

**EASTERN AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Parish Hall – 2725 55<sup>th</sup> Street, San Diego, CA 92105**  
**December 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes Final**

EACPC Chair Laura Riebau called the meeting to order at approximately 7:09 PM noting a quorum of 10 including herself, Carl Davis, Denise Armijo, Lee Rittiner, Andy Huelskamp, Jolaine Harris, Daniele Laman, Anne Schoeller and Pam Swain. Earl Lamar arrived at 7:16.

**Communications from the Public/Board:**

**Adoption of Agenda or Agenda Changes:** Andy makes motion to adopt the agenda, Lee seconds. Motion passes (8-0-1; Chair abstained).

**Approval or Correction of Minutes:** Motion made by Daniele to table September minutes until January. Approved. 8-0-1; Chair abstained. Daniele makes motion to approve minutes. Approved 5-0-2 + Chair abstained.

**Lottery for Secretarial Duties:** Carl volunteered

**Treasurer's Report:** Andy H. reported a beginning balance of \$75.53 and an ending balance of \$75.53.

**Council Reports:**

Chris Pearson District 7: Get the word out about the Christmas tree recycling program. He encouraged everyone to look over the Holiday safety tips. He also brought up the 2011 Annual "Gifts for Guns" Exchange program on Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 8am to 1pm.

Bruce Williams: Tony Young was reelected to be council president. There was 6.3 million dollars to rehab sewer lines in Mid City. The MTS line will be holding the Holiday Entertainment Series at the Euclid and Market trolley station. Laura wants a traffic study for Euclid and Federal intersection and Bruce said to make a request to Tony Young's office for funds. Infrastructure funds are for nonprofits only. No cars for sale signs have not been added on Euclid and Westover triangle. Economic Development committee has just been approved at City Council and Laurie Zaph will be the chair. Andy recommends that cars for sale have been appearing in front of the Oak Park Library. Comments were made to get city officials to ask the state for money to improve the area that used to be met by Redevelopment Funds.

**T-mobile Cell Tower Modification and Upgrade at 6134 University ave. – Action Item:** Debora Gardner. It is an existing tower that has been in use for 10 years. Want to renew what has already been approved originally. It was unclear if trees could be added. Approval was made originally for 12 antennas but not all 12 were being used. They currently want to use all 12. The range is about ¾ mile. T-Mobile has no current plans for LTE but if they did no further changes would be needed at the site. This is a process 1 so no approval is needed. Danielle would like to propose adding street trees. Equipment cabinet is inside the building. Materials theft is not a problem here since the cabinet is located inside the building. Proposal approved as presented and recommendation to add a few trees to site if parking is not impacted. Approved 8-1-1, Daniele voted No; Chair abstained.

**Sprint Fire station Number 26 Permit Renewal, Modifications and Upgrades:** Debora Gardner. Sprint panel antennas and skirting would be mounted on existing tower wall and painted and textured to match existing. These will be multi-technology antennas. Power output is the same and the cabinets will be replaced. There are currently 9 antennas on site and there are not requesting to add additional antennas. A 2-foot high lattice screen will be mounted above the block wall and will be the responsibility of sprint to maintain. There was discussion about where trees could be added at the site but was unclear where best to add them. Denise made a motion to accept the renewal and the amendment to look for a place to add a tree that doesn't interfere with parking, traffic or access. Pam seconds. Motion passes. 5-4-1, Andy, Jolaine, Daniele, Pam voted No, Jolaine, Andy, Pam noted they voted No because of tree requirement ; Chair abstained.

**Urban Agriculture Amendments to the Municipal Code and The General Plan:** This will go to city council sometime in January 2012. Tally for voting on each issue discussed by Board attached.

Community Gardens: No community gardens or urban farms on City owned open space or parkland or land already designated or dedicated as parkland.

All animals should be allowed on Retail farms if zoning allows. 7-1-1 - Anne voted No; Chair abstained.

**EACPC vote on Placing EACPC Minutes on City of San Diego Website:** San Diego city is offering to place the EACPC minutes on the city website for public viewing. Pam makes the motion to add them to the city website and Lee seconds. Andy asked if we could make our own website. Laura is looking into making one for EACPC. Minutes would only be posted with City after they were approved. Motion passes 9-0-1; Chair abstained

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Schools – Lee Rittiner Governor will probably not have school cuts.**

**Transportation** – Mario Ingrassi – None

**PAC – Daniele Laman** – No November, or December meeting

**CPC – Laura Riebau** – Reviewed planning group bylaws, 600-24, how to get bylaws and amendments approved in a timely manner and other administrative matters.

**For the Good of the Order and Adjournment** Room has been reserved for 2012 year.

Recording Secretary, Carl Davis

EASTERN AREA COMMUNITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

VOTES ON URBAN AGRICULTURE REGULATIONS

COMMUNITY GARDENS

1. Produce from community gardens allowed on public land should only be for grower's consumption and use, no one should be able to utilize public land and sell produce for their private profit.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 8 YES / 1NO / EARL NO, CHAIR ABSTAINED**

2. OK to have community gardens on private property. Owner must be able to retain all rights to close a garden at owner's sole discretion. There should be no question or ability for those using the land to protest if the owner desires to close the garden for any reason whatsoever.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 8 YES / 1NO / EARL NO/ CHAIR ABSTAINED**

3. If community gardens are allowed on private property zoned as residential, selling of produce raised in these zones should be allowed at one of the farmers markets set up for community gardens in a commercial zone, not in the residential neighborhood. Sales from private property in residential zones may be too disruptive to neighbors and is too difficult to get code compliance enforcement when the limited sale days are ignored.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 9 YES / 0NO / CHAIR ABSTAINED**

4. Allow food safe pesticides, but ensure that food is pesticide free by time of sale.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 9 YES / 0 NO / CHAIR ABSTAINED**

FARMERS MARKETS

1. No Farmers Markets in any property in residential zones – not even multi-family residential. Too many problems with parking, restroom and regulations.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 9 YES / 0 NO / CHAIR ABSTAINED**

2. Community gardens farmers market should sell produce only – no enhanced foods, no cooking foods and no food trucks.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 8 YES / 1 NO / DENISE NO /CHAIR ABSTAINED**

3. If there is food contamination and people get sick from produce allowed to be grown on public land and sold at a Farmer's Market, the City should ensure that it is not going to liable.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 9 YES / 0 NO / CHAIR ABSTAINED**

QUESTION

4. Who is responsible on commercial lots if food contamination makes people sick? Who/what agency will do research to find the cause of sickness?

5. Requirements for Daily Markets and Weekly Markets should be the same.
  - a. Both should require the restroom;
  - b. No onsite cooking or value added prepared food should be allowed – only produce;
  - c. Both should require public liability insurance;
  - d. There should be parking requirements for both types of markets.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 9 YES / 0 NO / CHAIR ABSTAINED**

6. Owner of property used for farmers market must be able to retain all rights to close a market at owner’s sole discretion. There should be no question or ability for those using the land to protest if the owner desires to close the market for any reason whatsoever.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 9 YES / 0 NO / CHAIR ABSTAINED**

**RETAIL FARM**

1. Allow use of food safe pesticides;
2. Need a restroom;
3. Allow hens for eggs, bees and goats for milk at retail farm.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 8 YES / 1 NO / ANNE NO/ CHAIR ABSTAINED**

**HUSBANDRY – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

**HOW WILL CODE COMPLIANCE BE FUNDED FOR EXTRA SERVICES TO REGULATE HUSBANDRY ISSUES?**

1. Board is concerned that hens and goats may be slaughtered and used for meat on site in many cases. Board feels it is OK to take animals to a butcher to be slaughtered.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 8 YES / 1 NO / EARL NO/ CHAIR ABSTAINED**

**QUESTIONS FOR ALL ANIMALS**

1. How are animals regulated – registered like dogs?
2. Too easy to have animals “disappear” and replaced to maintain the allowable levels.
3. If allowed there must be strong penalties for those who do kill animals – fines, loss of animals and loss of right to raise and keep any more. Requires regulation.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 9 YES / 0 NO / CHAIR ABSTAINED**

**BOARD’S QUESTIONS**

4. Where do animals come from?
5. What is regulation for bodies of animals that die?

**Concerns regarding impacts on neighboring properties –**

- a. Smell bothering neighbors and particles from source of smell being in atmosphere;
- b. Increases in predators likes coyotes, foxes roaming streets;
- c. Attracting vermin – mice and rats – to neighborhood and being a problem for neighbors;

- d. Health issues; Owners may not clean up feces -unhealthy conditions and sanitation is a concern;
- e. May become a neighborhood nightmare that code compliance may not be able to control.
- f. May become a water pollution problem with rain runoff from animal pens into storm drains.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 9 YES / 0 NO / CHAIR ABSTAINED**

- 6. Make it a new disclosure requirement when selling home that hens, goats, bees live next door.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 6 YES / 2 NO / EARL, LEE NO/ 1 ABSTENTION - DENISE + CHAIR ABSTAINED**

#### HENS

- 1. Change wording CHICKENS to HENS.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 8 YES / 1 NO / EARL NO/CHAIR ABSTAINED**

#### **IF Hens are allowed**

- 2. Limit number of hens to 5 regardless of lot size.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 5 YES / 2 NO / 2 ABSTENTIONS JOLAINE, ANNE + CHAIR ABSTAINED – both abstentions were those who said no hens.**

- 3. If hens allowed, only allow in single family residential areas. No allowance for hens in multifamily.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 9 YES / 0 NO / CHAIR ABSTAINED**

- 4. No allowance for hens in community gardens.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 8 YES / 0 NO / 1 Abstention + CHAIR ABSTAINED**

#### GOATS

Full board sees too many problems with allowing goats – No Goats

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 9 YES / 0 NO / CHAIR ABSTAINED**

#### **BOARD'S QUESTIONS**

##### **IF goats are allowed**

- 1. How will neutering and dehorning be reviewed and ensured?
- 2. Why is there off spring in proposed wording when male is neutered?
- 3. What happens to off-spring when 12 weeks old?
- 4. How does one know when goats are 12 weeks of age?

## BEEES

Bees allowed if:

1. Hives must be kept small – no huge hives.

**TIE VOTE - Vote Tally - 5 YES - EARL, DENISE, LEE, DANIELE YES/ 5 NO / CHAIR VOTED YES  
NO VOTES NOTED THEY DO NOT WANT BEES IN RESIDENTAL AREAS**

2. Allow bees in community gardens in a locked enclosure at back of lot with signs warning of bees since many people are allergic.

**APPROVED - Vote Tally - 9 YES / 0 NO / CHAIR ABSTAINED**

### **BOARD'S QUESTIONS**

#### **IF bees are allowed**

1. How do we ensure honeybees instead of killer bees?
2. Is there a chance there will be too many bees?