

MIRAMAR RANCH NORTH PLANNING COMMITTEE

MRNPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

SRCA Community Center or Virtual Meeting

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

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

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

Members Present: Bill Crooks (Chair), Doug Kurtz (Vice-Chair), Claude Braunstein, Tom Leeman, Daniel Brast, Mirian Marum

Guests: Victoria LaBruzzo (SRPG Chair), Wally Wulfbeck (SRCA Chair), Angela Dang (SD Planning Dept.), Sandy Wetzel-Smith (Voice of SR), Sherveen J. (Supervisor Joel Anderson), Mark Hughes (Power San Diego), Amy Grady (Resident, MAD Committee), Liz Clark (Resident), Lynn Owens (Sustainable Scripps Ranch).

Introductions: Board members & guests introduced themselves

Public Comment (Non-Agenda items): Lynn Owens, provided information on upcoming Rainwater Harvesting Tours on March 16 and March 24 to see local examples of water capture, water-smart landscaping, etc.

Modifications to the Agenda: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **City Mayor Todd Gloria ((Chris Ackerman-Avila or Rep):** No Report.
2. **City Council District 5 – Councilmember Marni von Wilpert (Quinton Grounds):** No Report.
3. **San Diego County Supervisor Joel Anderson (Rep):** Sherveen J.
 - a. Supervisor Anderson helped procure additional \$500,000 in funding to be spent locally to combat opiate crisis.
 - b. Supervisor Anderson provided a packet exemplifying his voting record on things like Health & Human Services, Public Safety, Self-Sufficiency Services, and Environmental Health.
 - c. Information provided on grant programs available through the Supervisor's office, including Small Business Stimulus Grant, Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, and Community Enhancement Program.
 - d. Supervisor is always looking for interns.
4. **75th District California Assemblymember Marie Waldron:** Not present
5. **US Congressmember Sara Jacobs (Kate Needham-Cano):** No report

6. **City of SD Planning Dept. (Angela Dang):** No clear timeline for when proposed joint Scripps Ranch planning committee could be approved by City Council, but looking like May as the first opportunity to be on the Agenda. Likely, if approved, a different rep at the Planning Department would be assigned to the combined new committee.
7. **SDUSD, Caltrans or Other State Agencies Rep:** Not present
8. **Scripps Ranch Planning Group (SRPG) –Victoria LaBruzzo:** SRPG meet previously and discussed upcoming elections. Will proceed as have in the past while awaiting the City Council to approve the combined committee. There are 11 people running for 10 seats up for election. Assumption is that when the new, combined committee is recognized by the City, there will be brand new elections for the new committee’s 25 members (14 for Scripps Ranch; 9 for Miramar Ranch North, and 2 for Stonebridge/Rancho Encantada)
9. **Scripps Ranch Civic Association (SRCA) – Rep Wally Wulfeck:**

SRCA meets on February 13, 2024.
10. **Scripps Ranch Community Recreation Group (CRG) –Marc Sorensen or Rep:** Not present.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS:

Information Items:

1. Presentation Item, Mark Hughes – Power San Diego.

Mr. Hughes provided a presentation from Power San Diego, which is a community-led initiative in the City of San Diego which is proposing to replace SDG&E’s power distribution business with a not-for-profit public power utility. Mr. Hughes presented information on the increases of electricity rates in San Diego, which are usually the most expensive in the country, and compared those increases over the past 8 years to other major utilities in California. San Diego’s increases were around four times higher than the next highest. Mr. Hughes also provided information on the 49 municipal utilities in California that have sprung up over the last 30 years to control costs.

Power San Diego is seeking signatures to its petition to get the initiative on the ballot for November 2024, which would create a not-for-profit public utility that would purchase the existing distribution infrastructure from SDG&E and would operate that portion of the electricity delivery within the City of San Diego, only.

There were questions and discussion regarding why San Diego has such high rates, the effectiveness and actions by the CPUC, the effect of solar generation by customers, concerns about substituting an investor owned utility that is overseen by a government entity with another government entity, and expected savings.

No action was taken by the MRNPC, and attendees were able to sign the petition, if desired, after the close of the meeting.

2. Discussion Item, Daniel Brast.

While the Committee awaits the City's action on the application to consolidate the two local planning groups, MRNPC will proceed with its upcoming elections per its current guidelines. There are three seats up for reelection. At present, two incumbents are running for reelection: Thomas Leeman and Lin Schoeneberg. There are no other candidates for the slate at this point. The voting will be conducted prior to the next meeting on March 5, 2024. People who qualify to vote based on their residence or business ownership within the MRNPC boundaries can appear in person with proof of their qualification and cast a vote. Formal notice of the time will be provided. The location will be the Scripps Ranch Civic Association Community Center.

CONSENT AGENDA:

December 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes approved on consent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Chair's Report:** There was an interesting presentation at the CPC on the Balboa Cultural District, and the same presentation will be provided to MRNPC at some point.

2. Community Planners Committee (CPC):

The CPC meeting involved a significant amount of discussion about the new planning groups, when they will be approved, and how the approval and new elections will take effect. This was especially important for certain districts where there are competing applications for group approval.

3. MRNPC Maintenance Assessment District (MAD):

Still no information on the new landscaping maintenance contract. Additional planting done at Butterfly Park. Current rainstorms may provide some savings on water for the year's budget. There has been some minor emergency work related to irrigation from the current storms.

6. Round Table:

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2024.