MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP
September 2, 2026

Mission Valley Library 2123 Fenton Parkway
https://www.missionvalleyplanninggroup.com/

Members Present for Quorum:
Jim Black, Julia Cousins, David Doyle, Richard Erth, Alan Grant, Rob Hutsel, Sara Isgur, Chris Lane, Stephen Leonetti, Mark Radelow, Melissa Stern, Joseph Tinglof, Kara Vermeulen, Josh Weiselberg

Additional Members Present: Juan Arriaga, Ryley Webb

Members Absent: Kathy McSherry, Jaclyn Shor, Colton Speas

City / Government Staff: Jesse Brown (District 39 - Akilah Weber Pierson), Joshua Dunn District 4 (Monica Montgomery Steppe)

Guests: See sign-in sheet

ITEM #1. **Opening**

a. **Call to Order**

Leonetti called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:00 pm

Quorum Verified:

- 14 members in attendance

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

c. **Vote to amend agenda for inclusion of CPC Bylaws update discussion**

Motion: Tinglof, **Second:** Isgur
For: Arriaga, Black, Cousins, Doyle, Erth, Grant, Hutsel, Isgur, Lane, Leonetti, Tinglof, Vermeulen, Webb
Against: Weiselberg
Abstain: none

ITEM #2. **Approval of the August 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the **August 5, 2026**, Regular Meeting with amended attendance was made by Erth, seconded by Tinglof and approved 10 / 0 with 4 abstention

For: Black, Cousins, Doyle, Erth, Hutsel, Lane, Leonetti, Tinglof, Vermeulen, Weiselberg

Against: none

Abstain: Isgur, Grant

ITEM #3. **Officer Reports**

Treasurer's Report – Ryley Webb – $1,344.14
Q: (Leonetti) How are reimbursements handled? A: City authorizes up to $500 in reimbursements per year. Expense reimbursement form is signed by treasurer and chair.

Q: (Leonetti) How is the website process handled? A: Two parts – annual domain hosting, separate cost for individual to upload items to website. Typically about $300 year.
Q: (Leonetti) If we wanted to change providers or hosting how would that work? A: We have log in information and can reach out to former board member about transition.
Q: (Erth) Is main concern access to chair gmail? Partly, also want to ensure current board members have control over communication and separation from developer interests.
Q: (Erth) What are our sources of revenue to cover the costs if we make this change? A: Using city reimbursement or board donations.
Q: (Radelow) Should we set up a committee to look into this? A: Yes,
(Grant) Historically, many years ago there was a cash call from members.
Q: (Leonetti) How would

ITEM #4. **Election: Secretary**

Ballots were distributed to members and eligible persons of the public in attendance.
Candidate: Vermeulen (15 votes)
Write-Ins: None
Vermeulen elected to Secretary

ITEM #5. **Non-Agenda Public Comment** (within the jurisdiction of the MVPG, but not on the agenda)

Joshua Dunn District 4 (Monica Montgomery Steppe) – Legislative meeting yesterday 1) $300k grant east county development council for small businesses. 2) Board unanimously voted to support bills that support lowering utility costs

Food distributions and basic necessities have been very successful.

Jesse Brown District 39 (Akilah Weber Pierson) – Young legislators program for high school students – 6 month commitment

Last day of sessions on Monday – 15 bills on are their way to governor for signature.

Meeting with City of SD to be prepped on super El Nino, asked for City to come give a presentation to this group.

Q: What is estimated of timeline for El Nino? A: currently forecasted for mid/late October.

Isgur – Would like amend CIP to address adding improvements to flooding. Offered to do a presentation on the CRD.

ITEM #6. **Committee Reports**

Membership Committee David Doyle – 3 Open positions

Design Advisory Board Richard Erth – No update

Public Health, Safety and Welfare Rob Hutsel – 103 as of yesterday in riverbed. Down slightly. Next census October 11,12. Care kits are distributed to encourage participation in census. Care kits supplies are on Amazon wish list.
Q: (Radelow) With potential of severe el nino coming, what is being done to prepare? A: Grassroots effort to communicate warnings to those in the riverbed. After events help with resources to replace items lost (ie. IDs). All a welcome to help

Community Planning Chairs Stephen Leonetti – Asked to review and provide input on CPC bylaws update (see ITEM #10)

INFORMATION ITEMS (1)

ITEM #7 **MVPG Roles, Duties & Procedures –**

Historically, Chair would notify membership committee. David communicates to member that they have missed, and my reapply.

Annual report is requested by the City. Reach out the city.

ITEM #8 **Street Racing & Car Rallies**

(Isgur) Attended meeting last weekend where LA County sheriff said this the number one issue. Offered to reach out to see what LA County is doing. (Doyle) Eastern Division has specific detail, has Captain contact information. Eastern division advisory board this afternoon and will ask if they can attend again. (Arriaga) other planning group have community police officers attend and give update at these meetings. (Cousins) Could be same racers in other local parking lots. (Radelow) This has also been an issue at Civita. Residents video offenders, and turned over to SDPD. Recommendation to ask if SDPD can come to MVPG meetings on a quarterly basis. Motorcycles are still a nuisance in Civita.

ITEM #9 **Snapdragon Stadium Traffic**

(Isgur) We used to have representative from SDSU attend. (Radelow) recently worked on Friars interchange. Agreed that SETC needs improvement. (Isgur) There has been disconnect between Caltrans and City. (Radelow) We can ask about off-site traffic mitigation. (Vermeulen) How can we (Hutsel) We advise the City on the community plan, we can look at and ask the City to review. (Grant) Process includes DAB to makes recommendations with adjustments. Agree with Rob that also involves community plan. (Isgur) Not everything goes to planning commission, so sometimes the community groups are limited on input.

ITEM #10 **CPC Bylaws update (if amended)**

No concern about election timing, but concern around representative sharing personal views over planning group views. (Weislberg) According to Community Orientation Workshop training all members go through, if a person is representing MVPG they have to align with group consensus. Can a have a different opinion as an individual.

ITEM #11: **FINAL WORDS FROM MVPG MEMBERS**

ITEM #12: **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm
Next Regular Meeting Date – **Wednesday October 7, 2026**, at 12:00 pm at the Mission Valley Library.

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