

# Community Planners Committee

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## CPC FINAL MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 25, 2010

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Manjeet Ranu, Carmel Valley

Bill Keller, Center City

Jim Varnadore, City Heights

Sheri Mongeau, Clairemont Mesa

Doug Case, College Area

Laura Riebau, Eastern Area

David Moty, Kensington-Talmadge

Pat O'Donohoe, Mira Mesa

Tracy Reed, Miramar Ranch North

Jim Baross, Normal Heights

Melanie Nickel, North Bay

Robb Steppke, North Park

Landry Watson, Ocean Beach

Mel Ingalls, Otay Mesa

Daniel Wagner, Otay Mesa-Nestor

John Shannon, Pacific Beach

Charles Mellor, Peninsula

Amy Gunderson, San Ysidro

Tamar Silverstein, Scripps Ranch

Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills

Reynaldo Pisano, Southeastern San Diego

Scott Hasson, Tierrasanta

Dennis Ridz, Torrey Pines

Janay Kruger, University

Leo Wilson, Uptown

**VOTING ELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:** Amy Gunderson, San Ysidro; and Tamar Silverstein, Scripps Ranch.

**Guests:** Joyce Summers, Heather Werdick, Adrienne Saboya, Kevin Peters, Jose Czech, plus others.

**City Staff/Representatives:** Nancy Bragado, Nicholas O'Donnell.

**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:** Chair Leo Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded with roll call.

2. **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
Joyce Summers updated CPC on CCDC activities.

John Shannon, Pacific Beach, announced a special meeting on the Alcohol License policy at the Pacific Beach Planning Group's Special Community meeting on Monday June 14, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the PB Middle School Auditorium (4678 Ingraham).

Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills, reminded CPC that elections are coming up in June 2010 and that under the City Charter it takes five votes to fire or hire a City Manager however; it takes a recall election to fire a strong Mayor.

**3. MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Jim Varnadore, City Heights, moved to approve the May 25, 2010 agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2010:**

Jim Varnadore, City Heights, moved to approve the April 27, 2010 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. CPC OFFICERS ELECTION:**

Laura Reibau, Eastern chaired this item as a member of the Elections subcommittee.

Jim Varnadore was added as a write-in candidate to the ballot for the position of Chair resulting in the following candidates for CPC Officers:

Chair: Jim Varnadore and Leo Wilson  
Vice Chair: Joe LaCava, Scott Hasson and Brooke Peterson  
Secretary: Janay Kruger and Christine Robinson

The following officers were elected:

Chair: Leo Wilson  
Vice Chair: Joe LaCava  
Secretary: Janay Kruger

**6. SANDAG 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN:**

Heather Werdick, Senior Transportation Planner, SANDAG, gave a presentation on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP focuses on the movement of goods and people. The 2050 RTP goals are structured into two overarching themes: Quality of Travel & Livability, and Sustainability. An Urban Area Transit Strategy now being prepared, along with other studies, will be used in the development of the 2050 RTP.

CPC comments on the presentation are summarized as follows:

- Noted that some RTP Stakeholder Working Group members are recipients of SANDAG grants, so may be inclined to be more supportive of SANDAG efforts
- In the past SANDAG/MTDB has said that LRT was not a good fit for Mid City. What has changed to now make it an option?
- What is being considered at the airport and the multimodal center?
- How will the GHG requirements and Sustainable Communities Strategy impact communities and community plans?
- Need to consider the transportation needs, including transit service to the military bases, Coronado and Camp Pendleton
- Need to recognize that most people will continue to drive cars
- Freeways need to be considered in the transportation plan including a new north/south freeway adjacent to I-15
- Need to know that people will actually want to take the bus
- All groups interested should request a presentation from SANDAG to seek community input
- Prefer the “many centers” transit concept
- Need to carefully consider first and last mile connections to public transit

- Need to clarify how the plan will be implemented that RTP is not just a plan
- Need more efficient vehicles
- Transit travel has limits, also need alternative modes of transportation and auto infrastructure
- Like the streetcar concept in Uptown and Pacific Beach
- Need to revisit the RTP and growth forecast every few years
- Concerns with high speed rail project, proposed alignment, station locations, and feasibility
- Concern with local neighborhood traffic
- Continued cuts in transit service are a concern
- Prefer light rail to bus service because bus service can be eliminated more easily and therefore less dependable
- Would like bicycle safety considered in the plan - a key reason few people ride bicycles is the concern over safety
- Appreciate the transit investments in University City
- SANDAG should work closely with Caltrans and understand the GHG impacts of freeway ramp metering due to extended idling and automobile acceleration
- Need to provide more travel options and choices
- SANDAG should return to discuss the Sustainable Communities Strategy with the CPC in the fall
- Desire for SANDAG to take into account public comment

SANDAG asked to return to CPC in the fall to discuss the Sustainable Communities Strategy, which will be a part of the RTP. For more information on the RTP update, including information on upcoming public presentations, and workshops, please visit the 2050 RTP web page at [www.sandag.org/2050rtp](http://www.sandag.org/2050rtp).

**7. MARINE CORPS WEST COAST JOINT STRIKE FORCE FIGHTER**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** Adrienne Saboya, Project Manager, Marine Corps, Kevin Peters, from Tech Inc and Jose Czech from Wyle Labs, gave a overview of the Marine Corps West Coast Joint Strike Force Fighter Environmental Impact Statement.

The purpose of the project is to replace the aging aircrafts currently at MCAS Miramar and MCAS Yuma, to maintain the combat capabilities of the Marine Corps. The OT&E Squadron would be established in 2013 and 2014. FOC is expected in late 2022. The existing reserves squadron would transition to operational squadron in 2023.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Timeframe

Draft EIS Review period May 21 to July 6, 2010

Draft EIS available at [www.usmcJSFwest.com](http://www.usmcJSFwest.com)

Public meeting at Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library Tuesday, June 15, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Final EIS Available November 2010.

30 day waiting period November to December 2010

Record of Decision December 2010

**8. REPORTS TO CPC:**

- Staff Report:
  - City staff held a “Community Orientation Workshop” on May 15, 2010.
  - City staff will conduct a Planning Committee Operations Workshop (PCOW) for planning group Chairs and Vice Chairs on June 24, 2010.
  - The Community Plan Preparation Manual, which CPC helped develop, won an Education award from the San Diego Section of the American Planning Association.
- Subcommittee Reports:
  - Landry Watson, Ocean Beach, reported that the Sustainable Conformance Committee met and will meet again next month at 5:30 pm.
  - Bill Keller, Centre City, offered to speak with anyone interested in the proposal to raise the cap on spending of tax increment dollars by the Centre City Development Corporation.

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Motioned by Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills to extend CPC Meeting 5 minutes motion was seconded.  
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- Landry Watson, Ocean Beach, reported that the Storm Water Master Plan was passed by the Planning Commission and will be going to the City Council to review.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Leo Wilson at 9:05 p.m.