# TORREY PINES COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD



BOARD MEMBERS: Dennis Ridz, Chair; Dee Rich, Vice Chair; Patti Ashton Treasurer (absent); Wayne Cox, Recording Secretary; Jake Mumma; Susan Lyon; Barbara Cerny (absent); Troy Van Horst ; Samson Gavranian (absent); Brad Remy; Sheryl Adams; Elizabeth Shopes; Mike Hastings (excused): 13 members. 9 attendees.

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES, Thursday, October 10, 2019.

Del Mar Hills Academy, 14085 Mango Drive, Del Mar, CA 92014

CALL TO ORDER: Dennis Ridz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

POLICE REPORT: Officer John Briggs, SDPD, was not in attendance.

#### NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Conduct at meetings follows City Council regulation 600-24. None.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: None. Approved (Rich/Adams) 9-0.

#### ACTION TO APPROVE PAST MEETING MINUTES:

\*Correction: Van Horst was late, but in attendance, in September.

\* Approved with correction (Van Horst/Remy) 8-0-1. Lyon Abstained because she had been absent in September.

**REPORT BY THE TREASURER:** Adams gave the report for Ashton. Balance remains unchanged at \$444.67.

#### INTRODUCTIONS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

1. Corrine Busta from Supervisor Kristin Gaspar's office, discussed the Ready App, the San Diego County emergency warning alert system for wind or fire emergencies. Also, the Supervisor has secured funding from SANDAG for:

\* highways (as opposed to rapid transit).

\* bike lanes for Encinitas

- 2. Richard Flahive from Councilperson Bry's District One office didn't give a report but contributed assistance in discussions related to the DMHR light that is discussed in Information Item #1, below.
- 3. Harid "H" Puentes, candidate for the District One City Council seat currently held by Councilperson Bry, spoke about his background.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Final vote on the DMHR light will be held at the Del Mar Heights school's MUR location at the November 14 meeting. Councilperson Bry wants the

vote conducted strictly as an up or down vote and based solely on the Traffic Study performed by the City (Mercado location). Her representative Flahive discussed some of the public notification methods that will be employed and asked for any additional neighbor-to-neighbor assistance that the attendees could add.

2. The Chair opened the floor to comments from the community. Fourteen people spoke (Mogharabi, Messiri, Windmiller, Currier, Friedman, Gilin, Novell, Kuemmerce, et. al). Both sides of the issue were represented. Main issues discussed:

\*How would a light get funded?

\*A review of past studies.

\*A review of financing sources that have gone away over the years.

\*A review of the C.I.P list and its migration to a single choice.

\*A discussion of how the November meeting could be constructed, speaker slips, organizing "Yes" and "No" speaker groups, and assuring that speakers for both sides are interspersed throughout the presentation of views.

\*Announcement that the Traffic Study was available on-line.

\*The Chair requested that the Board members read at least three things before the November vote: Bry letter to the Mayor; Traffic Study; and Council Policy 200-02 (lights and crosswalks).

- 3. Barbara Cerny will be retiring from the Board effective December first, after 12 years.
- 4. The discussion on how we might streamline meetings in order to reduce time consumption was moved to the November Agenda.
- 5. Ridz said because the November meeting would be committed entirely to the vote on the light, two construction projects would have to be scheduled for a Project Review.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Should Sorrento Valley Town Council retain its seat on the TPCPB? Shopes was unsure if this subject should have been an Information Item, rather than the listed Action Item. She directed her questions to Cox, the SVTC representative on the TPCPB. Their conversation covered the history of this decision to monitor the marijuana business applications within their jurisdiction that had resulted from the City's authorization of MPF and MO businesses citywide. Wayne Cox had volunteered to attend TPCPB meetings in response to Ridz's request. Upon attending the second TPCPB meeting, Cox was asked to join the Board as an SVTC representative.

An example of the usefulness of this joint work, at the most recent Brews with Bry meeting Cox was the only one that discussed an issue that affected this geographical area (paving at SV Rd. and SV Blvd.). And the two communities do have interaction through the community, for example, the businesses and

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schools interact in sponsored events. Mr. Cox remains a property owned in Del Mar, where he raised three daughters who attended the local schools, and currently lives in Sorrento Valley, making him well-qualified to serve in this capacity for TPCPB.

The Sorrento Valley Town Council had presented (outside of Cox's work with the TPCPB), as a non-action item, a letter proposing that TPCPB cede Sorrento Valley to the Mira Mesa Planning Board. (Lyon read letter out loud). Cox mentioned he had discussed with the SVTC that Chair Ridz was not in favor of this idea because he felt it would cause the loss of Development Investment Funds to this PG. I also discussed with them that Dr. Stevens, the Mira Mesa Planning Group Chair, was clearly opposed to this proposal.

General discussion followed.

Shoppes said she considered Cox should be on the TPCPB. By voice acclamation the other Board members agreed. The Vice Chair and Lyon said they thought additional discussion with the SVTC should be considered, but that this proposal was not the right option.

There was a unanimous voice vote, with Cox abstaining, that a letter should be sent to the SVTC declining interest to their letter proposal.

2. The Torrey Point sign program was presented by Kathy Corvin from Jones Signs. Signage was approved with the caveat that illumination on the signs with lagoon frontage must not be lit from dusk to dawn because of the fragility of the wildlife corridor there.

#### ADJOURNMENT: 8:55.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Cox