

Community Planners Committee

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CPC DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 25, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Connelly, City Heights (CH)	Deborah Watkins, Mission Beach (MB)
Tom Silva, College Area (COL)	Jim Baross, Normal Heights (NH)
Barry Schultz, Carmel Valley (CV)	Andrea Schlageter, Ocean Beach (OB)
Naveen Waney, Clairemont Mesa (CLMT)	Mark Freed, Otay Mesa (OM)
Diane Korsch, Del Mar Mesa (DMM)	Jason Legros, Pacific Beach (PB)
Bill Orabone, Downtown (DWNTN)	Korla Eaquinto, Peninsula (PEN)
Paul Schumacher, Golden Hill (GH)	Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
Kathleen Neil, La Jolla (LJ)	Jon Becker, Rancho Penasquitos (RP)
Howard Wayne, Linda Vista, (LV)	Wally Wulfeck, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Dike Anyiwo, Midway (MW)	Kathy Stemple, Serra Mesa (SM)
Michelle Shon, Miramar Rnch N. (MRN)	Myron Taylor, Southeastern (SE)
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa (MM)	Eduardo Savigliano, Torrey Pines (TP)
Brian Gile, Navajo (NAV)	Chris Nielsen, University (UN)

VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS: Barrio Logan, Carmel Valley, Chollas Valley, and Serra Mesa

City Staff/Representatives: Tony Kempton, Tanner French, and Claudia Brizuela

Guests: Sandy Wetzels-Smith, Kathleen Lippitt, Robin Kaufman, Liz Shopes, Shital Parikh, and Craig Jackson

NOTE: *The sign-in sheets provided at the entrance to the meeting are used to list CPC Representatives, guest speakers, and staff present at the meeting.*

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:

Chair Wally Wulfeck called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll Call: CH, CV, CLMT, COL, DMM, DWNTN, GH, LJ, LV, MB, MW, MM, MRN, NH, NAV, OB, OM, PB, PEN, RB, RP, SR, SM, SE, TP, and UN.

- 2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment included warnings that the expansion of marijuana facilities is directly influencing land use decisions in San Diego and that planning groups oppose locating facilities where they are not currently allowed. It was also mentioned that the current information item scheduled for the Land Use and Housing committee will come back for a Municipal Code change and that growth of the industry has muted the public voice. Additional comment mentioned that the Cerrito Council recommended approval of the Parks MasterPlan.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 04-27-21– Ayes: CH, CV, CLMT, COL, DMM, DWNTN, GH, LJ, LV, MW, MM, MRN, NH, NAV, OB, OM, PB, PEN, RB, RP, SR, SM, SE, TP, UN, Nays: 0, Abstain: MB.

3. MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Approved without modification.

- 4. REDISTRICTING Commission (Information Item) – 30 min.** (Tom Hebrank, Redistricting Commission Chair and Lora Fleming, Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff) The City of San Diego’s Redistricting Commission presented background outreach efforts on the redistricting process. Hebrank said that new council district boundaries are redrawn every ten years. The districts are adjusted to reflect growth in the City. Each district is supposed to contain one-ninth of the San Diego population. The City Charter provides for a fair and effective representation and the boundaries cannot be redrawn for an incumbent’s advantage. Census data is used to prepare maps. Though census data will be available in September, SANDAG has prepared estimates, including an estimate that District 3 will be thirty percent above the average district size. Hebrank said the process allows for public input.

Board Comment:

- Concerns were raised that community planning groups boundaries were split when district boundaries are redrawn. Some CPG’s want them reunited this time.
- A question was raised about how redistricting takes future growth into account. According to Hebrank it doesn’t, it’s only reactive.
- The accuracy of SANDAG growth estimates were questioned. Hebrank could not verify accuracy of the estimates, but distributes them just for public information.
- A question was asked if building permits are processed in terms of population increase or decrease. Hebrank said he had no knowledge.

- 5. CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKING REGULATIONS UPDATE FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL USES IN TRANSIT PRIORITY AREAS AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVING COMMERCIAL USES (Action Item) -- 45 min.** (Tanner French, Senior Traffic Engineer, Claudia Brizuela, Associate Traffic Engineer, Mobility Department, City Of San Diego) presented an update on parking regulations for non-residential land uses within transit priority areas to help implement the City's Climate Action Plan and Complete Communities initiative. Goals include reducing single occupancy vehicle use. French described staff review of national and local studies to deduce vehicle use through incentives like day care, and transit pass issuance. His team evaluated SANDAG's local transportation program which showed how incentives reduce vehicle use. The team also evaluated peer cities' programs to reduce vmt and found that peer cities showed a decrease in vmt after instituting mode sharing. Two recommendations resulting from the review were for a Municipal Code update to have a zero-parking requirement for non-residential land use within TPA's, as well as a zero-parking requirement for neighborhoods commercial zones. French said the public outreach will end in May and the proposal will go to Planning Commission on June 16, 2021 and to City Council later in the summer.

Board Comment:

- A major concern was the lack of a comprehensive transit system in San Diego that could attract people out of their cars and take transit. Factors were cited that prevent this, including no available parking at a north county park and ride facility and lack of parking for commercial areas in downtown San Diego, which would discourage people from driving there. Also, people would park in residential areas if their businesses don't have parking. French interjected that older buildings may be overparked, as many employees won't return to an office environment during the pandemic, so flexibility is built in.
- A question was asked whether the stakeholder meeting was iterative or informational. French said that it was informational.
- It was mentioned that Denver and Minneapolis, instead of Seattle and Portland should have been studied as they are more representative of San Diego's transit. French said San Diego would strive to emulate the level of transit in Seattle and Portland as a goal.
- Another question was asked if developers who previously paid an in-lieu fee for infrastructure, would be asked to pay in-lieu fees for this proposal. French replied affirmatively.
- It was also asked whether businesses would be impacted after reducing parking. French said they did not track that.
- Objection to lack of outreach to CPG's was voiced.

Public Comment:

- It was mentioned that parents drop their kids off at parks but cannot park, so it is an unsafe situation.

- Questions were raised whether there were any modifications to the proposal coming from stakeholder input. French replied that environmental stakeholder group input was included.
- Criticism was leveled that no provision for bike, scooter parking was included and that urged that recommendations include providing spaces for micro mobility devices.

Motion:

Russ Connelly moved that the City stop the presentation to Planning Commission regarding parking regulations and return to community planning groups within TPA/CN zones and clarify coordination with MTS regarding buildout of transit infrastructure, while eliminating parking. Seconded by Naveen Waney. Ayes: CH, CV, CLMT, COL, DMM, DWNTN, LJ, LV, MM, MRN, MB, NAV, OB, OM, PB, PEN, RB, RP, SM, TP, and UN. Nays: GH, MW, and SE. Abstain: NH and SR. Motion passed: 21-3-2.

REPORTS TO CPC:

- Staff Report – Kempton reported on Constant Contact, a new way to receive community planning group meeting agendas. Starting June 1, 2021 people can sign up to receive CPG agendas, Hearing Officer agendas, Public Notices, and other news and information. Go to www.sandiego.gov/planning and click 'sign up to stay informed,' enter your email address and name and select which email list you want to sign up for.
- Subcommittee Report – None
- CPC Member Comments – None
- Chair Report – None

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING: JUNE 22, 2021:

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Wally Wulfeck at 8:47 PM.