

MIRAMAR RANCH NORTH PLANNING COMMITTEE

MRNPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

SRCA Community Center or Virtual Meeting

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

<http://www.scrippsrancho.org/committees/advisory-groups/mrnpc>

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Bill Crooks (Chair), Doug Kurtz (Vice-Chair), Alex Petrovic, Russell Shon, Claude Braunstein, Tom Leeman, Lin Schoeneberg (Secretary), Daniel Brast

Guests: Victoria LaBruzzo (SRPG Chair), Wally Wulfbeck (SRCA Chair), Emily Piatanesi (Mayor Todd Gloria), Eliran Hershko (Sup. Terra Lawson Remer), Quinton Grounds (Councilmember Marni Von Wilpert), Kate Needham-Cano (Rep. Sarah Jacobs), Sean McGee (SD Planning Dept.), Sandy Wetzel-Smith, Amy Grady.

Introductions: Board members & guests introduced themselves

Public Comment (Non-Agenda items): Amy Grady, resident, raised her concerns about the MAD budget and lack of a landscaping contract from City.

Modifications to the Agenda: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Mayor Todd Gloria ((Chris Ackerman-Avila or Rep): Emily Piatanesi

Update on City and County efforts on mental health and homelessness including CARE Court, waiting on signature by governor to SB43, and update on recently passed unsafe camping ordinance.

2. City Council District 5 – Councilmember Marni von Wilpert (Quinton Grounds): Wildfire

safety forum occurred the last week of September. There is another announcement: the city is doing an assessment of the communications, whether they work, what services can be offered online – website, the Get it Done App. October 24, Ed Brown Senior Center, 6pm.

- a. Alex Petrovic raises the concern of the safety bollard lights at the community center and the parking lot. Quinton responded that there are major personnel vacancies in the city's electrical department which has created a backlog.

3. San Diego County Supervisor Joel Anderson (Rep): Eliran Hershko

- a. Supervisor having an open house at the Poway Rodeo on Thursday, December 14 from 6-8pm, RSVP is recommended for food and check-in, go online or call the Supervisor's office.
- b. Largest growing population of homeless people in the County are seniors age 55+. The County has increased funding of \$2M to provide subsidized housing. Providing an app for seniors so they can match another senior to be a roommate to help subsidize the mortgage/rent and help house other seniors.

4. **75th District California Assemblymember Marie Waldron:** Not present
5. **US Congressmember Sara Jacobs (Kate Needham-Cano):** Rep. Jacobs voted to pass the Congressional budget to prevent a government shutdown. Rep Jacobs hosted a press conference at Toby Wells YMCA to discuss her congressional agenda to support child welfare.
6. **City of SD Planning Dept. (Shaun McGee):** Nothing to report.
7. **SDUSD, Caltrans or Other State Agencies Rep:** Not present
8. **Scripps Ranch Planning Group (SRPG) –Victoria LaBruzzo:** SRPG meets on Thursday and will take up the planning group vote as well as MRNPC. Sent a letter today to the two council districts in opposition to the council's proposed housing action package (HAP 2.0).
9. **Scripps Ranch Civic Association (SRCA) – Rep Wally Wulfeck:**
SRCA meets on October 10, 2023.
10. **Scripps Ranch Community Recreation Group (CRG) –Marc Sorensen or Rep:** Not present.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS:

Action Items:

1. **Discuss and take action by vote on merging the two planning groups: SRPG and MRNPC.**

Bill Crooks: the subcommittees met multiple times and worked through a number of issues, particularly how to treat the MAD. Proposal drafted by Wally Wulfbeck would have a committee of no more than 25 members. Composition would have a goal of representation that would represent the populations of SRPG, MRNPC, and Rancho Encantada. Members to vote on the MAD would be that they would need to be a resident.

Russel Shon: concern that the group did not discuss how “to live together.”

Tom Leeman: Not sure that is a fair characterization. He started as a skeptic but observed that the concerns he continued to have were relatively minor.

Alex Petrovic: the main concern was the MAD and that was taken care of in the proposed bylaws. He does not believe that the MAD part of the bylaws could not easily be manipulated.

Daniel Brast: Shared a concern about whether the recruitment goals could have a minimum threshold of effort to ensure that the geographic representation goals are met? Responses: incumbent on the board membership to encourage other members from their neighborhoods. MAD district business could draw interest. A merger would initially bring on two more MRNPC MAD residents.

Amy: is personally against merging; each neighborhood should represent themselves.

Russel Shon: the purpose of the CPG is to advise on proposed developments in their community to the City. He had offered to lead the drafting of an MRNPC-specific proposal for a CPG to the MRNPC Chair, but this offer was not presented to the Members. Still willing to take that action.

Lin Schoeneberg: concern is that there is difficulty getting people onto the MRNPC board and concern that the group is diminishing in numbers which puts it at risk of continuing.

Doug Kurtz moved to approve the joint application by the MRNPC and the SRPG to the City Planning Department for a combined planning group based on the DRAFT By Laws and documents prepared by the Joint Subcommittee, seconded by Claude Braunstein.

Abstain: 0. 6 Yays, 2 Nays. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

September 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes approved on consent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Chair’s Report:** Encourage attendance at the SRPG meeting. The letter that Wally drafted on the housing action plan was well written and the points were well taken that the City Council may view the plan as just the first step of considering land use and housing changes. Uptown Planning group sent a letter to CPGs about planning group autonomy related to the City.

Discussion of the vape shop that is on Mira Mesa Blvd. It is in the jurisdiction of SRPG and they are pursuing it. Doubling the number of allowed cannabis dispensaries in each district – to eight per district. There are currently two in District 5.

2. Community Planners Committee (CPC):

No report.

3. MRNPC Maintenance Assessment District (MAD):

Response from Monica Honoré. Tom will send this to the MAD.

Schedule a meeting for next month and get information from Monica or Erica Ferreira and request a budget and actuals.

6. Round Table:

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 7, 2023.