

OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

11 March 2009

Members Present:

Dist. 1 Joan Schneider
Dist. 2 Vacant
Dist. 5 Jim Eblen
Dist. 6 Vacant
Dist. 7 Bob Mikloski
Dist. 8 Chris Kwast

Dist. 9 Vinnie Thoms
Dist. 10 Ira Briggs
Dist. 11 Marie Johnson
Dist. 12 Carlos Sanchez
Dist. 13 Daniel Wagner
Dist. 14 Wayne Dickey
Dist. 15 Walt Zumstein

Dist. 16 Steve Schroder

Members Absent:

Dist. 3 Lorise Maynard
Dist. 4 Pam Foster

Guests Present:

Coralie Zumstein, Resident
David Fenner, Resident
Dee Munoz, Resident
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Diane Porter, Resident
Diego Padilla, Resident
Ed Abraham, Resident

Ed Swidersmi, Resident
Emma Reese, Resident
Jamie Pierce, Resident
Joiw Swanson, Resident
Kenneth Coldwell, Resident
Maria Mendoza, Resident
Mark Rogers, City of San Diego

Myra Briggs, Resident
Robert Naranjo, Resident
Rodel Reyes, Resident
Rose Gamby, Resident
Sam Mendoza, Resident
Theresa Millette, City of San Diego
Whitney Benzian, City of San Diego

Meeting opened at 6:35 p.m. by acting Chair, Chris Kwast. Acting Secretary (designated by Chair) Vinnie Thoms, will take the minutes.

Introduction of board members.

Approval of Feb. 14, 2009 Minutes: Motion Jim/Joan seconded to accept the minutes as written. Approved 11/1/0. (Note the Agenda showed minutes of the January 14, 2009 meeting...corrected to Feb. 14, 2009.)

The **Information Item** on the Agenda has been pulled; will come back at a later date.

Non-Agenda Public Comment:

Wayne Dickey: for our group to endorse District 8 to spend money on Montgomery Waller comfort station. Put on next agenda perhaps.

Walt Zumstein: Money should be spread around to other parks that have no comfort stations.

Joan Schneider: More parking at Montgomery Waller per City Councilman Hueso.

Jim Eblen: spread the money around.

Diego Padilla: Port-a-Potties get vandalized.

Wayne Dickey: Thanks to Rodel Reyes for getting the utility boxes painted.

Council District 8 Report: Whitney Benzian re-introduced himself. He was our representative a while back and is now again. Noted that there was a great turn-out for the State of the District address held in San Ysidro last week; over 100 attended. Thanked the San Ysidro High School mariachi, and dancers, and the outstanding singer of the National Anthem.

SDPD Community Relations Officers – Not Present

Election of Board members: (Vinnie Thoms, Election Committee Chair)

Robert Naranjo announced he will NOT be running as a candidate for the board.

His name will be removed from the ballot.

Vinnie Thoms explained how the election would be run; there are Instructions on one side and the ballot on the other. Each candidate on the ballot was asked to introduce themselves and say why they would like to be on the board. The list of eligible voting members of the community which was compiled by the Secretary was read and ballots distributed. The Instructions were read to all announcing the Districts open, (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10) how to mark the ballots, 9 (nine) seats were to be filled. There

are Eight (8) full-term districts and District 6 which is to complete the term until election in 2011. Election Committee members, Steve Schroeder and Daniel Wagner left the room to tabulate the ballots.

Action Item: Safe Routes to School Program—Mark Rogers, P.E., City of San Diego Transportation Engineering Division; passed out a description of the projects that had been submitted to the Federal program at \$1Million each Plan A/Plan B. Both were rejected. Now they are being submitted as four (4) projects at approx. \$450,000 each to the State of California grant program and are due in April. The four applications cover the four schools: Berry Elementary, Emory Elementary, Nestor Elementary, and Mar Vista Middle School.

He is requesting that we submit four letters of support for these projects to go with their applications for the State Funding. City matches funds of only 10% of each project. If awarded the State Funds, they must be used within four years of receipt.

Motion Marie Johnson/Vinnie Thoms seconded to send four letters to support plans.
8/2/0 (two Election Committee members not voting-still counting ballots). Approved.

Long Range City Planner Report—Theresa Millette announced the Community Orientation Workshop for new Planning Members will be Saturday, May 2nd.

Election Committee members returned to the meeting-submitted election report to Chair.

CPC (Community Planning Committee)—Daniel Wagner is our representative.

Daniel reported that this committee is made up of all the Chairs of the City of San Diego Community Planning Groups. This month they discussed two main items: 1) Regulations regarding Ham Radio Towers; should be limited to the height of the surrounding buildings, i.e. Coastal areas 30' and other areas 40' and anything different would need to be by special permit. 2) Information regarding Community Gardens. A group has been trying to set up something in the San Diego River Valley and the permit cost is prohibitive.

Acting-Chair's Report—For the April Meeting, we will have No Chair, No Vice-Chair, and No Secretary. Chris Kwast will open the meeting immediately followed by Election of Officers, who will then take charge of the meeting.

Election Results are as follows:

Ira Briggs	District 7
Bob Mikloski	District 10
Ed Abrahams	District 3
Myrna Briggs	District 8
Sam Mendoza	District 2
Maria Mendoza	District 6
Diego Padilla	District 5
Diane Porter	District 4
John Swanson	District 1

First order of business at the April meeting will be the Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. Officers are for two year terms.

Other Business/Announcements

Recreation council meets at Montgomery Waller Park 2nd Thursday of the month (tomorrow) 7 p.m.

End of year report due the end of March from the Secretary. Chris Kwast will put together.

Meeting Adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Vinnie Thoms, member

Next meeting is April 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Otay Mesa Branch Library.