

MIRAMAR RANCH NORTH PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Scripps Ranch Information Center

Meeting Called to Order at 7:17 p.m., Quorum not established.

Members Present: (4 total) Dustin Steiner (Chair), Michelle Abella-Shon (Vice-Chair), Lorayne Burley, Ralph Merg

Guests: Colton Sudberry (SPI), Janay Kruger (consultant for SPI), Justin Schlaefli (consultant), Andy Stevenson (AHSA), Tiffany Vinson (City Council District 5 Office), Bob Ilko (SRCA), Brad Fields (SR resident), James Sullivan (SR resident), Manny Delgado (Caltrans), Grant Gochenaner (SR resident),

Introductions: Board and guests introduced themselves.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda items): None.

Modifications to the Agenda: None.

Communications:

1. City Councilman: Tiffany Vinson reported. The traffic light at the intersection of Hibert Street and Mira Mesa Blvd was approved.

2. City of San Diego Planning Department: No report.

3. Caltrans report: Manny Delgado reported. I-15 Express lane project is ongoing. Median improvements are being added along sections. Several projects along the express lanes corridor are under construction to complete the Bus Rapid System (BRT). Work on the direct access ramp (DAR) and Transit Station, that will connect the I-15 express lanes in Mira Mesa at Hillery Dr./Westview Parkway, has started. The Sabre Springs/Penasquitos Transit Station will be closing for about one year beginning in March 2013. The closure is necessary to construct a multi-level parking structure. Manny was asked about possible changes to the roadway configuration at Mercy Rd/Scripps Poway Parkway intersection since WB traffic onto I-15 is congested. He shared that the current configuration is the best solution offered, at this time, from Caltrans. The Bike Coalition requested to have the bike lane under I-15 on Mira Mesa Blvd removed. The coalition didn't want the SB I-15 right turn lanes crossing over the bike lane. Hence, the bike lane was removed. Caltrans is adding additional crosswalk signage for improved bike safety.

4. State: No report.

5. Scripps Ranch Planning Group & Scripps Ranch Civic Association: Bob Ilko reported.

SRPG - CLC is in disagreement with city planners over the classification of the use of the land and the structures to be built. CLC maintains they should be classified as an institutional use, which would provide for assisted-care facilities; the city maintains CLC should be classified as residential units.

If the Planning Commission determines the units should be classified as residential, CLC will not proceed with the project.

SRCA - The SRCA membership has dropped 38% which could result in reduced funding to schools, community events, and SR Community Center operations. The 2003 Cedar Fire anniversary is this year so there are plans for an event. SRCA Community Fair is May 19th and MRNPC is welcome to host a booth – any interest? All are asked to participate in a MTS survey on the SRCA website for possible bus route addition to SR. The fire department wants to remove olive trees near the old Vons shopping center. The SRCA wants to save them. There are two groves of trees – one along Avairy Dr., next to old Vons, and other in Hendrix Pond/Park area. Hearing date to save the trees is March 13th. There was a request from a homeowner on Quinalt Pt. to remove a tree in the MRN-MAD. Jamie Diez was notified and the tree was trimmed. The homeowner wanted the tree cut down.

6. CPC: Michelle Abella-Shon reported. City planning groups are trying to improve the public input process. Possible changes in CEQA. Master storm water system and water runoff plans discussed.

Presentations / Discussion / Action Items: (P / D / A):

1. **Watermark Project:** Janay Kruger, Colton Sudberry and Justin Schlaefli reported and answered question. The draft EIR is available online at the City of San Diego website. The request for comment period has started with submissions due by April 14th.

MedImpact commuter problem was addressed. Employees are making a right turn out of the facility site onto Scripps Highland Dr. and then an illegal left turn around a medium to get onto Scripps Poway Parkway. MedImpact has been consulted and said that they will remind employees.

Justin Schlaefli, Traffic Engineer for the project, addressed the traffic and congestion concerns. He shared that the current mitigation measures are:

- Coordinating the traffic lights
- Adjusting/loosen ramp meters
- Adding more storage/longer left turn lanes on Scripps Poway Parkway for SB I-15 traffic.

Brad Fields asked about traffic congestion created by the left turn onto Scripps Highland Dr. from Scripps Poway Parkway. Brad likes the retail project idea but is concerned about the traffic generation and the need to have a better approach to get SR residents in and out of Scripps Highland Dr. He recognized that SR residents, to get Watermark site, would need to take a left turn on Scripps Highland Dr and this could add greater congestion to WB traffic flow heading to SB I-15 . Brad suggested a possible longer left turn lane for Scripps Highland? Brad still has strong concerns for traffic patterns up Scripps Highland Dr. to get to Scripps Ranch Blvd, hence avoiding Scripps Poway Parkway.

Lorayne asked about Lost of Service (LOS) numbers in the EIR Traffic Analysis. Several roadway segments in the project area were graded to unacceptable service of E or F, specifically, at the Mercy Rd/I-15 SB ramps and Scripps Poway Parkway/Scripps Highland Dr. Justin shared that the Watermark Project was designed to have the traffic flow be directed to the back end of project site into parking garages to prevent traffic at the intersection lights.

Dustin asked about a possible U-turn on Mercy Rd.

2. **Approval of February 2013 Minutes:** No approval of minutes. Quorum was not present.

Committee Reports:

1. **Chair's Report:** No report
2. **MAD/LMD:** No report
3. **New Projects & Transportation:** No report.
4. **Spring Canyon Road:** No report.
5. **Facilities & Financing:** No report.
6. **Schools:** No report.
7. **YMCA, Open Space, Parks & Recreation:** No report.

Other Business: None.

Adjournment: at 9:10pm.