

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP

November 1, 2023

Mission Valley Library 2123 Fenton Parkway

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## Members Present for Quorum:

Michele Addington, Ken Callaway, David Doyle, Kaye Durant, Elizabeth Leventhal, Kathy McSherry, Andrew Michajlenko, Phil Ouellette, Mark Radelow, Joseph Tinglof, and Josh Weiselberg.

## Additional Members Present (arrival time noted in the body of the minutes):

Steve Abbo, Derek Hulse, Keith Pittsford, and Colton Speas

## Members Absent:

Rachel Erwin, Cory Hazlewood, Narayanan Perumal, Michael Sherman, and Ryley Webb

## City / Government Staff:

Alanna Bertoncini & Michaela Castagnola (Congresswoman Sara Jacobs Office), Michael Bravo (Assemblyman Ward's Office)

**Guests:** See sign-in sheet

## ITEM #1. Opening

### a. Call to Order

Michele Addington called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:01 pm.

Quorum Verified:

- 11 members in attendance

### b. Opening Remarks/Introductions/Report of the Chair

**Michele Addington** provided the following comments:

- Has been working on CPG reform documents and the March '24 election

**Members Derek Hulse, Derek Hulse, Keith Pittsford, and Colton Speas** arrived during the following Agenda item.

## ITEM #2. Approval of August 2, 2023, and October 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve** the minutes of the **August 2, 2023**, Regular Meeting was made by **Mark Radelow**, seconded by **Kaye Durante** and approved 10 / 0 with 1 abstention.

**For:** Addington, Callaway, Durant, Leventhal, McSherry, Michajlenko, Ouellette, Radelow, Tinglof, and Weiselberg

**Against:** none

**Abstain:** Doyle

**Motion to approve** the minutes of the **October 4, 2023**, Regular Meeting was made by **Kaye Durante** seconded by **Joseph Tinglof** and approved 12 / 0 with 3 abstentions.

**For:** Addington, Callaway, Doyle, Durant, Hulse, Leventhal, Ouellette, Pittsford, Shearer, Speas, Tinglof, and Weiselberg

**Against:** none

**Abstain:** McSherry, Michajlenko, and Radelow

ITEM #3. **Non-Agenda Public Comment** (within the jurisdiction of the MVPG, but not on the agenda)

**Alan Grant** - a community member commented

- Road to the Fashion Valley Shopping Center has been re-opened and it's a beautiful thing to have

**Member Josh Weiselberg** spoke to issues of mail service delivery

- Some communities have lost mailbox service due to requirements to install centralized mail box
- Postal service sets requirements – there may not be any action we can do.

**Michaela Castagnola (Congresswoman Sara Jacobs Office)** – provided the following update:

- Recent activities in Washington DC
- The Congresswoman volunteered at Mama's Kitchen and celebrated Halloween with the Trans Community
- The Congresswoman supports efforts in the middle east
- The Congresswoman's office is hiring for a community outreach officer

**Michael Bravo (Assemblyman Ward's Office)** – provided the following update:

- 9 of the Assemblyman's bills went to the Governor's desk – all signed into law
- Currently out of session and listening to legislative proposals
- Recently produced 2 webinars
  - Partner with NextGen policy on student dept cancelation
  - Wildfire preparation webinar
- The Assemblyman's office is hiring for a winter Internship
- \$25M in state funding went to SD based projects

**Member Steve Abbo** arrived during the following Agenda item.

ITEM #4. **Membership Committee** – David Doyle

**David Doyle** reported:

- 4 vacant seats on the board
- If you know anyone interested please contact David

ITEM #5. **Treasurer's Report** – Ryley Web

**Ryley Web** was not in attendance – no report:

**ACTION ITEMS**

ITEM #6. **Vacancy Election – Rob Hutsel**

**Description:** Consideration of an application submitted by Mr. Rob Hutsel for a vacancy in the "Property Owner" category to 2026

The election was held by secret ballot with one (1) candidate and opportunity for write in candidates appearing on the ballot.

**Rob Hutsel** spoke to his interest in the role and provided an update on the San Diego River Park Foundation.

- Going forward with efforts on the new Center – target opening in 8 months

16 completed ballots were submitted (*23.11.01 Ballots.pdf*)

The slate was elected as presented 16/0

**Member Rob Hutsel** took his seat.

**ITEM #7. CPG Reforms Documents approved by MVPG CPG Reform Subcommittee**

**Description:** Board Review and Approval – Approved by Subcommittee on 10/23/23

- a) Review of the By-Laws to be submitted 12/31/2023 CPG filing: including Subcommittees B and Elections C.
- b) Review the “Member Composition Form” that each Current Board Member will need to fill out voluntarily and whose information will remain private – no name of member. Results have to be attached to the CPG Application.
- c) Review the Community Participation and Representation Plan.
- d) Review the Terms and Conditions.

**Michele Addington** led a discussion among Board membership:

Changes to earlier documents

- Reduce the number of seats from 24 to 20.
- Change the name of our group? – recommend not.
- Add youth to our meetings? – did not believe we have enough interest, and the timing of our meeting does not facilitate youth participation.
- Number of non-voting (standing) subcommittee members – took it from 10 members to 7 appointed members because we are having a hard time maintaining membership and retaining the required ratio of Planning Group Members to non-voting members.
- Election Changes: city requirement that we must now do elections of 2 or more using a public election formula including election advertisement and a public ballot box
- Voting Board Members – new language for members
- Categories are being clarified:
  - Renter
  - Homeowner
  - Business Owner
  - Commercial property taxpayer
  - Can we ensure there are opportunities for not-for-profit participation?
  - Discussion around the meanings for each category
  - Confirming that the process does allow for opportunities to revise the bylaws moving forward.

Questions from the group for clarification.

- City must authorize this group (in the event other groups want to be considered to

represent Mission Valley)

- **Q:** Can non-Mission Valley members (from the outside) sit on the Board? **A:** Election process provides the opportunity for the Board to “qualify” members.
- Individuals termed out – new rules means you can reapply after 120 days

**Motion to Adopt the CPG Reforms Documents as presented by the MVPG CPG Reform Subcommittee** was made by **Ken Callaway** and seconded by **Mark Radelow** and approved 15 / 0 with 1 abstention.

**For:** Abbo. Addington, Callaway, Doyle, Durant, Leventhal, McSherry, Michajlenko, Ouellette, Pittsford, Radelow, Shearer, Speas, Tinglof, and Weiselberg

**Against:** none

**Abstain:** Hulse

## **INFORMATION ITEMS (0)**

### ITEM #8. **Reports:**

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

##### a. **Design Advisory Board** – Andrew Michajlenko

**Andrew Michajlenko** reported:

- Met last month with an agenda that included membership composition and quantity (reviewed relative to the planning updates)
  - Diversity qualified if membership comes from the larger Board.
  - Reduce numbers from 10 to 7.
- Took action on non-active membership (3 resignation)
- Current membership is Andrew & Michael + 3 non-Mission Valley Residents
  - Paul Brown, Steve Kiss & Gerry Shonkwiler – long standing participants in this committee
- Need 2 add’l members from within the Planning Group – must have professional qualifications (architecture, construction, engineering, tourism etc.)
  - 3 active members expressed interest

#### **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

##### b. **Public Health, Safety and Welfare** – Elizabeth Leventhal

**Elizabeth Leventhal** reported:

- An additional family shelter in the area has been open
- The County determined they would not take up the camping ban
- San Diego River Park Foundation census happens annually – SD homeless activity is relatively flat – will present at the next meeting

##### c. **Mission Valley Stadium Redevelopment** – Kaye Durant

**Kaye Durant** reported:

- Enquired how much longer this committee is required.
- Wait until the Park has been officially opened to consider this.
- SDSU remains committed to informing the community of their plans as they move forward – they do not require our approval.
- Concerns around sediment settling into the riverbed

d. **Subcommittee on CP 600-24** – Michele Addington

**Michele Addington** reported:

- Proposed disbanding this sub-committee however Michele will continue to update the group on any changes

e. **Election 24** – David Doyle

**David Doyle** reported:

- We are moving forward with a recruitment table at the Mission Valley / Cevita Farmer's Market
- Election sub-committee and volunteers to support this include: Ken Callaway, Michele Addington, David Doyle, Andrew Michajlenko, Elizabeth Leventhal, and Josh Weiselberg

**Community Reports**

f. **Community Planning Chairs (CPC) Meeting** – Michele Addington/Ken Callaway

**Michele Addington/Ken Callaway** reported:

- Revisited comments he made during earlier discussion on the topic.
- The city is willing to reimburse the planning group for any spending with any receipts

The San Diego River Park Foundation - will be doing their annual Sock Drive for People Experiencing Homelessness in the Riverbed – Elizabeth Leventhal volunteered to coordinate activities on behalf of the Board.

**ITEM #9. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:09 pm

Next Regular Meeting Date – **Wednesday, December 4, 2023**, at 12:00 pm at the Mission Valley Library.

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