

Community Planners Committee

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CPC MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donna Nenow, Carmel Valley
Paul Robinson, Centre City
Jim Varnadore, City Heights
Sheri Mongeau, Clairemont Mesa
Steve Laub, College Area
Laura Riebaw, Eastern Area
Elaine Boyd, Greater North Park
Louise Guarnotta, Kensington/Talmadge
Buzz Gibbs, Kearny Mesa
Yvette Marcum, La Jolla (7:10 p.m.)
Thomas Traver, Midway
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa
Tracy Reed, Miramar Ranch North
Karen Ruggels, Mission Valley

Matthew Adams, Navajo
Judy Elliott, Normal Heights
Mike Taylor, Ocean Beach (7:05 p.m.)
Mel Ingalls, Otay Mesa (7:15)
Kathy Mateer, Pacific Beach (7:10 p.m.)
Cynthia Conger, Peninsula (7:40 p.m.)
Mike Freedman, San Ysidro
Cindy Moore, Serra Mesa
Guy Pruess, Skyline-Paradise Hills
Reynaldo Pisano, Southeastern San Diego
Lee Campbell, Tierrasanta
Dash Meeks, Torrey Hills
Leo Wilson, Uptown

VOTING ELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS: None.

NON ELIGIBLE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Staff: Jackie Dominguez, Betsy McCullough and Jeff Strohming

Guests: Ann Kern, SDHA, Marsi Steirer, City of San Diego Water Department and Stephan Vance SANDAG

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Steve Laub called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded with roll call.
- 2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- 3. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:** None.
- 4. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Betsy McCullough introduced Jim Waring, Deputy Chief, Land Use and Economic Development, Office of the Mayor. Mr. Waring gave an overview of how the Mayor is rebuilding the deteriorated systems and processes at the City. The Mayor has brought in a series of experts in efficiencies and organization to rebuild every department and every process in the City. In addition to Planning, other



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departments that report to Mr. Waring are Development Services, Housing Commission, Real Estate Assets and Economic Development (including Neighborhood Code Enforcement and the Redevelopment Agency). Departments that deal with real estate or real estate issues now have a single reporting system; this was done to build teamwork and synergy between the different systems. Mr. Waring is working with Ms. McCullough to ensure that there will be a planner at every other community planning group meeting.

Jim Varnadore expressed concerns of decreased accessibility to low-level working staff members and that the CPC has no direct access to the Mayor since he has been in office. Leo Wilson stated his concerns about the land use crises that affects every neighborhood in San Diego. Other members spoke their concerns to Mr. Waring. Mr. Waring can be reached via email at jwaring@sandeigo.gov.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes will be corrected to reflect that Kathy Mateer of Pacific Beach attended the meeting. Guy Preuss moved to approve the Minutes of February 28, 2006 as corrected. The motion was seconded by Jeff Stevens and unanimously approved.

6. **SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND:** (Info Item) Ann Kern, Senior Program Analyst, Housing Finance and Development Department of the SDHC, discussed the 2007 Affordable Housing Fund Annual Plan, a document prepared annually for approval by the City Council. The Affordable Housing Fund is an annually renewable source of funds to help meet the housing needs of the city's low-income households. The Affordable Housing Fund is comprised of the Housing Trust Fund account and the Inclusionary Housing Fund account. Part of the annual plan includes how much money is expected to receive, how those moneys will be spent, as well as the programs currently in use.

Jim Varnadore stated concerns that the two funds regularly waiver the requirement to pay into them; that the Housing Commission continues to emphasize subsidized housing in poor communities and do not make an effort to put low-income housing in affluent communities; that the Housing Commission continues not to recommend new sources of revenue for the Housing Trust Fund. Laura Riebau stated her concerns of not having balanced communities, which is causing economic disparity. Other members expressed similar comments. Ms. Kern can be reached via email at annk@sdhc.org.

7. **CITY OF SAN DIEGO WATER DEPARTMENT WATER REUSE STUDY:** (Info Item) Marsi Steirer, Deputy Director, City of San Diego Water Department, gave a presentation on the results of the Water Reuse Study. Several CPC members expressed their thoughts on the issue, including concerns about rate increases.

8. **SANDAG SMART GROWTH CONCEPT MAP:** (Info Item) Mr. Stephan Vance, Senior Regional Planner, SANDAG, gave a presentation on the Smart Growth Concept Map, which is an implantation initiative that came out of the SANDAG Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). The RCP was adopted in July 2004 and involves all 18 cities in the county. The Smart Growth Concept Map illustrates where smart growth is planned in the region through 2030, to refine the transportation system to support that smart growth and to guide the other infrastructure investments around the region. Mr. Vance said

the CPC should work through the Planning Department, but he may be reached via email at sva@sandag.org.

9. **COUNCIL POLICY 600-24 DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES:** (Action Item) Betsy McCullough presented a background summary on this item to bring any new members up-to-date. The CPC Subcommittee worked on revisions to Council Policy 600-24 for several years. This provided direction on how to revise to the Administrative Guidelines, since the Administrative Guidelines exist to help explain how to utilize the Council Policy; the Guidelines are not independent of, nor should they differ from, the adopted Council Policy. As the CPC Subcommittee focused on the Council Policy changes, concurrently staff amended the Administrative Guidelines. The CPC Subcommittee began looking at the Guidelines again. The strikeout and underline copy of the Administrative Guidelines presented tonight is the copy currently in use.

Jim Varnadore moved to revise the language in the Guidelines to state that a majority vote should be more than ½ the eligible members present and not abstaining, plus 1. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Conger. The motion failed 4-17-0.

In reference to Page 31, the paragraph beginning *In light of Robert's Rules of Order*, Jim Varnadore moved that staff establish language that will restore the Chair's prerogative to make a tie vote as well as break a tie vote. The motion was seconded by Jeff Stevens. The motion was approved 15-1-0.

Guy Preuss moved that language be inserted in the Guidelines, page 23-24, to state that if less than a majority is in attendance, they may conduct business as an ad-hoc subcommittee. Resolutions of this subcommittee shall be referred to the full planning group at the next scheduled meeting for a confirmatory vote or other action as seen fit. There was no second to the motion.

Jim Varnadore moved to approve the Draft Administrative Guidelines, as amended. The motion was seconded by Mike Freeman. Guy Preuss noted that member attendance had decreased throughout the duration of the meeting (from 27 to 15 members) and therefore, the committee was lacking a quorum to continue with business.

10. **REPORTS TO CPC:**

- **Staff Report:** None.
- **Subcommittee Report:** None.
- **Chair Report:** None.
- **CPC Member Comments:** None.

The next meeting will be held on April 25, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at the Metropolitan Operations Center II, Auditorium, 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa, California.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. by Steve Laub.

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