



LINDA VISTA PLANNING GROUP

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Minutes of the Linda Vista Planning Committee

Linda Vista Planning Group Board Minutes for February 22, 2010

Jeff Perwin Presiding

Members present: Beckham, Bussell, Carini, Cleary, Cole, Dong, Lee, McNulty, Morgen, Perwin, Reasor, Riquelme, Spahitz, Sutton, Wilson, Marin

Members absent: Ron Tomcek, Drew Corley, Sandy Duncan, Kim Shannon

16 members present. Total in attendance: 33

6:05 pm: Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Doug Beckham.

Changes in Agenda: Action item: Jorge Riquelme request for a letter of approval of a grant application to Caltrans to determine how easy it is to walk in our community. Request made because it is time sensitive issue. Motion: Riquelme, 2nd Beckham. Vote: unanimous in favor. Marin will speak about his church followed by the Verizon topic.

Motion to accept agenda with changes: Perwin, 2nd Wilson. Vote: 14/1/0 in favor. Spahitz . The purpose of the agenda meeting is to set up the agenda. Items should not come before the agenda committee if there is insufficient time to allow board members to prepare for and have time to review and to make thoughtful decisions. The Board was in agreement on this point and additions to the agenda will be avoided in the future.

Perwin will place the agenda on the website www.lindavista.org and will have a week to make changes. Board members will be able to review documents, agendas and minutes at this website.

Approval of the minutes tabled. Some LVPG members did not locate them on the website.

6:10 p.m. Duncan arrives.

Government Representative Reports

Frye's office: suggested the Redevelopment Office expenses be an information item on the March agenda.

Davis' office: Donations to the Haiti relief may be placed on the 2009 tax return. Grant workshop will be held 3/5 1pm – 3 pm at the Mission Valley library. Check the flier that Davis' office will be sending out regarding this and other events in the district. The website is also a good source for information.

Police Report: Stated nothing major to report. That we needed to be aware that the officers assigned to Linda Vista could be pulled to help serve in high need cases.

<Public Comment>

USD – Relay For Life May 1 and 2--to benefit the American Cancer Society. Lap #1 will be a survivor lap. Check the website for more information.

Linda Vista Town Council – March 18 Ron Roberts speaker

March 20 Canyon Day Clean-up at Mesa College Marlesta entry

CDCC –1st Tuesdays of the month Sound Bites 12-1 will have various topics held at their downtown office. There are eighty Re-development projects downtown. April 4 new tour.

Marin ---Divine Church is located at Bayside. They will be holding a Low Rider Gospelfest April 3, 2010 10-4 p.m. at Kearny High School. They plan to have the website up in one week for additional information. The church is working closely with the homeless and middle and high school students to help them improve themselves.

6:30 Marin left

Doug Beckham Two of the four schools at Kearny High School received the Academic Achievement award. The award is given for schools receiving Title 1 funds.

Kiwanis – Academic Awards will be handed out at the LV Boys and Girls Club.

<Chair Report>

Town Council is conducting debates with people running for Donna Frye's position on the City Council. This group is working with the Children Coalition.

Action Items

Action Item #1: Accept minutes into the record. Tabled.

Action Item #2: Verizon Tower at Padre Gold project manager

Of the designs presented the 2nd rendition with a flat roof design was voted on by the Ad hoc committee. They felt it was the similar design to USD. The members of the Ad hoc committee also thought it would be nice to have a Linda Vista banner attached to the tower. Using the

tower as a clock tower was voted down by the Ad hoc committee as a possible distraction to motorists. Much discussion followed including: no banner; Welcome to Linda Vista structures are located out the community. The clock tower idea was still a good one and makes sense at that location. Margarita Castro read a statement that the tower should be removed. It's located too close to the proximity of homes and schools. The height is wrong for the zone and doesn't follow the Linda Vista Community Plan. The tower has come before this board and has already been denied two times. People using their service still find their reception lacking. Further discussion: The height of the tower needs to be decreased. Their permit expired 4 years ago. Feel this tower is being forced upon the community. It was also noted that only Padre Gold receives direct benefit, i.e. rent and re-landscaping; nothing is given to the Community of Linda Vista. The idea of the tower was to be a landmark and to provide landscape improvements to the area. By allowing the tower to go from the City Code of 45' to 76' would set a precedent beyond this project.

Motion: To approve the tower with the final design with a notation that it is a deviation from the Community Plan by Cleary, 2nd Wilson. Vote: 5/10/0 in opposition.

Perwin suggested splitting the vote. Have the first part vote on the height and the second part on the design. After much discussion a motion was made to split the motion between the height and design of the tower. Motion: Spahitz 2nd Cole 6/9/0.

After further discussion the Group felt, a precedent would be set if allowed the height. The Group agreed that if we split the vote it would send a mixed message to the City. Majority of the members felt a definitive answer was needed. Splitting the vote may not do that. Original motion stands. This was also the third time this company has come before the group. Vote: 5/10/0 Motion did not carry. Reasons: The proposed tower is too high, goes against the City Code and the Linda Vista Community Plan. The group has a responsibility to support the Community Plan. By agreeing to this deviation it would be setting a precedent for further structures of this size in the Linda Vista Community.

Action Item #3: Medical Marijuana Task Force

The Task Force will be going before the CPC on Tuesday. Their representative came before us to let us know what they will be presenting at that meeting. Motion was made to accept Medical Marijuana Co-ops Task Force recommendations, but to include verbiage to include College and Universities in the distance requirements. Motion by: Wilson, 2nd Bussell, Vote: 12/3/0. Reason: felt there still needed to be more work on the regulation of such co-ops. Spahitz, Cole, and McNulty.

7:45 Dong left.

Riquelme announced that a brick in Donna Erickson's honor will be placed in the walkway at Bayside.

Action Item #4: Motion to approve letter of support for the application being submitted by Bayside to Caltrans for the grant on a pedestrian study. Motion by: Bussell, 2nd Wilson Vote: unanimous in favor. (13/0/0)

Action Item #5: Friars Road Interchange

After description of the interchange a Motion to approve plan as presented by Bussell, 2nd McNulty Vote: unanimous in favor. Vote: unanimous in favor. (13/0/0)

Information Items:

#1) LVPG elections will be held in March. Election Committee Chair is Dixie Wilson.

Census tract up for election: 86 – Corley, Cole

87.01—vacancy

90 – Riquelme

91.06 – Tomcek, Beckham, and Dong (vacancy with Tomcek off the board)

#2) Venue for LVPG Board meetings changed because the Library will be closed on Mondays. The March meeting will be at the Linda Vista Rec center. It will still be the 4th Monday but the time will change from 6:00 to 5:30 p.m.

#3) \$17.82 was collected and given to Perwin reimbursement for paying the P.O. Box fee in full.

8:40p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Morgen, Recording Secretary