

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

February 04, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Brown
Bob Cummings
Perry Dealy
Robert Doherty
Randall Dolph
Alan Grant
Matthew Guillory
Rob Hutsel
John LaRaia
Elizabeth Leventhal
Andrew Michajlenko
John Nugent
Jim Penner
Alex Plishner
Karen Ruggels
Marco Sessa
Dottie Surdi
Rick Tarbell
Josh Weiselberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Abbo
Deborah Bossmeyer
Jason Broad
John Carson

FEDERAL REP'S STAFF
Armita Pedramrazi

STATE STAFF

CITY STAFF
Julio DeGuzman
Anthony George
Tara Lieberman
Scott Sherman
Ryley Webb

GUESTS

Rick Barrett
Alex Bolonesi
Wilma Goodness
Derek Hulse
Ehsan Jahangiri
Andrew Kahn
Kathy Lippitt
Robert McDowell
Jeremy Ogul
Robert Shandor
Mary Shepperd
Mary Dell Worthington

Dottie Surdi, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library Community Room located at 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Verify Quorum: 19 members were present, constituting a quorum.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –Andrew Michajlenko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. INTRODUCTIONS / OPENING REMARKS/ AGENDA CHANGE

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

Guests introduced themselves.

Dottie introduced special guest City of San Diego Councilman Scott Sherman:

Councilman Sherman presented an overview of issues before the City of San Diego City Council including:

- Homelessness/move to housing 1st model
- Cost of building affordable/subsidized housing
- Implementation of River park master Plan/clean San Diego river
- Balancing city budget/cost based budgeting
- Deferred maintenance/infrastructure needs
- “How may I help you” office motto

Councilman Sherman answered questions and comments on issues including:

- Qualcomm property/his preference for stadium at current site
- Riverwalk Golf Course being purchased for City Park—lack of funds currently
- Funding San Diego River Trail
- Saving Mission Valley Post Office
- Homelessness
- San Diego River Clean up

More information can be found at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd7/>

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John LaRaia moved to approve the minutes of the January 07, 2015 regular meeting. Randy Dolph seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 15 – 0 – 4 with Bob Cummings, Rob Hutsel, Jim Penner, Alex Plishner and Karen Ruggels abstaining.

E. PUBLIC INPUT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS BUT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING GROUP.

“The Mission Valley Planning Group has been formed and recognized by the City Council to make recommendations to the City Council, Planning Commission, City staff, and other governmental agencies on land use matters, specifically concerning the preparation of, adoption of, implementation of, or amendment to, the General Plan or a land use plan when a plan relates to the Mission Valley community boundaries. The planning group also advises on other land use matters as requested by the City or other governmental agency.”
Mission Valley Planning Group Bylaws as Amended 05/07/2008, approved 12/02/2008

Issues addressed:

- Crime free Multi-Housing Program

F. MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS

With the death of Gina Cord there is an opening for a Property Taxpayer with a term ending in 2018.

Dottie Surdi reported that at Gina Cord's request there will be a celebration of her life on Friday February 6, 2015 at 11:30 am at the Trellis Restaurant at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center Mission Valley.

Gina passed away on January 20, 2015. Gina founded the Mission Valley News & Views and after selling it wrote a regular column called Gina's Valley Views. She was the President of Cord International Communications, a marketing and promotion company and served on the Mission Valley Planning Group since 2007.

G. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Doherty reported that the balance is \$1,357.06.

H. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

1. Police Department – Officer Adam McElroy
Officer McElroy was no present

Fire Department – No report.

I. GOVERNMENTAL STAFF REPORTS

1. Mayor's Office

Anthony George reported on:

- Advisory committee for stadium
- 2016 budget due to be released in April
- Repaving of Friars Road near the new fire station-will be repaved at contractors expense.

2. City Attorney's office

Julio DeGuzman provided an overview of the functions of the office

More information can be found at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/cityattorney/divisions/index.shtml>

3. Council Office-District 7- Councilmember Scott Sherman

Ryley Webb had nothing to add to Scott Sherman's presentation recorded earlier in the minutes.

3. City Planning Update-Nancy Graham

Nancy is currently on maternity leave. In her place Seth Litchney reported:

- Staff is working on updates for components of the Community Plan Update
- Plan update kickoff will be scheduled as soon as Nancy returns

4. State Representatives

a. Senate Member's Office – Sen. Marty Block from the 39th Senate District 1.
Katelyn Hailey was not present-no report

More information can be found at: <http://sd39.senate.ca.gov/>

b. Assembly Member's Office – Shirley Weber from the 79th Assembly District George Gastil was not present. No report.

5. Federal Representatives

a. Congresswoman Susan Davis' Office

Armita Pedramrazi reported on:

- Advancing Social and Emotional Learning
- Clay Hunt suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act
- Ceremonial swearing in at new San Diego Courthouse
- Recruitment of interns for office
- Free IRS/tax preparation help-contact office

More information is available at: <http://www.house.gov/susandavis/>

b. Congressman Scott Peters' Office –

Sarah Czarrecki was not present. No report.

More information is available at: <http://scottpeters.house.gov/>

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Agenda Item J-1. Mission Valley Holiday Inn Express at 625 Hotel Circle-CJ Conrad-- Action Item**

Proposed Draft Motion:

“To accept the amendment to Site Development Permit (SDP) #548042 / Project #386426 where by 88 rooms shall be reduced to 76 rooms at the Vagabond Inn (625 Hotel Circle South) and to modify room count from 104 combination rooms to 104 single new rooms at the Holiday Inn Express (635 Hotel Circle South) for a combined total of 168 rooms between the two properties and to modify the parking to meet the city's required parking ratio of 1:1 ratio, by providing the necessary parking spaces.”

Robin Madaffer presented an overview of the project:

A Site Development Permit Amendment has been applied for to reduce the existing rooms at the Vagabond Inn (625 Hotel Circle South) from 88 rooms to 76 rooms, and South of the Vagabond Inn at the Holiday Inn Express (635 Hotel Circle South) to convert 16 2-rooms suites into 32 single rooms, without moving any existing walls or adding any additional square feet to the building. There would be a combined room count of 168 rooms between both properties.

At this time there are no physical changes to the buildings as approved in the existing SCR and Entitlements. Included in the application per the city's request is a Traffic Study which supports a room count to parking ratio of 1:1. The project is providing a total of 172 parking spaces, instead of the 168 called out for by the City. The site layout has been modified to incorporate the 172 parking spaces, taking into account the city's requirements in terms of the proper parking ratio, ADA parking, motorcycle parking, bike spaces, electric vehicles and landscape requirements.

Questions/Comments:

- Reason for the need for a site development permit
- Is this an after the fact request
- Further explanation of Average daily traffic (ADT) projections
- External changes to current Vagabond Inn

Marco Sessa moved to recommend the amendment to Site Development Permit (SDP) #548042 / Project #386426 provided that any exterior work to the Vagabond Inn be consistent with the exterior façade of the existing Vagabond Inn and/or the exterior façade of the new hotel. Perry Dealy seconded the motion. Motion was approved 19 – 0 – 0.

2. Agenda Item J-2. City of San Diego Climate Action Plan -

John reported that due to his mistake in sending the MVPG members the correct background materials on the Climate Action Plan the invitation to present the Climate Action Plan at the meeting was withdrawn.

More information on the Climate Action Plan can be found at:

http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/genplan/cap/pdf/sd_cap_sept_2014_draft_full_093114.pdf

John Nugent moved to remove the Climate Act Plan from the agenda. Alex Plishner seconded the motion. Motion was approved 19 – 0 – 0.

K. OLD BUSINESS

1. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Standing Committees:

1) Design Advisory Board – Randy Dolph

The committee did not meet so there was no report.

2) Mission Valley Community Plan Update-John Nugent

The committee did not meet so there was no report.

John asked community members interested in serving on the committee to sign the interest sheet next to the sign in sheets.

John reported that community members will not be named to the committee until after the “kickoff”.

B. Ad Hoc Committees

1) Parks – Jason Broad

The committee did not meet so there was no report

2) Public Health, Safety and Welfare – Elizabeth Leventhal

Elizabeth Leventhal reported on the Point in Time count, which is the main data source used for measuring progress in meeting the goals in the Federal Opening Doors Program

and collects important data on the general homeless population and subpopulations of homeless persons, including Veterans, families, chronically homeless individuals, and youth. Results of the count will be released in May.

3) Riverwalk-John Nugent

Dottie Surdi made the initial appointments to the committee:

MVPG Board members:

Robert Doherty
Rob Hutsel
John Nugent-Chair
Dottie Surdi
Rick Tarbell

Linda Vista Community member

Mary Shepperd

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2. Community Reports

1. San Diego River Coalition –

Allan Grant reported that the January meeting included a presentation on applying for Prop 1 Bond Funds. The agenda for the February meeting has not been set. The committee meets the third Friday of each month from 3:00-4:30 at the Mission Valley Library.

3. Community Planning Chairs Meeting –

Dottie Surdi reported that the minutes of the last meeting will be sent out when approved.

4. Miscellaneous Mail

A letter was received from the City of San Diego Transportation and Storm Water Department informing the community that the portion of Camino del Rio North between Mission Center Road and Qualcomm Way will have a speed limit decrease from 35 mph to 30 mph.

5. Miscellaneous Items

There were no items

L. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 PM

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday March 04, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library, Community Room.

John Nugent, Secretary