

# Community Planners Committee

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## CPC MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 26, 2009

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Priver, Centre City  
Jim Varnadore, City Heights  
Brooke Peterson, Clairemont Mesa  
Charles Maze, College Area  
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area  
Tom Hebrank, Kensington/Talmadge  
Joe LaCava, La Jolla  
Linda Geldner, Mira Mesa  
Tracy Reed, Miramar Ranch North  
Jim Baross, Normal Heights  
Rob Steppke, North Park

Brittany Taylor, Ocean Beach  
Christine Robinson, Old Town  
Daniel Wagner, Otay Mesa-Nestor  
Marcie Beckett, Pacific Beach  
Nancy Graham, Peninsula  
Ellen Willis, Rancho Bernardo  
Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills  
Scott Hasson, Tierrasanta  
Dash Meeks, Torrey Hills  
Dennis Ridz, Torrey Pines  
Leo Wilson, Uptown

**VOTING ELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:** Mark Rawlins, Navajo, Charles Sellers, Rancho Penasquitos, Janay Kruger, University

**Guests:** Joyce Summers, Mignon Scherer, Dana Frieauf, Sandi Sawa, Landry Watson, John Ziebarth, Kim Sheredy, Nicole Capritz, Kristen Byrne

**City Staff:** Mary Wright, Nicholas O'Donnell, George Adrian, Tait Galloway, Monica Orton, Ali Fattah, Amanda Lee

**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:**  
Joyce Summers with CCDC updated CPC on CCDC activities.

Nicole Capritz with the Environmental Health Coalition discussed the Climate Action Plan, Stimulus Package, and the Mayor's Strategic Energy Plan.

3. **MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills, moved to approve the May 26, 2009 agenda. Motion passed.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2009:**

CPC had concerns regarding the Parking Meter Improvement Plan which were added to item 7.

Laura Riebau, Eastern Area, moved to approve the April 28, 2009 minutes as amended. Motion passed.

**5. FIRE HAZARD MAPS:**

Monica Orton, Deputy Chief, Fire Department, and Ali Fattah, P.E., Senior Research Engineer, Development Services Department, were available to answer questions regarding on the Fire Hazard Maps.

CPC was concerned with conclusions of Fire Hazard maps. The Fire Hazard Maps displayed areas in San Diego that were considered to be in a severe fire hazard zone. CPC requested that more details be researched regarding the different levels of fire hazard zones.

Laura Riebau, Eastern Area moved that CPC should send a letter to the Mayor asking that a more detailed study be conducted to more accurately depict the fire hazard zones in San Diego. Ellen Willis, Rancho Bernardo seconded the motion.

Laura Riebau, Eastern Area withdrew her motion to allow CPC to continue to examine the Fire Hazard Maps.

**6. CPC OFFICERS ELECTION:**

Ellen Willis chaired this item as chair of the Elections subcommittee.

Jim Varnadore, City Heights, moved that if there are more than two candidates in the officer election and no one receives more than 50% of the vote, then there will be a run-off election between the two candidates who received the highest amount of votes. Dash Meeks, Torrey Hills, seconded the motion. Motion passed 21-0-1. 1 abstention: Uptown.

Rob Steppke, North Park, asked to be removed from the Vice Chair officer ballot.

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 (Charles Maze read a prepared statement from Doug Case in regards to his candidacy), Joe LaCava, and Greg Morales, Secretary- Tracy Reed and Christine Robinson.

The following officers were elected:

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| Chair -      | Leo Wilson         |
| Vice Chair - | Doug Case          |
| Secretary -  | Christine Robinson |

**7. WATER SUPPLY/CONSERVATION:**

Dana Friehauf, Principal Water Resource Specialist, San Diego County Water Authority, and George Adrian, Associate Engineer, Water Department, gave a presentation on water supply/conservation.

Mignon Scherer was concerned about the approval of new units of development which will require a higher level of conservation on the rest of the City.

Marcie Beckett, Pacific Beach, moved that CPC recommend that the City of San Diego suspend issuance of new water service permits as long as the City is in Drought level 2 or higher, with exceptions to be considered in cases where public health or safety are at risk. Motion seconded by Guy Preuss, Skyline/Paradise Hills. The motion failed by a vote of 9-12-1. 9 votes in favor of the motion: Pacific Beach, Otay Mesa-Nestor, Eastern Area, Rancho Bernardo, Normal Heights, Torrey Hills, City Heights, Skyline/Paradise Hills, and Centre City. 1 abstention: Uptown.

Marcie Beckett, Pacific Beach, moved that CPC recommend that the City of San Diego double the cost of new water service permits (as long as the City is in Drought level 2 or higher) with the revenue increase earmarked for expansion of gray water use, water reclamation and recycling. Laura Reibau, Eastern Area seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 2-19-1. 2 votes in favor of the motion: Pacific Beach and Skyline/Paradise Hills. 1 abstention: Uptown.

*Motion was made to extend the length of the CPC meeting by 15 minutes. Motion was approved.*

**8. AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATABILITY PROJECT:**

Sandi Sawa, Airport Commission, gave an update on the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) process for Brown, Gillespie and Montgomery Fields. The Airport Land Use Commission is responsible for protecting people on the ground and in the air as well as airports and further encroachments that would disable them from future operations. The Airport Land Use Commission does not have any jurisdiction over airport operations.

**9. PROPOSAL FROM TORREY PINES CPG:**

Dennis Ridz, Torrey Pines discussed the Development Permit – Appeal Procedure (Information Bulletin 505) Appeal Application Form DS-3031 – and requested that CPC ask the City Attorney and the Mayor to consider increasing the Appeal Period on Process 3 and Process 4 from 10 business days of the decision date to 20 business days after official notification to the Board Chair or Chair of the Projects Review Committee that the Hearing Officer has ruled against the recommendation(s) of a Community Planning Board.

Dennis Ridz, Torrey Pines moved to add this proposal to the June agenda. Jim Varnadore, City Heights seconded the motion. Motion passed 19-0-1. 1 abstention: Uptown.

## **10. REPORTS TO CPC**

- Staff Report:
  - The Electronic Community Orientation Workshop (E-COW) is now available on the city website: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/ecow/index.shtml>.
  - 70 people attended the Community Orientation Workshop on May 2, 2009.
  - The Planning Chairs Orientation Workshop will be offered to the Planning Group chairs and vice-chairs on June 29, 2009.
  - The Planning 101 training is currently being developed by City staff to help train new Planning Group members.
- Subcommittee Reports:
  - The Community Plan Preparation Manual subcommittee should be ready to present their recommendation to CPC at the June meeting.
- Chairperson's Report:
  - Upcoming Agenda Items
    - Administrative Guidelines
    - Airport Land Use Compatibility Project
    - Community Plan Preparation Manual Subcommittee (June)
    - CUP Process
    - Demolition Policy
    - Electric Utility Boxes
    - Fire Zones
    - Indemnification
    - Model Drought Response Ordinance
    - Smoke Shops
    - Substantial Conformance Review
    - Wireless Facilities (June)

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Leo Wilson at 9:20 p.m.