

Community Planners Committee

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CPC MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 26, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Linville Martin, Centre City
Jim Varnadore, City Heights
Doug Case, College Area
Laura Riebeau, Eastern Area
Bruce Williams, Encantco Neighborhoods
Chris Blatt, Greater Golden Hill
Vicki Granowitz, Greater North Park
Tom Hebrank, Kensington/Talmadge
Tim Golba, La Jolla
Rick Bussell, Linda Vista
William Kenton, Midway
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa
Tracy Reed, Miramar Ranch North
Susan Redelings, Normal Heights
Landry Watson, Ocean Beach

Frank Busic, Old Town
Mel Ingalls, Otay Mesa
Rocky Sgro, Otay Mesa/Nestor (7:30 p.m.)
Kathy Mateer, Pacific Beach
Kathryn Rhodes, Peninsula
Ellen Willis, Rancho Bernardo
Mike Freedman, San Ysidro
Tamar Silverstein, Scripps Ranch
Doug Wescott, Serra Mesa
Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills
Eric Germain, Tierrasanta
Dash Meeks, Torrey Hills
Morton Printz, Torrey Pines
Leo Wilson, Uptown

VOTING ELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS: None.

NON ELIGIBLE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheila R. Hardin, Ron Beauchamp, Patty Vaccariello, Cal Jones, Rob Steppke, Lee Campbell, John Fiske and Tom Mullaney.

City Staff: Betsy McCullough, Jackie Dominguez, Marianne Greene, Mary Wright and Dave Potter.

Guests: None.

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:** Acting Chair Leo Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded with roll call.
2. **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sheila Hardin of CCDC distributed a publication entitled *Scorecard, More than a Ballpark*, that lists costs involved with the PETCO Park and developments that have emanated as a result of building the park.

Ron Beauchamp distributed a document that outlined his concerns about developers taking control of San Diego public tidelands and the harbor waterfront.



Scott Andrews expressed his concerns about the Navy Broadway Project and high rise tower development in general.

3. **MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:** None.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 27 AND MAY 22, 2007:** Eric Germain referenced his motion on page 3 of the March 27 Minutes, under Item 6, Land Use and Community Planning Element, regarding the addition of five proposed changes. Mr. Germain requested his document listing the proposed changes be attached to the minutes as an addendum. Mr. Germain's request was accepted without objections.

Kathy Mateer stated that she made various motions at the March meeting on the Land Use Element, that were not included in the minutes. The Chair said Ms. Mateer's motions were assented to, but not formally voted on. Jeff Stevens' recollection was that the Chair paraphrased the motions and one vote was taken. In order to clarify the issue, the Chair suggested Ms. Mateer's motion be placed on the July agenda as an action item. Kathy Mateer moved that her proposed motions on the Land Use Element be reintroduced as an action item on the July agenda. The motion was seconded by Eric Germain and approved 27-0-1. Abstention: Uptown. Staff will distribute a copy of Ms. Mateer's proposed motions with the July agenda materials.

Eric Germain moved to approve the Minutes of March 27, 2007, as amended. The motion was seconded by Vicki Granowitz and approved 15-1-12. Opposed: Pacific Beach. Abstentions: Peninsula, Rancho Bernardo, Ocean Beach, Linda Vista, Centre City, Eastern Area, City Heights, Torrey Pines, Greater Golden Hill, Kensington/Talmadge, Normal Heights and Uptown.

Eric Germain moved to approve the Minutes of May 22, 2007. The motion was seconded by Guy Preuss and approved 22-0-6. Abstentions: Peninsula, Center City, Normal Heights, Old Town, Kensington/Talmadge and Uptown

5. **CPC OFFICERS ELECTION:** Nominating Subcommittee Chair, Tamara Silverstein called for nominations from the floor. None were given. Leo Wilson of Uptown and Jim Varnadore of City Heights spoke briefly on their interest and qualifications for the position of Chair. Ms. Silverstein said the names of the candidates are listed on the ballots distributed, along with a space for write-ins. The ballots must be signed by each member. Votes will be tallied up immediately in the back of the room and election results will be announced as soon as the votes are counted. The ballots will become public record.
6. **GENERAL PLAN MOTION:** Mel Ingalls moved to accept Eric Germain's motion, to insert an added statement into the Strategic Framework Section of the General Plan, as stated on the agenda. The motion is as follows: "SF-2: the General Plan shall not be construed as encouraging or recommending a growth in City spending." The motion was seconded. Discussion on the topic ensued.

Betsy McCullough reported that Bill Anderson said the statement, as it is written, works contrary to other policies in the General Plan, that plan for building public facilities for residents that are here, presently. Mr. Anderson wanted to relay the message that, if you do not increase cost of government in general, then as population grows, you are reducing your per capita expense, therefore reducing your levels of service.

Doug Case was opposed to the motion, because he believes it is a political statement that does not belong in the General Plan. Vicki Granowitz agreed with Mr. Case. Morton Printz agreed with the statements from Doug Case and Bill Anderson. Rick Bussell said specifying goals and objectives as guidelines in the General Plan is a positive thing.

Mr. Germain said the purpose of the Bill of Rights is to protect the taxpayers by clarifying that the General Plan cannot be used to state that the size of government must grow.

Tom Mullaney expressed many reasons he did not want the draft General Plan to go forward. Mr. Mullaney said the draft General Plan would encourage, allow and possibly require increased intensity of development, without linking this firmly to adequate public facilities.

Discussion returned to the motion on the floor. The motion was approved 14-12-3. Opposed: Centre City, College Area, Greater North Park, Kensington/Talmadge, La Jolla, Midway, Mira Mesa, Miramar Ranch North, Old Town, Pacific Beach, Torrey Hills and Torrey Pines. Abstentions: Greater Golden Hill, Scripps Ranch and Uptown.

- 7. COUNCIL POLICY 600-24:** Mary Wright presented a recap of the Bylaws Revision Process. CPC revisions were incorporated into the Council Policy and City Council considered the Policy on May 22, with a few modifications: 1) Council established that deviations would be forwarded to the Council President for docketing and consideration by City Council. 2) The language on investigation of alleged violations by a planning group member was changed from, *shall be investigated* to *may be investigated*, to give the planning groups the option to investigate. City Council decided that standardization of the language of the Bylaws Shell is needed, but a deviation process is also needed. Bylaws that are consistent with the Bylaws Shell can be approved by resolution of the CPCI Department and the City Attorney. Bylaws with deviations will be forwarded to the City Council for approval. City Council dictated that Bylaws should be revised by November 20, 2007. To process the Bylaws on time, CPCI will need to receive them by October 9, especially if there are any deviations.

Betsy McCullough volunteered to take on the task of revising the Administrative Guidelines, which describe and explain the Council Policy and how to use it. Ms. Wright said it's anticipated that a complaint form will be attached to the Administrative Guidelines, to structure and standardize the complaint process. Ms. Wright also announced that CPCI will have a Planning Committee Operations Workshop (PCOW) on July 26, 2007.

Tracy Reed suggested a definite timeframe should be listed in the Council Policy on the approval process of the bylaws. Mr. Reed asked if staff would be making a recommendation

for or against the deviations to the bylaws. Ms. Wright said “no,” staff will simply submit a memo to the Council President stating how the bylaws conform to or deviate from the shell.

8. VOTING PROCEDURES, CPC RECORDS, AND ESTABLISH CPC

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BYLAWS REVISIONS: Betsy McCullough said the current CPC Bylaws, last updated in 1992, need to be updated again. Ms. McCullough also said we need to institute a better procedure to make sure there is accuracy in the recording of votes. CPC record keeping will be covered in the CPC Bylaws. Records of the CPC meetings will be kept and will be made available for review by members of the public. The Chair appointed Eric Germain, Ellen Willis, Jeff Stevens, Laura Riebeau, Guy Preuss and Vickie Granowitz to the CPC Bylaws Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will also review voting procedures.

9. REPORTS TO CPC:

- **Staff Report:** Betsy McCullough reported that this is her last meeting as regular staff at the CPC meetings. Ms. McCullough has taken a part-time position as Bill Anderson’s Assistant. Mary Wright has been appointed Deputy Director of CPCI. Ms. Wright will staff the CPC meetings.
- **Subcommittee Report:** Leo Wilson advised the CPC of the names of individuals who currently serve on various steering committees, subcommittees and task forces and also advised of those committees that are closed.
- **Chairperson’s Report:** None.

ELECTION RESULTS: The election results were announced by Tamar Silverstein: Chair - Leo Wilson; Vice Chair - Jeff Stevens; and Secretary - Vicki Granowitz. Ms. Silverstein thanked Ellen Willis and Buzz Gibbs for serving on the Nominating Committee.

The next Regular Meeting of the CPC will be held on July 24, 2007, 7:00 p.m., at the Metropolitan Operations Center II, Auditorium, 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa, California.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by Leo Wilson.

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