

EASTERN AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Parish Hall – 2725 55th Street, San Diego, CA 92105

March 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes - FINAL

Chair Laura Riebau noting a quorum called the meeting call to order at 7:00 pm. Board members in attendance were Denise Armijo, Mario Ingrasi, Carl Davis, Bruce Williams, Andy Huelskamp, Jonathan Cutler, Linda Godoy, Anne Schoeller, Jolaine Harris, Daniele Laman and herself Bruce Williams, joined at 7:08, Earl Lamar joined at 7:10..

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC: Daniele: Report UT San Diego 28 FEB 2014. City Council approved an increase in Developer Impact Fees in the College Area from \$2,586 to \$13,180 per dwelling unit.

COUNCIL AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Chris Pearson, District 9 Representative reported the City Council today approved \$126 million bond for City projects. For Mid-City one of the biggest concerns is the low number of fire stations so a new station is being proposed for City Heights around Home Avenue. City Council has been following advice of City Capital Improvements and Public Works departments to apply funding for improvements to City infrastructure. (Street lights, storm drains, Road improvements etc.) Councilmember Marti Emerald's office is currently working many traffic engineering studies in our areas. City Council is poised for a huge change in regards to the capital improvements process.

Questions: Any progress related to letters that were sent from College Area and Eastern Area last year to City Council on need to change density measurement from dwelling units to bedrooms per acre?

A: Not Sure - Please forward email again to Chris Pearson as well as cc chief of staff.

Q: Mini dorm problems in EACPC area.

A: Please immediately email Chris with any unpermitted building modifications with as many specific addresses, pictures details as possible.

UNIVERSITY AVENUE – 54TH & UNIVERSITY DESIGN AND BIKE LANES: Denise - Up until now there have been three plan options for each area along University. Currently the area east of 54th Street has only one corridor planned which is University Avenue. Suggestion to have University area bike route, alternatives and process presented at EACPC meeting. Question was raised at workshop why is bike route planning committee not combined efforts with other groups such as councilmember Emeralds office to mitigate re-work. It appears the improvements are slating University East of 54th University to add single track which may condense University to two lanes. Redevelopment funding should be able to cover improvements to intersections along University. Suggestion that Linda Marabian may be a good point of contacting for resolution of bike redevelopment and intersection issues.

Mario: Suggestion has been raised to enforce an ordinance to limit and further enforce riding on sidewalks and tax bicycles, perhaps levee a tax on purchase of bicycle components. Licensing may also be an option. The problem lies in a conflict between auto drivers and bicyclists over who is entitled to be on the road. Motorists do not sense that bicyclists are putting in their fair share due to not paying licensing or registration fees. Bicyclists feel by keeping an auto off the road they have contributed. Motorists feel there should be some way for bicyclists to pay for the

impacts the addition of bike lanes and bicyclist ROW over motorists that are being given to cyclists. Earl objects to the idea of taxing or licensing bicyclists because of the costs to students.

Michael Prinz let us know that Chollas Parkway may be vacated for use only by bikes and pedestrians before any Chollas Triangle park improvement and development occur. The public has always been vocal about not losing that East-West mobility afforded by Chollas Parkway, though use studies show the 4 lanes could be reduced to 2 lanes. The long term plans for Chollas Triangle include having Lea Street being extended. EACPC Subcommittee formed for Chollas Triangle mobility, to include access across major streets and major intersections compromised of Anne, Mario, Laura, Linda and Carl. First Tuesday in April at 7:00 pm to start with Chollas Parkway.

CROWN HOOKAH TOBACCO LICENSE REVIEW & ZODIAC HOOKAH LOUNGE:

Establishment has many complaints from neighboring businesses and residents that lounge is still open as coffee house though tobacco license was not renewed and is open until 4am. Based on zoning along this section on El Cajon commercial business that backs up to residential must close at midnight, can only operate 6am to 12 midnight. No regulations for smoking lounge in municipal code. Laura attended City Council neighborhood's subcommittee to requested regulations in Municipal Code for smoking lounges. Current regulation does not consider smoking lounges only tobacco sales. Andy talked to neighbors around Zodiac hookah lounge and received no complaints but feels a problem may carry over from Crown Hookah lounges closure. Mario suggests we base criteria on permitting process. Letter needed should be written by member of the council. Daniele makes a motion that Mario draft a letter to City Council. Jolaine seconds motion. Mario suggests planning committee contact Marti Emeralds office. Daniele request a vote be taken on motion. Y-11, N-0, A-1 Chair abstains.

BOARD ELECTION: Votes are tallied - Board Results Carl Davis, Denise Armijo Jolaine Harris, Earl Lemar, Bruce Williams, Daniele Laman are re-elected

SUMMARY OF MARTI EMERALDS TOWN HALL MEETING - held in Rolando Village. Denise

provided review - Community was very interested in Blvd63 development. She drafted and read letter to councilmember discussing economic impact of neighborhoods surrounding colleges based on studies she found and included in footnotes. Studies found, the overall economic impact does not benefit the family oriented neighborhood structure and rather negatively impacts the immediate area while only providing benefits to the region. There has been no response yet from Marti's office or Chris Pearson. There were probably over 50 attendees, many Rolando Community members, College Area and El Cerrito neighbors, Jennifer Finnegan of the College Area BID, a new produce store owner adjacent to Zodiak Hookah Lounge, as well as Union reps. It is not clear if other local business owners were in attendance. Marti also brought up that SanDAG has targeted El Cajon to increase density and believes planning committees may not be in favor of density increases. It was suggested to her that density should be counted in bedrooms per acre to have a better grasp of impacts for planning. There was a feeling of concern that the Blvd63 development is the staging point for future development along El Cajon Blvd which will be disastrous for the community. The project is under review still as the RQUID lawsuit is still pending. Marti also made comments that our area will get no new parks and will have to make do with joint use of school fields, which was not acceptable to many community members.

Board discussion included Rolando community ideas on how to protect community from Blvd63 impacts, suggestions are short term parking around Clay Park and what control measures should be, ie green curbs with time limits requiring signs, meters, see if rules for park parking already exist

MINUTES APPROVAL FEBRUARY MEETING: Minutes reviewed. Daniel makes motion to approve minutes with noted changes, Andy seconds - Y-10, N-0, A-2 Chair and Bruce Williams abstain.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Parks: 900AM April 5, 2014 Canyonlands meeting on planning phase 2 for Chollas Creek improvements will be held at Teen Challenge.

Opening day for Chollas little league went well. Marti Emerald attended and threw first pitch. Pictures may be in next addition of Emerald News.

Bikes: Corridors are being planned for development and improvements including roundabouts, back-in parking.

Schools: Lights are on again at Hoover. Emails were sent to community to notify residents that lights would be to be on for a non-school event. Lights are shining in canyons and are affecting wildlife.

Students from Navy housing are still being bussed to Lemon Grove.

Lincoln Open House. School Board trying to get students back to the newly built school. One idea presented is to bring college professors to high school for AP classes plus junior college classes which will count for credit. Common Core is also being implemented which is very different, parents have not been notified and are upset with changes. Carl thinks changes to how math is taught may be good. More to come as results come in.

CPC: 600-24: Administrative guidelines as a whole have not been a concern for the upcoming vote on the CPG. Andy motion to approve changes; Daniele seconds. Y-10, N-0, A-2 Chair and Earl abstain

Traffic: Portions of carpool lanes are open on 805 South and traffic flow from all reports is improving.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Andy attended swearing in of Mayor and requested a rep from the mayor to attend the Oak Park meeting. Darneesha Hunter attended. Andy requested Prop B funding for library/rec center. Location could potentially house future planning committee meeting.

Linda: Saw a joint use library in Grand Rapids Michigan that housed city offices as well as the library – great example of good joint use of City facilities.

Bruce: Felipe Monroig outreach coordinator for Mayor's office. 236-6330.

Meeting adjourned on motion, second and unanimous vote at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by Jon Cutler, Secretary