicant indicated landlord also had to approve signage plan and would bring back comment regarding parking.

**John LaRaia moved to recommend the project as presented; Kayr Durant seconded the motion. The matter was recommended 21-0-0 with Steve Abbo, Michele Addington, Cameron Bucher, Perry Dealy, Kaye Durant, Bob Cummings, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Derek Hulse, John La Raia, Elizabeth Leventhal, Kathy McSherry, Jim Penner, Patrick Pierce, Keith Pittsford, Marco Sessa, Michael Sherman, Dottie Surdi, Rick Tarbell, Josh Weiselberg and, Larry Wenel voting yes. There were zero no votes or recusals or abstentions.**

2. Authorization for Request for 14-day Extension of CPU DEIR Comment Period – Jonathan Frankel

Meeting of subcommittee yielded concern about ability to prepare comments and present before the full board prior to comment period deadline. Nancy Graham cautioned the request would not like by approved and that Board could instead consider a special meeting ahead of the deadline. One comment suggested the Board seek both the Mayor and Council Member Scott Sherman's approval and/assistance in facilitating the extended comment period deadline. There have been no other requests for an extension of the comment period deadline.

**Perry Dealy moved to recommend the request be made and be directed additionally through the Mayor's office and the Office of Councilmember Sherman; [REDACTED] seconded the motion. The matter was recommended 21-0-0 with Steve Abbo, Michele Addington, Cameron Bucher, Perry Dealy, Kaye Durant, Bob Cummings, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Derek Hulse, John La Raia, Elizabeth Leventhal, Kathy McSherry, Jim Penner, Patrick Pierce, Keith Pittsford, Marco Sessa, Michael Sherman, Dottie Surdi, Rick Tarbell, Josh Weiselberg and, Larry Wenel voting yes. There were zero no votes or recusals or abstentions.**

**J. Committee/Community Reports:**

1. Subcommittee Reports:

a. Standing Committees:

- 1) Design Advisory Board – Did not meet; normally meets the Monday prior to the MVPG meeting at 3:30 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library- Andrew Michajlenko
  
- 2) Mission Valley Community Plan Update- Elizabeth Leventhal/ Andrew Michajlenko Normally meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library.

Matter covered under I.2.

b. Ad Hoc Committees

1) Public Health, Safety and Welfare – Elizabeth Leventhal updated on AB262 regarding measures to prevent future Hepatitis A outbreaks, the public controversy concerning inoperable showers downtown as well as relocation of homeless from Family Tent to Golden Hill as a result of recent flooding.

<https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/topics/government/bill-aimed-at-preventing-another-hep-a-crisis-has-drawn-the-ire-of-vaccine-opponents/>

<https://www.kusi.com/downtown-homeless-showers-have-been-broken-for-4-years/>

2) Riverwalk-Michele Addington indicated a meeting was held in February where Hines presented on the project and provided that they were in discussion with the City regarding J Street and a proposed bridge over the trolley in lieu of the Via Las Cumbres extension. The next meeting will be March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

3) MV Stadium Redevelopment-Kaye Durant

2. Community Reports

a. San Diego River Coalition – Rob Hutsel from the audience for Alan Grant-Normally meets the third Friday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library and at the meeting the coalition discussed general support for Riverwalk provided they have more clarity on proposed roads and bridges. Next meeting will be March 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss Dissolved Oxygen Project, Riverwalk (further) and approval of a comment letter to the MV CPU.

b. Community Planning Chairs Meeting –Michele Addington/Jonathan Frankel reported that there is ongoing discussion concerning amendment of the City’s land use code to shorten the timeframe between publication of a final environmental document and when the project may be heard by the approving body from 14 days to 3. Jonathan will continue to monitor the developments related to the proposed changes. The next meeting will deal with the proposed mixed use zones and specificity as to the zones and expected uses.

3. Miscellaneous Mail/Items-For the Good of the Order – none.

**K. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:04 P.M. Next Regular Meeting Date – April 3, 2019 -12 noon at the Mission Valley Library, Community Room.

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Cameron Bucher, Secretary

**PHOTO OF GUEST SIGN IN SHEET FOR MARCH 6, 2019 MEETING**

