

First meeting notes on planning group; Second by castenada agendas passes 5:31

Item 3 public comment Marco Espinoza

Brendan Plasencia from otay mesa SY needs work and improvement. Concerned about the community. Might considered to work with nonprofit organization or city of San Diego. Done my part with Get It Done. Hurts community and attendance and have gotten advice. How can I support the community and community comes together. Ms Palestino invited to clean up

San Ysidro needs a lot of work done, clear confusion on city jurisdictions, preference to do things locally, particularly in collaboration with Otay-mesa. General feedback but hopefully collaboration in cleanup events.

Honoring Senour Alberto Perez, proclamation from city of SD:

Be it proclaimed, by Terra Lawson Remer and all county supervisor, commended the Alberto Perez for his work in San Ysidro, and be it this day Alberto Perez day.

Today is a very special day, after near 40 years of service to the SYCPG I am thankful for the journey of this community, one left behind in times past but after long work, investment and projects have arrived to benefit our community like Las Americas Mall, new homes, roads, bike routes and the first construction of various parks. Projects often delayed has now become a reality, as I conclude my time as a member of SYCPG, I am full of pride and gratitude, I look forward to the growth of the community with the same dedication that many of us have shared, thank you everyone that has been a art of this journey, and thank you San Ysidro for this opportunity that has given so much of my life.

In 2017, a design existed for Beyer Park, in 2008 a depression took place which halted the project which is now 8 ackers, with some areas protected for habitat and species. We need to push for planning for the next stage of the project, thank you so much.

Adriana has been appointed by the Chair as delegate to Otay Mesa Community Planning Group.

The reasoning was proximity to the SYCPG.

Alfredo Ripa has been elected to OMCPG.

Motion by, Cristian seconded by Jennifer

Passes unanimously.

Question by Adriana, how to appoint a delegate to Otay-Nestor CPG.

An interest has been submitted to the members of ONCPG.

CPC delegate role was explained by Cristian Fuentes

Jennifer has been appointed to CPC, seconded by Roxanne

Unanimously passed.

Jennifer explained her background in International Relations, and her current work in a non-profit.

Mr. Lopez had to present item d, but it is tabled due to absence related to medical concerns.

Luis Colmenarez presents the reason behind high SDGE bills.

Segment 1 is sdge problem, Segment 2 is power solution.

SDGE is a for-profit monopoly with no competition, with exclusive power rights.

Astronomical historic rise in utility rates in California.

1 in 4 san diegans are in debt to utility, SDGE is the goal of maximizing profit, via regulatory capture.

Utility grids cannot be competitive because it is natural monopoly but is regulated by CPUC, appointed by the governor.

SDGE and parent company, PGE invest money into candidates.

Regulators act as an arm of the entity meant to be regulated.

Solution: 20% lower rates went proposal gets enacted, with a sunset timeframe of 30 years, it is managed by community-based entities.

(Graph of utilities in CA) in silicon valley 17c are payed per kw, in San Diego 42c are payed per kw. There are over 40 utility entities in California and on average half is payed compared to SD. Public power proposal is aimed at the city of san diego, it would be possible via ballot initiative with city council majority vote. Volunteers are needed, signing of letter and scanning qr code is encouraged. The goal is to pressure representatives to do the right thing for community.

Members of public: green resources are sought to be the backbones of community power, sdge are in charge of insurance behind the electric grid. Community grid has no trucks or additional resources to guarantee electric service.

Bay Area has hydroelectric power, which is subsidized, the further away we get the more expensive utilities get.

SDGE is expensive because sdge is in charge of safeguarding the community when it comes to utilities. No hydroelectric is present in SD.

Rebuttal, there is an abundance of renewable resources, community power is a strictive generative source of power, with seeking collaboration with city of san diego to manage the delivery source.

Community power is a generative source, sdge is the delivery source.

Member of public: In comparison to Texas, diverse models of rates of competition system. SCP is a competition to SDGE. In comparison to Silicon Valley, the city would govern the grid via experts, in difference to Texas.

A huge backup to the hydroelectric dam is battery and solar.

Paul Arrendondo: Renewable energies are about, and there is cost to powerlines and maintenance, which will not go away signing up to other entities. There is huge problems going independent, with hidden cost to each community/city which would be buried in hidden cost to the rights the city has given to SDGE. Profits are the margin that consumers will be caught paying for 20 years. It is encouraged the members of SY think wisely into the decision at hand. SDGE has to depend on buying fuel

The money already invested is the money of the community, in the bill there is wording on the franchise differently fee, the reality is SDGE is an investor utility and for-profit monopoly.

60 years living in SY, I enrolled in the CARE program with support for Seniors and low income, but since last year 85 dollars are charged by SDGE for a 3month period. I do not know what to do.

Feasibility study is going to the City Council on June 22 at 2pm, with the study finding structural cost savings with over 30b of savings, with up to 20% savings on day one which is tax revenue staying in the city rather than investors.

Presenters revisited map of CA utility rates, with feedback from community in relation to the dynamic change of rates at different times of day which changes in terminology of electricity.

It would be beneficial if information on electric cars is included, and all profit raised by SDGE, after operating cost.

The goal of SDGE is to maximize profit, not provide clean energy and innovation.

Adriana comments on a subcommittee for mentorship: following cleanups with Councilmember Moreno, and Cas Familiar presentation. Working together is crucial to San Ysidro. Some members have been historic longterm members, with many new members of different ideas. Adriana seeks to pair up old members with new members. Past members, although having no voting power, as highly encouraged to participate. With many members needing to meet more often, With a proposed meeting schedule for the 25<sup>th</sup> of June at 6pm. The details of location are to be determined. Must follow brown act procedure.

How often would the committee meet? Feedback is needed first.

What is the achievable goal? Community engagement.

First meeting will be a brainstorming session. Participation in community events is necessary, with increased presence of Community board members.

This year, the OMCPG was brought to local events with tabling and flyers present.

The SY library poses a challenge as they do not have late hour sessions.

SYCPG is one of the best, with an engaged board and excellent Chair, the greatest.

No budget or resources are given, but results are expected.

BlackBox gallery is a possible location.

Tax dollar funded sites are highly encouraged to host the committee meeting places. Parks and Rec is also about to open.

What can the board do to change hours during the summer season?

Parks and library were threatened but ultimately kept.

Formalization in the form of a letter is needed for City Council in order to expand the times of the Library for the committee meetings.

County libraries are open at later times than the cities.

Adriana highlights the necessity for late hour meetings in order to maximize attendance.

Mr. Benham presentation on Tijuana River Valley, in collaboration with C4CC expansion of signs has taken place in order to raise awareness on the necessity to diverge the river. The TJ river ponds and oozes a horrid smell. In 1915 the river was a natural channel. In the 60s millions of yards of sand were added to the beach from the river. In the 70s a residential area was constructed near the smell of the river. The creation of ponds is a threat as it foments the raise of mosquitoes. Flowing rivers transport the sewage directly to the ocean. Flowing rivers clean themselves, but flodplains trap solids in river which create ponds. With proper maintenance the river stays naturally dry. 1800 miles of water carries the pollutants which is diluted in the water. This has been compared to other studies done in European rivers and similar solutions were reached. El nino would contribute to removal of stink in 6 months if collaboration takes places across jursidictions to diverge the river. At this time, Coronado is unhappy with the shores, because since 2016 EPA hired the best engineers from Netherlands to analyze the situation, recommending that TJ also staffs and mantains their wastewater. The pumps are ancient, since 1985 no upgrade has been done. During the Biden Administration, the sewage was diverted to IB, which was originally going to Arcadis in Mexico. The current in IB heads north, in San Antonio de los Buenos it goes south. IB used to be the best beach in the country.

The plan includes setting up a border water district. The water district would finance the project alongside a school of engineers for the project. The last time large areas were proposed to be granted to Border Patrol, with the intention of creating a border patrol training

institution which is a huge area that would also work in regard to the TJ river treatment. The difference between 8m to reroute the river and the air filters, with SB7 plan including a construction development to diverge the river into its natural path.

Precision on the definition of government is needs, with specifics of EPA and other regulatory entities. The definition of government in this case is city, federal government and county government. Paloma Aguirre proposed in November 5 projects which one included restoring the river. Which would count as a threat to public health and the lands are compromised as complete biological collapse is taking place. The previous plan (from 1 year ago) is still present. It won in popularity in the county as it would address the high energy demand, which is the best alternative considering all other factors.

The board completely agrees on the concept of removing the stink, the hold up is SANDAG, which could the money go into a study and figure the best alternative. The project is a solution which would take place immediately, including air. History showed the a dry river produces no smell, heavy metals fall to the bottom of the river, forever chemicals would remain in contrast to natural chemicals.

Eddington, residents of nestor palm have attended national nightout event, with sy residents encouraged to participate. 3k residents show up with police vehicles, community resources, food and drinks being provided. 1889 Coronado Ave. with elected officials participating. SYCPG encouraged to set up a booth. August 4, at 4pm. The crime rate in Beyer trolley station has been addressed with 1 additional patrol. Crimemapping.com is the same system officers use, it is extremely accurate. The event occurs once a year, but other Police-related events happen throughout the year. SDPD social media are accurate for networking. Yum Yum donuts, 5 cops were present. Overall today was a tragic day, with summer times additional protective measures encouraged surrounding pools.

Liliana Barba, Legislative process AB35 passed water passed vote and moves onto Senate, which guarantees protection against wildfires, which provides grant funding for TJ river crisis organizations. Opens tomorrow up until august. A webinar will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The application is online. Upcoming AB are being drafted, with a comprehensive list being available. Assemblymember Alvare will be returning in Fall.

Victor, Get it Done , specifically D8 is the lowest region of reports in the city. South of the 805 there is only 1 report currently. Following a report, an email is encouraged. A deadline for Juen 30<sup>th</sup> for sd artist incubator is taking place. Trash fee have been reduced to the original amount, it will take place in July 2027. The approved budget preserves library and parks in D8. Beyer park phase 2 is not funded yet, but the process has started. The project will be concluded

below a 10 year timeframe. A phase 3 on Beyer Park is not yet projected, we are currently in phase 2. Tagging planning group is encouraged, as it would spread information to the community. Trash change was not intended to be made on behalf of people. The claim is that the trash cans are property of san diego city, but communication is inconsistent on this matter.

Barreto, California coastal commission issued a permit to increase piping in starun boulevard so aerosolization is minimized for spring 2027. Solutions are being done by the supervisor. A study was done on economic impact by the county, residents of the area are encouraged to fill out a survey in regards to safety, business, loss of customers, in order to address the state in order to gather funding for the border. The results will be published in fall of 2026. Tele-Town halls are taking place. The community power plan is great to lower utility spending. Boarding commission took place, for participation in the county it is encouraged to solicit an appointment to a commission, committee or task force. Pride flag will be raised in county building.

Homelessness must be addressed, as well as parking, and safety. Bottles and litter abound in SY but it is not addressed fast enough. Resources are tight in the police department but the data provided by get it done is extremely valuable and should not be discouraged. Housing is provided to unhoused populations in unincorporated areas. More housing is developed with parking in the future. Impacts of the TJ river is also to include loss of life and health effects, which should be studied and addressed swiftly. Studies do make a difference as they provide concrete evidence and address accurately the crisis. The pollutants include sewage, border crossing fumes, and industrial residues. Water and Electric bills increased drastically.

, Legislature has 5 days to submit budget which includes 23 million for Saturn boulevard, 5 million for air purifiers, 2 million for trash room project with a funding ending in November. 11 bills have been submitted to the assembly, SB 58 addresses hydrogen sulfide pollution exposure, ca air resources board shows that sy has exceeded pollution in the air. Experts are addressing the bill. It will be held on 22 of June in toxic Materials Committee. A resolution was also submitted to urge the country to renew the usmca renegotiation, with the argument of us companies in tj polluting with the expense of the America as they reap profits for cheaper, it will be heard June 16 in natural resources committee. Sb941, which will limit profiting in ICE facilities. SB420 would stop non-profits related to ICE from being tax exempt.

Castaneda, International border steering committee is only studies but no actions are taking place, a request is made for Steve Padilla to participate in the community as low focus is given to san Ysidro. A state of emergency is present, but the Senator is not perceived as participative with the community. The legislators are perceived as not collaborated, although they are. The legislators representing San Ysidro work consistently with each other and other

affinity groups. ICE cannot be addressed properly by the state, although the county can address that matter better, and federal government officials. Core civic is a private company managing ICE facilities, with the federal government having more present authority over the agency. The county has authority over health.

Chairman thanks for presence in willow, but also encourages training for future meetings.

Reports: Olga presents herself, she is an activist in SY, she participated in solidarity work with caravanas, many have been locked up since then in detention. She is present at courts constantly for immigrant communities.

Jackie presents a grateful remark for the community of SY, she considers her job to redact the information presented in SY meetings with the intent of sharing with neighbors, and encouraging recording of video recordings. And encourages the creation of a whatsapp.

Gonzalez, no report

Morrison, reports on electrification of homes in the region which would be fully funded. With intent of presenting the details of the topic.

Espinoza, wishing safety precautions on heat and wildfires. Also caution on safety

Martinez, Library food distributions, plant a seed read challenges, and intent to create legislative visits.

Adriana, increase presence and collaboration in social media

Palestino, thankful for presence of board members in local community events, with particular remarks on the peculiar setting of Casa Familiar community event having occurred recently.

Arrendondo, apology for leadership on the safety committee, with reconsideration of chairing the committee, and seeking to resign from the committee.



Delgadillo, vice-president of food bank with the event changing to this Friday. Location will be Las Americas. The time will be 3-5:30 pm. Setup is La Bodeguita 6pm the day before. 40 volunteers are present.

Adjourned 8:05 pm