

Community Planners Committee

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CPC MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 27, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Varnadore, City Heights
Brooke Peterson, Clairemont Mesa
Doug Case, College Area
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area
Bruce Williams, Encanto
Chris Blatt, Greater Golden Hill
Rob Steppke, Greater North Park
Tom Hebrank, Kensington/Talmadge
Joe LaCava, La Jolla
Donna Erickson, Linda Vista
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa
William Kenton, Midway
Tracy Reed, Miramar Ranch North
Susan Redelings, Normal Heights

Landry Watson, Ocean Beach
Mel Ingalls, Otay Mesa
Marcie Beckett, Pacific Beach
Charles Mellor, Peninsula
Ellen Willis, Rancho Bernardo
Charles Sellers, Rancho Penasquitos
Craig Balben, Sabre Springs
Steve Otto, San Ysidro
Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills
Reynaldo Pisano, Southeastern San Diego (7:40)
Lee Campbell, Tierrasanta
Dash Meeks, Torrey Hills
Morton Printz, Torrey Pines
Leo Wilson, Uptown

VOTING ELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS: None.

NON ELIGIBLE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cal Jones

City Staff: Mary Wright, Nicholas O'Donnell, Melissa Devine

Guests: None.

NOTE: *The sign-in sheets 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 Leo Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded with roll call.
- 2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Landry Watson requested that a presentation by U.S. the Green Building Council be added to a future agenda.

Lee Campbell gave presentation on aging utility boxes in the Tierrasanta area.
- 3. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:**
Mary Wright asked for Item #6 (Condominium Conversions) to be postponed due to the absence of DSD Staff.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2008 AND APRIL 22, 2008:**

- March 25, 2008 Minutes
 - Craig Balben requested that the spelling of his name be corrected. Minutes approved with amendment.
- April 22, 2008 Minutes
 - A CPC member requested the following correction: “Landry Watson requested a forum be held at the CPC meeting for candidate elections.” The minutes previously stated that forum was for “officer elections.”

5. CPC OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Ellen Willis chaired this item because chair Leo Wilson was a candidate for election.

The officer candidates gave a brief presentation on why they would like to be a CPC officer: Chair- Jim Varnadore and Leo Wilson, Vice Chair- Doug Case and Jim Varnadore, Secretary- Jeff Stevens and Jim Varnadore.

The following officers were elected:

Chair - Leo Wilson (23-3)
Vice Chair - Doug Case (22-4)
Secretary - Jeff Stevens (24-2)

6. CONDOMINIUM CONVSESIONS:

Item postponed to later date.

7. GENERAL PLAN ACTION PLAN:

Presentation by Melissa Devine, Senior Planner, CPCI. The next phase of the General Plan Update program is the creation of General Plan Action Plan, which identifies an implementation program for the General Plan.

Per state law planning agencies are required to identify and recommend implementation measures to the legislative body following General Plan adoption. The draft Action Plan includes a number of measures to implement General Plan Polices and are divided into short, mid, and long-term actions. The Action Plan will be presented to the Land Use & Housing Committee for discussion on June 18, 2008.

8. TWO PROPOSALS FROM RANCHO BERNARDO CPG:

Ellen Willis stated that the Rancho Bernardo community planning board had concerns with the 6th Update to the Land Development Code. Specific concerns included reducing the involvement by planning groups, CUPs for automobile service stations, and Substantial Conformance Review. It was suggested that the item be placed on the agenda for the June CPC meeting and that Kelly Broughton by asked to attend.

Mary Wright explained that DSD will present the LDC update to City Council on June 5th. During the April 22, 2008 CPC meeting, DSD gave a information presentation to CPC on the LDC update. Ellen Willis was concerned that no action item was presented to the CPC in regard to their overall approval.

Tracy Reed, Miramar Ranch North, moved that a letter be sent to the Planning Commission requesting to defer action on LDC update until CPC has given their feedback. Second by Ellen Willis. Motion passed 27-0-1, 1 abstention: Uptown.

9. PLANNING COMMISSION WORKLOAD, COMPOSITION AND SIZE:

Landry Watson and Jim Varnadore discussed their proposal that CPC recommend changes to have more than one panel of Planning Commissioners and require that commissioners be drawn from the community as well as the development industry.

After CPC discussion, Landry Watson stated that the Planning Commission should use CPC members on the Planning Commission as free commissioners in order to reduce their workload. Jim Varnadore suggested that the Planning Commission add a second panel of commissioners to reduce the stress and workload of current Planning Commission.

Lee Campbell made a motion that further discussion regarding the Planning Commission be continued to a future meeting. William Kenton seconded the motion. Motion failed 13-14-1, 1 abstention: Uptown.

Landry Watson made a motion that a letter to be sent to the Mayor requesting an expansion of the current Planning Commission to diversify the board by including CPG or CPC members. Brooke Peterson seconded the motion.

Jim Varnadore requested a substitute motion from the May 27, 2008 CPC agenda: "That the CPC consider recommending changes to the Planning Commission, to include having more than one panel of commissioners and whether to recommend that commissioners be drawn from the communities as well as from the development industry." Substitute motion failed 3-22-2. In Favor: City Heights, Paradise Hills/Skyline, Southeastern San Diego, and 2 abstentions: Sabre Springs and Uptown.

Landry Watson's original motion passed: 20-7-1; against: Peninsula, Greater North Park, Otay Mesa, City Heights, Skyline/Paradise Hills, Kensington-Talmadge, Southeastern San Diego; abstention: Uptown.

10. REPORTS TO CPC

- Staff Reports: Nicholas O'Donnell will be taking over CPC responsibilities from Jackie Dominguez because she has left the department. May 17th COW meeting was the largest COW ever with over 100 people in attendance.
- Subcommittee Reports: the Community Plan Update Subcommittee met today with 12 members and is still open if more members would like to join. There will approximately 5 or 6 more meetings to be held in the MOC II auditorium before the CPC monthly meeting. Compact Subcommittee met on May 23rd.
- Chairperson Reports: Leo Wilson requests several future agenda items:

June Agenda:

- Indemnification Ordinance
- Land Development Code Update Action item

- U.S. Green Building Council presentation
- Administrative Guidelines
- Oversized Vehicle Ordinance

Other future agenda items include:

- Condo Conversions
- Smoke Shops
- Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process for on site alcohol consumption
- Recycled Water
- Utility Boxes

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Leo Wilson at 8:40 p.m.