

# Community Planners Committee

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**COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2005  
METROPOLITAN OPERATIONS CENTER II, AUDITORIUM  
9192 TOPAZ WAY, KEARNY MESA, CALIFORNIA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Donna Nenow, Carmel Valley

Paul Robinson, Centre City

Jim Varnadore, City Heights

Don Steele, Clairemont Mesa

Steve Laub, College Area

Gary Levitt, Del Mar Mesa

Lee Rittiner, Eastern Area

John Stewart McGaughy, Greater North Park

Buzz Gibbs, Kearny Mesa

Louise Guarnotta, Kensington-Talmadge

Yvette Marcum, La Jolla

Ed Cramer, Linda Vista (8:10 p.m.)

Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa

Thomas Traver, Midway

John Pilch, Navajo

Kim McGinley, Ocean Beach

Mel Ingalls, Otay Mesa

Cynthia Conger, Peninsula (7:15 p.m.)

James Denton, Rancho Bernardo

Tamara Silverstein, Scripps Ranch

Cindy Moore, Serra Mesa

Guy Pruess, Skyline-Paradise Hills

Eric Germain, Tierrasanta

Dash Meeks, Torrey Hills

Faye Detsky-Weil, Torrey Pines

Linda Colley, University

Leo Wilson, Uptown

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**City Staff:** Sabrina Curtin, Shirley Atencio, Jackie Dominguez, Gail Goldberg, David Miller, Tony Lettieri, Nancy Bragado, Gary Halbert, Dan Joyce and Bill Levin

**NOTE:** *The sign-in sheets that are provided at the entrance to the meeting are used to list CPC Representatives, guest speakers and staff present at the meeting.*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair, Steve Laub called the meeting to order at 7:02 and proceeded with the roll call.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of June and August were not available for approval. The Chair requested the minutes of June, August and September be distributed with the backup material for October's meeting.

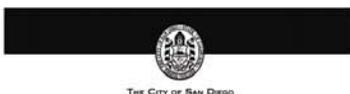
**MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Guy Pruess stated that a member of CPC should be on the Land Development Code Monitoring Team. By unanimous consent, the committee nominated Lee Rittiner and Guy Pruess to represent CPC on the Land Development Code Monitoring Team.

Scott Andrews stated his concerns that City's parks and open space are being sacrificed because they are considered real estate assets.

Ron Boshon voiced his concerns about the Port Authority, Airport Authority, SANDAG and developers in general. Mr. Boshon stated the voters of San Diego do not have control over what they are doing at the developers' level.

Erica Mendelson, Director of Public Policy and Communications of The Performance Institute, a national government reform organization, spoke on the need to reform government thru the principles of transparency, accountability, competition and performance.



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Ed Cramer stated the City's Real Estate Assets Department still has not provided him with a list of all public properties for each of community. Gail Goldberg reported that Will Griffith is still trying to find a way for their computer system to pull up the information community by community.

**PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Gail Goldberg reported that staff is working on developing a fee for voluntary historic designations, to cover some of the costs of the historic resource program.

**VOTING ELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:** Under the attendance rules, Donna Nenow is not eligible to vote on any issues at tonight's meeting. Voting rights for Kim McGinley and Mel Ingalls are reactivated.

**BUSINESS:**

2. **OUTDOOR LIGHTING REGULATIONS (Revised)/UNDERGROUND OF SWITCHBOXES BY SDG&E:** (Info Item) Dan Joyce, Senior Planner, Development Services Department, discussed concerns raised on the new proposed regulations for neon lighting.

Barbara Houlton gave a presentation on her concerns of neon lighting in residential areas. Mrs. Houlton is concerned that the current draft does not contain the protection that is in the old outdoor lighting code.

Cynthia Conger discussed having the light switch box lines placed underground, so that they do not detract from a community's character.

3. **FEE INCREASES FOR WATER RELATED SERVICES:** (Info Item) Charles Yackly, Assistant Director, Water Department, discussed proposed fee increases for certain Water Department services, to recover costs incurred for services provided. The fees are proposed to take effect January 1, 2006.
4. **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE STATUS REPORT:** (Info Item) Gail Goldberg reported on the General Plan Update. Toni Lettieri and Nancy Bragado reviewed comments and concern raised at the Planning Commission's July 14, 2005 meeting.
5. **CONDO CONVERSION REGULATIONS:** (Action Item) Bill Levin presented the committee with background information on condominium conversions and regulations in San Diego.

Guy Preuss made a motion that CPC request City Council draft an ordinance to require all condominium conversions to be initiated by 50% plus 1 vote of current unit renters. All such conversions shall be updated to comply with current Land Development Code requirements. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Conger. Jim Varnador moved to amend the motion to state that when the item is reconsidered, that public and committee testimony be closed. Mr. Wilson rejected the amendment to the motion. The original motion passed 20 to 0.

6. **REPORTS TO CPC:**

- **Staff Report:**
- **Subcommittee Report:** John Pilch reported that the Parking Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, October 27. Any suggestions or information should be sent to Mr. Pilch via email address [jfpilch@hotmail.com](mailto:jfpilch@hotmail.com) and Mr. Paul Robinson at [PRobinson@hsrgb.com](mailto:PRobinson@hsrgb.com).
- **Chair Report:** None
- **CPC Member Comments:** Jim Varnador announced there will be a Joint Meeting of the Pedestrian Master Plan with the Traffic Common Group on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Instructions are on the flyer that was distributed. Steve Laud of College Area invited everyone to visit their brand new library.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. by Steve Laub. The next meeting will be held on October 25, 2005, 7:00 p.m.