MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP
October 7, 2026

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

Members Present for Quorum:
David Doyle, Richard Erth, Alan Grant, Rob Hutsel, Stephen Leonetti, Mark Radelow, Melissa Stern, Joseph Tinglof, Kara Vermeulen, Ryley Webb, Josh Weiselberg

Additional Members Present: Colton Speas

Members Absent: Juan Arriaga, Jim Black, Julia Cousins, Chris Lane, Kathy McSherry

City / Government Staff: Diana Lara – SDSU Office of the President

Guests: none

ITEM #1. **Opening**

a. **Call to Order**

Leonetti called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:02 pm

Quorum Verified: 11 members in attendance

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

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the **September 2, 2026**, Regular Meeting with amended attendance was made by Doyle, seconded by Erth and approved 11 / 0 with no abstention

For: Doyle, Erth, Grant, Hutsel, Leonetti, Radelow, Stern, Tinglof, Vermeulen, Webb, Weiselberg

Against: none

Abstain: none

ITEM #3. **Non-Agenda Public Comment**

Vermeulen SDSU is planning Trick or Treat event before the football game on 10/31 at the River Park
Doyle – Celebration of completion of The Valley on Friday, 10/9. Restaurant specials all day.

ITEM #4. **Officer Reports**

Treasurer's Report – Ryley Webb – Petty cash balance $1,344.14.
First Republic bank closed, and tried switch to Chase. Challenge is that MVPG is not recognized as non-profit, so Chase could not establish account. California Bank & Trust, Mission Federal Credit Union could be options. Creating a separate 501c(3) for could be helpful for banking and fundraising. Leonetti to ask what other groups do at the next CPC

meeting. Possible to look into partnering with Friends of Mission Valley Library. Webb's desire is to re-establish an account.
Vice Chair Report – Joseph Tinglof – no update
Secretary Report – Kara Vermeulen – Will finish Annual report with answers gathered from previous board members.
Chair Report – Stephen Leonetti

ITEM #5. **Action Item – Creation of Website, Social Media outreach subcommittee**

Motion: Leonetti, Second: Tinglof

For: Unanimous

Members interested in participating in subcommittee include Leonetti, Webb, Weislberg, Tinglof

ITEM #6. **Action Item – Creation of Fundraising Subcommittee**

Discussion: Need to come up with options and outcomes, before moving forward with this.

ITEM #7: **Action Item – Banking & Online giving**

Deferred until information until more information can gathered from CPC and other planning groups.

ITEM #8: **Action Item – Zoom attendance**

(Hustsel) Check with City before moving forward. County only allows it on a limited basis with just cause. (Radelow) City Council is also working on advisory groups having zoom options. (Wieselberg) Could be challenges with presentations on zoom.

ITEM #9: **Subcommittee Reports**

Membership – David Doyle – 5 open positions
Design Advisory Board – Erth – no update
Ad Hoc Committees

Community Planning Chairs (CPC) Meeting – Stephen Leonetti – August Meeting cancelled.

Public Health, Safety and Welfare – Rob Hutsel – (Presentation) 109 persons living in Mission Valley area of riverbed. City of Santee has restrictive fire ordinances that are being enforced which has led to success in lowering encampment numbers. (Erth) Can MVPG support increased PATH funding? MVPG can support with letter. Subcommittee will draft letter for next meeting for MVPG. (Weiselberg) Encouraged more board member participation in subcommittee.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM #10: **San Diego River Trail Feasibility Study Project Working Group –** Marina Verano – will be at November meeting.

ITEM #11: **SDSU Mission Valley Update Traffic Calming & Bridge –** Diana Lara (SDSU) **–** Group from SDSU will come to November meeting.

ITEM #12: **FINAL WORDS FROM MVPG MEMBERS**

ITEM #13: **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm
Next Regular Meeting Date – **Wednesday November 4, 2026**, at 12:00 pm at the Mission Valley Library.

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