

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP**

May 01, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marla Bell
Deborah Bossmeyer
Paul Brown
Perry Dealy
Robert Doherty
Randall Dolph
Alan Grant
John LaRaia
Elizabeth Levanthal
John Nugent
Alex Plishner
Brittany Ruggels
Karen Ruggels
Marco Sessa
Dottie Surdi

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jason Broad
John Carson
Gina Cord
Monica Davis
Doris Payne-Camp

FEDERAL REP'S STAFF

GUESTS

Ron Brockhoff
Bob Cummings
Cyndi Dahm
Ken Grant
Pat Grant
Ronald W. Grant
Naomi Grant Hartley
Cami Hurd
Richard Hurd
Mark Johnson
D. Kirk McKinley
Shelsea Ochoa
Jordan Penn
Mark Radelow
Josh Weiselberg

CITY STAFF

Officer Holland Tafoya
Jack Straw
Brian Schoenfisch

COUNTY STAFF

ASSEMBLY STAFF

George Gastil

President Dottie Surdi called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:01 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library located at 2123 Fenton Parkway.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Verify Quorum – 13 members were present, constituting a quorum.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Marla Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. INTRODUCTIONS / OPENING REMARKS/ AGENDA CHANGE

Dottie welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present to sign the sign in sheets.

Guests introduced themselves.

D. PUBLIC INPUT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Shelsea Ochoa representing the San Diego River Park Foundation invited all to participate in San Diego River Days 2013 occurring May 11-19. From May 11-19, there will be 42 events along the whole length of the River from Santa Ysabel to Ocean Beach. Events range from hikes, nature walks, bike rides, trail building projects, gardening, and community service projects. This year the event will be kicked off with the 3rd Annual Youth Day of Service on May 11 which will engage over 1,000 kids and their families in meaningful service projects at 13 sites along the River. A brochure with a calendar of events was distributed.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Since there was not a quorum of eligible voting members (members who were present at the April 03, 2013 meeting) present the approval of the minutes of the April 03, 2013 regular meeting was postponed/tabled until the next meeting.

F. MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS – Brittany Ruggels

Brittany Ruggels reported that there was no business at this time.

G. TREASURER’S REPORT – Bob Doherty’s reported a balance of \$1,414.43.

H. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

1. Police Department – Officer Holland (Holly) Tafoya

Officer Holly gave an update on a perpetrator who was recently groping women at the malls in Mission Valley.

Officer Holly recommended that individuals sign up and use Nextdoor San Diego/Mission Valley. Nextdoor is a private social network for your neighborhood, empowering you and your neighbors to connect and build a stronger and safer community. <https://missionvalley.nextdoor.com/login/>. Information on Nextdoor San Diego was distributed.

2. Fire Department – No report.

I. GOVERNMENTAL STAFF REPORTS

1. Mayor's Office

Denise Garcia was not present. No report.

2. State Representatives

a. Senate Member's Office – Sen. Marty Block from the 39th Senate District l. Ralph Dimarucut was not present. No report.

b. Assembly Member's Office – *Shirley Weber* - George Gastil representing Shirley Weber from the 79th Assembly District thanked those that attended her Community Chat at the Mission Valley Library.

George encouraged correspondence in the form of letters/emails to their office on the “hot” issues, including 1)education funding and local control; 2) The funding and governance of Adult Education programs 3)Economic Development funds and legislation.

3. Federal Representatives

a. Congresswoman Susan Davis' Office -- Jonathan Hardy was not present. No report.

b. Congressman Scott Peters' Office – Sarah Czarrecki was not present. No report.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Civita Affordable Project – (Information Item)**

The Mission Valley Planning Group Design Advisory Board (DAB), chaired by Randy Dolph met on April 29, 2013 and reviewed the Versa/Civita project. Selected components of the project, from the committee report, include the following:

- The scope of the project includes 150 units of senior affordable housing on a 2.03 acre site.
- The two buildings are 5 stories in height, and consist of 14 studios, 106 one-bedroom units, and 30 two-bedroom units.
- 138 surface parking stalls are provided.
- 10% of the units are designated as fully accessible.
- Estimated rental costs range between \$410-\$830 for the studio units to \$520-\$1060 for the 2-bedroom units.
- A community center and other common spaces were included on the ground floor of the east building.
- Building facades included hard-stone material at the base, with multi-colored stucco massing above.

Marco Sessa introduced Mark Radelow, Ron Brockhoff and D. Kirk McKinley who showed architectural and project site boards and distributed a project map which indicated the “Versa” Site.

Questions, comments, and discussion from the planned group were similar to those in the committee report and included: relationship of the project to Friars Road, landscaping, orientation of the buildings on the site, number of required parking spaces, access to public transportation and amenities unique to senior living.

K. OLD BUSINESS

1. City Planning Update

Brian Schoenfisch reported that the money for our community plan update remains in the draft 2014 city budget, which will begin July 01, 2013.

Brian reported that the CIVITA project in Mission Valley was covered in an article in Urban Land, a magazine of the Urban Land Institute (ULI). Urban Land covers best practices across a broad spectrum of real estate topics reflecting ULI's priorities. These include building highly livable, sustainable communities with the transit and other infrastructure necessary to support them; promoting intelligent densification and urbanization worldwide; and understanding how technological and demographic trends will influence the built environment.

Brian discussed the HAWK system under consideration for Cam Del Este. A **HAWK beacon** (High-Intensity Activated crossWalk beacon) is a traffic signal used to stop road traffic only as needed to allow pedestrians to cross safely. It is officially known as a "pedestrian hybrid beacon".

2. City Council Office-District 7- Councilmember Scott Sherman

Jack Straw reported that the HAWK system under consideration for Mission Center Road will not be supported due to negative constituent input.

After discussion on the HAWK system under consideration for Cam Del Este and Mission Center Road it was requested by the MVPG that city engineers be invited to a future meeting to discuss both projects. President Dottie Surdi will formally request their attendance.

Jack stressed the importance of constituent support for the money for our community plan update remaining in the 2014 city budget. At the request of the MVPG, President Dottie Surdi, will write a letter to the Mayor outlining the need for a Mission Valley community plan update and the importance of funding for this project remaining in the 2014 city budget.

Jack reported that the Ruffin Canyon Trail and Urban Walk Project in Ruffin Canyon in the communities of Serra Mesa and Mission Valley has been removed from the agenda of the Governing Board of The San Diego River Conservancy meeting on May 2, 2013. The Board was to consider applying to use \$1.5M of funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) for the project. The Ruffin Canyon Trail and Urban Walk Project is set to issue responses to issues raised about the project later this week.

The Councilmember's latest newsletter was distributed.

3. Subcommittee Reports

a. Design Advisory Board

In addition to Randall Dolph's report under new business on the Civita/Versa project he reported on two other items from the meeting on April 29, 2013.

1. Union Tribune Master Plan

Perry Dealy and Doug Austin presented the latest iteration of the project which includes 250,000 sf of office space, 191 residential units, and 1,727 parking stalls. A majority of the presentation focused on the relationship of the project to the river and the San Diego River Park Masterplan, including:

- o Esplanade along the river, including a café.
- o Setbacks and massing of tower/base.
- o Public park

The project is entering the environmental impact report phase. Questions, comments, and discussion from the subcommittee included: relationship of view corridors, usage of brick on the façade (including the usage of brick proper and necessary detailing to achieve the desired timeless aesthetic), overlay of 100-year flood plain on site, and several traffic-related issues.

2. Timing of project review

The DAB discussed whether or not the group should review projects prior to receiving City cycle comments and/or environmental impact reports. In an effort to best serve the community, the DAB did not take exception to early review of projects, provided that the DAB would not take any formal action on such projects until receipt of the City cycle issues and/or environmental impact report.

b. Stadium Committee

Randall Dolph had no report.

c. San Diego River Coalition

Alan Grant reiterated the invitation to participate in the San Diego River Park Foundation's San Diego River Days 2013 occurring May 11-19.

An agenda for the May meeting, May 17, has not been published

d. Community Planners Committee (CPC)

Dottie Surdi reported that she had attended the latest meeting and will distribute minutes when available

Dottie reminded members of the information she sent out regarding the May 21, 2013 Townhall meeting at the Linda Vista Library, at 5:30 pm, sponsored by Downtown San Diego. Over the next 40 years, the San Diego region is expected to grow exponentially. There will be a need to accommodate an additional 1.3 million residents, 400,000 housing units, and 500,000 jobs—and all of the basic services that come with a growing economy. To do this, there must be a focus on innovative solutions and an urban core that will accommodate this expected growth, and house and employ thousands of San Diegans. In concert with the San Diego Foundation's Our Greater San Diego Vision, the Downtown San Diego Partnership has embarked on a planning vision: "Our Downtown." This effort will develop a vision, framework, and action plan to advance the

downtown—and ultimately—the Greater San Diego Region. A vibrant, successful downtown contributes to the success of the Greater San Diego region and in order to plan responsibly for the future of the entire region there is a need for citizen input, thus the Townhall meetings sponsored by Downtown San Diego.

e. Parks Subcommittee

Jason Broad was absent-no report

f. Uptown Regional Bike Corridor Advisory Group

Brittany Ruggels had no report

g. Public Health, Safety and Welfare

Elizabeth Leventhal presented the mission and goals of the subcommittee:

Mission:

The mission of the Mission Valley Planning Group's new Sub-Committee on Public Health, Safety, and Welfare is to advise the full planning group on matters concerning the health, safety, and welfare of the community at large with a special focus on the homeless residents in the Valley. The sub-committee will make Planning Group members aware of issues that may impact the health and safety of residents and suggest ways that these could be addressed by the Mission Valley community.

Goals:

1. Provide monthly updates at each MVPG meeting on issues regarding shelter, public health, housing, and other resources that are being employed throughout the region, particularly those intended to discourage/end homelessness.
2. Recommend presentations on health and safety issues in order to help MVPG members become better informed about successful practices in other communities.
3. Brainstorm potential solutions to the specific concerns of local residents and businesses around health, safety and welfare issues, particularly addressing those related to homelessness in the neighborhood.

Elizabeth reported on the 2013 “We ALL Count” Data & Results. The Count results in approximately 15 million in federal funding (HUD) for local homeless services. The 2013 Count indicated a decrease in homelessness in San Diego. The decrease in homelessness was slight, for the city as a whole, and (the count) has not yet been broken down by neighborhood. For more information, Elizabeth referred individuals to the following websites:

Summary: <http://www.rtfhsd.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/2013PITC-Summary-OnePage.4.17.2013.pdf>

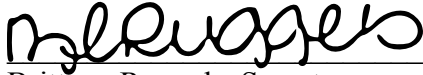
Regional breakdowns: <http://www.rtfhsd.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/2013PITC-RegionsMap.4.16.2013.pdf>

Data breakdowns: <http://www.rtfhsd.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/2013PITC-BreakdownByCity.4.17.2013.pdf>

4. Miscellaneous Mail

There was no miscellaneous mail.

L. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 05, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library, Community Room.



Brittany Ruggels, Secretary