

# Community Planners Committee

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## CPC MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2008

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jim Varnadore, City Heights  
Sheri Mongeau, Clairemont Mesa  
Doug Case, College Area  
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area  
Bruce Williams, Encanto  
Chris Blatt, Greater Golden Hill  
Rob Steppke, Greater North Park  
David Moty, Kensington/Talmadge (7:30)  
Joe LaCava, La Jolla  
Ron Tomcek, Linda Vista  
William Kenton, Midway  
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa  
Bill Crooks, Miramar Ranch North  
Jim Baross, Normal Heights  
Landry Watson, Ocean Beach

Mel Ingalls, Otay Mesa  
Rocky Sgro, Otay Mesa/Nestor  
Marcie Beckett, Pacific Beach  
Charles Mellor, Peninsula  
Ellen Willis, Rancho Bernardo  
Craig Balben, Sabre Springs  
Michael Cather, San Ysidro  
Doug Wescott, Serra Mesa  
Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills  
Reynaldo Pisano, Southeastern SD  
Lee Campbell, Tierrasanta  
Dash Meeks, Torrey Hills  
Morton Printz, Torrey Pines  
Linda Colley, University  
Leo Wilson, Uptown

**VOTING ELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:** None.

**NON ELIGIBLE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cal Jones, Whitney Dorn, Evan Schwimmer, Matt Frey, Sherry Lightner, Katie Keach, Dave Potter

**City Staff:** Mary Wright, Nicholas O'Donnell, Dan Joyce

**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.*

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Leo Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded with roll call.
- NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
David Potter suggests CPC add substantial conformance to future agendas.

Katie Keach gave a presentation on the Quarry Falls Project. She informed CPC how "San Diegans for Responsible Planning" is trying to get this project plan scaled back. She asked that this be a potential future CPC agenda item.

Marcie Beckett, Pacific Beach, informed CPC about Planning Commissions decision to approve the rezoning of University Town Square, which goes against the community plan.

Shiela Harden informed CPC about CCDC's offices have changed locations. Corporate Offices are now located at 401 B Street, Suite 400. The Downtown Information Center is located at 193 Horton Plaza.

**3. MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Alex Sachs was not able to attend for his presentation on the Indemnification Ordinance.

Rancho Bernardo motions to approve agenda. All vote in favor.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2008:**

Rancho Bernardo motions. Clairemont Mesa, Serra Mesa, Miramar Ranch North, Linda Vista, Carmel Valley, and Uptown Abstain. Vote passes.

**5. US GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL:**

Whitney Dorn and Evan Schwimmer gave a presentation on the US Green Building Council. They recommend all CPG's require green/sustainable buildings on all of these communities. All CPG's are recommended to request a US Green Building Council presentation at each of these individual meetings.

**6. INDEMNIFICATION ORDINANCE:**

There are two proposed versions on the Indemnification Ordinance. The CPC subcommittee's recommendation, as presented in Version B of the ordinance, provides for an alternative implementation Section 3 that would require the city defend and indemnify CPGs "through and until final adjudication in court, tribunal or administrative body. Such an obligation would exist, regardless of whether a claim includes allegations of "actual fraud, corruption, direct economic interest, malice, actual malice, and/or bad faith." Version B would provide protection to the city's interest through a written "reservation of rights" for reimbursement of defense costs in the event that a group's or CPG member's actions are found, after final adjudication, to have merited the City's defense and/or indemnification.

**7. 6<sup>TH</sup> UPDATE TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC):**

Dan Joyce, Senior Planner, Development Services, gave an overview of the 6<sup>th</sup> update to the Land Development Code.

Ellen Willis, Rancho Bernardo, motions "to review the language to require a Process Two Neighborhood Permit in all CC (Community Commercial) and CR (Regional Commercial) zones, instead of allowing automobiles services stations in the CR-2-1 zone through a Process One Construction Permit as currently proposed." Jim Varnadore, seconds the motion. Motion Passes 26-0-1. 1 Abstention Uptown.

Ellen Willis, Rancho Bernardo, motions "to allow individual communities to have the opportunity to review signs now being proposed to allow more flexibility in their design – the approval process should reflect this intention and be raised to a Process Two." Jim Varnadore seconds motion.

Dan Joyce advises against the motion. Community entry signs are the major community identification signs such as the Hillcrest, Kensington and University Heights signs that are brought forth from the community and are typically funded by community donations such as the soon to be replaced Kensington sign. To require a process two for a community-based effort would add to the community's cost in processing and delay implementation.

Ellen Willis withdraws motion.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES FOR COUNCIL POLICY 600-24:**

Mary Wright, Deputy Director, CPCI introduced draft administrative guidelines. Jim Varnadore requests that this item be placed regularly on the next several agendas to be able to cover all of the material.

**9. COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP BYLAW REVISIONS:**

Mary Wright, Deputy Director, CPCI, 20 bylaws can be administratively approved. 10 have been approved, and the remaining 10 are waiting for minor corrections before approval. The next 20 are the ones that need to go to City Council. Bernie Turgeon and Marianne Greene are trying to get those into the July agenda for City Council. The remaining 2, Old San Diego and Peninsula have not been processed.

**10. REPORTS TO CPC**

- Staff Report:
  - PCOW took place on June 30, 2008.
- Subcommittee Report:
  - Second meeting took place for community plan manual update.
  - July 22, 2008 will be the next meeting for the community plan manual update.
    - Will discuss ownership of the community plan process itself.
  - Landry Watson requests more members for the historic resources subcommittee
- CPC Member Comments:
  - Requests for Future Agenda Items
    - Code Conformance
    - Substantial Conformance
- Chairperson's Report:
  - Future Agenda Items
    - Administrative Guidelines
    - Condo Conversions
    - Substantial Conformance

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