

SAN YSIDRO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Location:

Governing Board Room
San Ysidro School District Education Center
4350 Otay Mesa Road (just north of Beyer Blvd) in San Ysidro, California

Monday, March 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman: Michael Freedman (619) 690-3833

Items Appearing On This Agenda May Be Acted Upon Without Further Notice

1. **Call to Order, Introduction and Roll Call.**
2. **Approval of the Agenda** (changes require a vote of 2/3rds of the quorum)
3. **Approval of Minutes.** February 15, 2011
4. **Announcements:**
 - a. Vacancies: **1** (which may be filled at this meeting) for term expiring April 2014
 - b. Chair
 - c. Group Members
 - d. Staff & Officials
5. **Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda**

Comments and inquiries from any person regarding matters which are not on this Agenda. Comments and inquiries must be related to the Group's purposes, described in City Council Policy 600-24. If a large number of people wish to speak on the same item, comment may be limited to a set period of time per item. The Brown Act does not allow any action or vote to be taken on items not properly noticed. Public comment on any item appearing on this agenda is taken at the time the item is heard.
6. **Docket Items:**
 - a. **Las Americas East.** Buildout of the Las Americas East site located south of Camino De La Plaza and west of Virginia Avenue on a 350,914 sf (8.06 acre) lot with 140,000 sf of retail in 7 buildings with 397 parking spaces. SYIO CT-2,3 zone in San Ysidro Redevelopment Project Area.
 - b. **San Diego Healthy Homes Collaborative.** A City of San Diego program that provides free health and safety home remediation for low-income families, such as pests control, mold, lead, and asthma triggers, as well as general home safety.

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c. **Pedestrian Overpass I-805 between East Beyer Blvd & Olive Drive – Cleanup.** Report from Council District 8 regarding the maintenance of the CALTRANS public access overpass, particularly graffiti, weeds, lighting and aesthetics.

d. **San Ysidro Freight Rail Yard Improvement Project.** Approve the draft letter to SANDAG relating the SYCPG concerns because of certain impacts to the neighborhoods from the proposed project east of East Beyer Blvd.

e. **ITC Concept.** Presentation by Miguel Aguirre of his development concept for the Intermodel Transit Center.

7. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Infrastructure and Public Improvements (I&PI) - (Otto).
- b. San Ysidro Community Plan Update Advisory Committee (SYAC) - (Freedman)

8. Representative's Reports

- a. SY POE Expansion & Reconfiguration - (Adato)
- b. SY Smart Border Coalition – (Currie)
- c. Community Planners Committee – (Paredes/Wyman)
- d. Otay Mesa Planning Group - (Gonzalez)
- e. Transportation Collaborative - (Goudeau)
- f. SY Project Area Committee - (Otto)

9. Adjournment

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Minutes from February 15, 2011

1. Call to order: At 5:32 p.m. Chairman Michael Freedman called meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present: I. Adato, M. Aguirre, T. Currie, D. Flores (5:35 pm), M. Freedman, B. Gonzalez, J. Goudeau, R. Moran, S. Otto, M. Paredes, M. Paul, C. Vasquez (5:36 pm), J. Wyman.

Absent: A. Perez

Quorum of 11 present at Call to Order, Approval of Agenda,

Quorum of 12 present at Minutes

Quorum of 13 present at 6.a, 6.b, 6.c, 6.d, 6.e

2. Approval of Agenda: **A motions was made by T. Currie and seconded by M. Paredes to approve the Agenda as published. Motion Passed (11-0-0). Yes: I. Adato, M. Aguirre, T. Currie, M. Freedman, B. Gonzalez, J. Goudeau, R. Moran, S. Otto, M. Paredes, M. Paul, J. Wyman. No: None. Abstain: None.**
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: **A motion was made by J. Wyman and seconded by M. Paredes to approve the minutes of January 18, 2011. Motion Passed (12-0-0) Yes: I. Adato, M. Aguirre, T. Currie, D. Flores, M. Freedman, B. Gonzalez, J. Goudeau, R. Moran, S. Otto, M. Paredes, M. Paul, J. Wyman. No: None. Abstain: None.**
4. Announcements:
 - a) Vacancies: None Published. The Chairman received letter of resignation from F. Sanchez, as of 2/15/11. There is now one (1) vacancy which will be formally announced on the March 2011 Agenda and can be acted upon at the March 2011 meeting.
 - b) Chairman: Two announcements as published on Agenda. March 2011 Planning Group meeting to be Monday 3/21/11.
 - c) Group Members:
 - i. Greening the Border meeting, February 23rd at the Marriott Hotel & Marina, contact Sylvia.grijalva@dot.gov or 602.510.7986 for more information.
 - ii. San Ysidro Sin Limites meeting, Thursday 2/24/11 at 5:30 pm 212 E. Park Blvd, San Ysidro Civic Center; contact David Flores at 619.428.1115 or davidf@casafamiliar.org for more information.
 - iii. San Ysidro School District; Educational Services is developing a plan to learn/teach peaceful conflict resolution to students and parent groups.
 - iv. Ocean View Hills Elementary School has been asked to apply for a National Blue Ribbon School. It is one of only 32 schools asked to submit an application in California.
 - d) City Officials: None
 - e) Members of the Public: None.
5. Public Comment: None.

6. Docket Items:

- a. **Project Review Subcommittee Report:** Traffic Impact Analysis for “*Tianquizli en San Ysidro*” project at 388 Calle Primera. The subcommittee had a meeting today February 15th at 4:30 pm, Jennifer Goudeau, Steve Otto, John Boarman, Daniel Acosta Jr., Daniel Acosta Sr. and Alex Macedo. Discussion on the Traffic Impact Analysis to clarify concerns. No Motion/Information Only.
- b. **San Ysidro Freight Rail Yard Improvement Project:** Project was presented to Planning Group on July 19, 2010. Project includes the addition of 2 freight railroad tracks, new access road and drainage improvements. Project will not restrict access to future development of the surrounding private properties. Entry access to site will be on Beyer Blvd. near trolley bridge and the exit will be at current entrance/exit on E. Beyer, near Camino De La Plaza. Exit traffic would then flow to Camino de la Plaza to E. San Ysidro Blvd. for entry to I-805. Current traffic is 42 vehicles with 2030 projections of traffic at 70 vehicles (30’ trailers) and would enter/exit project on a 24 hr. timeframe. Questions: Why can’t traffic go through hill and out to Beyer? Why not create an entrance/exit from I-805 at Beyer. Need to regulate hours of operation of trucks to 7 pm to 7 am. David Flores to draft letter to be presented at next month’s meeting with community concerns. Item Continued.
- c. **Infrastructure & Public Improvements Subcommittee Report:** List of improvements attached for approval & adoption, this list in addition to “2009 List”. **Motion was made by J. Goudeau and seconded by M. Paredes to approve and adopt attached list. Motion passed (13-0-0). Yes: I. Adato, M. Aguirre, T. Currie, D. Flores, M. Freedman, B. Gonzalez, J. Goudeau, R. Moran, S. Otto, M. Paredes, M. Paul, C. Vasquez, J. Wyman. No: None. Abstain: None.**
- d. **Pedestrian Overpass I-805 between East Beyer and Olive Drive – Cleanup:** District 8 representation was not present to report. Item Continued.
- e. **East Beyer Boulevard between East San Ysidro Blvd. & Bolton Hall Road - Cleanup:** Thanks to Urban Corps who clean up E. Beyer Blvd. **A motion was made by M. Freedman and seconded by J. Wyman to send letter of thanks to Urban Corps. Motion passed (13-0-0). Yes: I. Adato, M. Aguirre, T. Currie, D. Flores, M. Freedman, B. Gonzalez, J. Goudeau, R. Moran, S. Otto, M. Paredes, M. Paul, C. Vasquez, J. Wyman. No: None. Abstain: None.**

7. Subcommittee Reports:

- a. **Infrastructure and Public Improvements (S. Otto):** See item 6.c above.
- b. **Community Plan Update (M. Freedman):** Meetings on Second Wednesday of the Month. Compared new elements in the update plan to the elements in the current Community Plan.

8. Representative Reports:

- a. **SY POE Expansion & Reconfiguration (I. Adato)**: Pedestrian bridge to open in March. Hensel-Phelps to begin construction in March 2011. Ground breaking for Phase 1B, is 2/24 at 1:30 pm.
- b. **SY Smart Border Coalition (T. Currie)**: No Report
- c. **Community Planners Committee (M. Paredes/J. Wyman)**: Meeting on 1/25/11, Sherry Lightener presented an update of the Land Development Code.
- e. **Otay Mesa Planning Group (B. Gonzalez)**: No Report.
- f. **Transportation Collaborative (J. Goudeau)** –Next meeting Friday 2/25/11.
- g. **SY Project Area Committee (PAC) (S. Otto)** – 84 sidewalk improvements at a cost of \$1 million was approved. Selection of consultant for Intermodal Feasibility Study should be happening soon.

9. Other Items: None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Goudeau, Secretary

San Ysidro Community Planning Group
c/o Mike Freedman, Chair

March 1, 2011

G. Peter d'Ablaing, P.E.
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DRAFT

Dear Mr. d'Ablaing:

As the local committee formed to review planning and development projects in San Ysidro, we are writing to express concern about the recent discussion and the pending decision to adopt a plan at this stage for the San Ysidro Freight Rail Yard Improvement Project. The committee understands and is appreciative that you have presented the initial project last year and returned with an alternative took our input into consideration, however, the committee still feels that this is NOT the best option for consideration as truck traffic will be tripled and directed to one of the busiest streets in the City of San Diego.

The biggest issue raised is the discontinued approach to planning around the entire San Ysidro Border impact area, especially after the U.S. General Services Administration expansion of the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry. **The region cannot continue to avoid having to install the necessary infrastructure and connections to and from the freeway.** We have requested planning coordination with the City of San Diego for building the road infrastructure from your site to the North, completely avoiding San Ysidro Boulevard and border traffic. The committee feels this is the best solution for your project and the community when considering this impact.

A second solution that we find palatable would be to push CalTrans to build an onramp off the Camino de la Plaza overpass that would shorten the distance trucks would have to travel on San Ysidro Boulevard.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,