

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP**

**March 05, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marla Bell  
Deborah Bossmeyer  
Paul Brown  
John Carson  
Gina Cord  
Bob Cummings  
Perry Dealy  
Randall Dolph  
Robert Doherty  
Alan Grant  
John LaRaia  
Elizabeth Leventhal  
John Nugent  
Doris Payne-Camp  
Alex Plishner  
Brittany Ruggels  
Karen Ruggels  
Marco Sessa  
Dottie Surdi  
Josh Weiselberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jason Broad  
Monica Davis

GUESTS

Danica Drotman  
Ken Grant  
Naomi Grant-Hartley  
Amy Gonyeay  
Lisa Gualco  
Derek Hulse  
Janice Izor  
Bob McElroy  
Matt Stucky  
Tom Sudberry  
Rick Wilson  
Mary Dell Worthington

FEDERAL REP'S STAFF

CITY STAFF

Helen Burkart  
Anthony George  
Ashley Gosai  
Adam McElroy

COUNTY STAFF

ASSEMBLY STAFF

Katelyn Hailey

President Dottie Surdi called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library Community Room located at 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Verify Quorum: 20 members were present, constituting a quorum.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Bob Cummings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. INTRODUCTIONS / OPENING REMARKS/ AGENDA CHANGE**

Dottie Surdi welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present to sign the sign in sheets.

Guests introduced themselves.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Doris Payne-Camp moved to approve the minutes of the February 05, 2014 regular meeting. Perry Dealy seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 15– 0 – 5, with Deborah Bossmeyer, Paul Brown, Robert Doherty, John LaRaia and Brittany Ruggels abstaining.**

**E. PUBLIC INPUT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**There were no items.**

**F. MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS** – John Nugent

**1. Removing An Item From MVPG Agenda**

John Nugent summarized the procedural question raised at the MVPG February 5, 2014 MVPG meeting regarding removing an item from the agenda

The MVPG is governed by the State of California Brown Act, the City of San Diego Policy 600-24, aka as The Administrative Guidelines. The Administrative Guidelines provide the planning groups with explanations and recommendations for individually adopted bylaws and planning group procedures. Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised should be used when the Administrative Guidelines and planning group bylaws do not address an area of concern or interest.

In summary (from The Administrative Guidelines and the Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised):

Once the agenda is posted:

An item can be added to the agenda, only if it is an emergency and the emergency arose after the agenda was posted. To add the item requires a 2/3rds majority vote.

An item can be removed from the agenda at the request of the chair or the individual placing the item on the agenda. To remove the item requires a 2/3rds majority vote. There is no standard as to when the item is to be removed. The MVPG has the practice of voting to remove the agenda item when the item is scheduled to be addressed on the posted agenda, this is acceptable practice.

**2. Adjourn Board Meeting**

**John Nugent moved to adjourn the Board meeting in order to convene the Membership Meeting. Dottie Surdi seconded the motion. Adjournment of the Board meeting was approved 15 – 0 –0.**

The meeting was adjourned at: 12:07 p.m.

### **3. Reconvene Board meeting**

Dottie Surdi reconvened the MVPG Board meeting at: 12:26 pm

### **4. Election of MVPG officers**

John Nugent announced that the election of officers for the MVPG will be held at the April 2014 meeting. Any member interested in serving in an officer position should contact John.

### **5. Open positions on the MVPG**

John Nugent reported that the MVPG has the following positions open for nomination and election.

Property Taxpayer-term ending March 2016  
Local Businessperson -term ending March 2018  
Resident--term ending March 2018

### **G. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Bob Doherty reported a balance of \$1,414.43.

### **H. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

#### **1. Police Department – Officer Adam McElroy**

Officer McElroy provided a Mission Valley crime update and reported on the new Chief of Police.

Fire Department – No report.

### **I. GOVERNMENTAL STAFF REPORTS**

#### **1. Mayor’s Office**

Anthony George introduced himself as the new representative from the Mayor’s office.

#### **2. State Representatives**

a. Senate Member’s Office – Sen. Marty Block from the 39<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
Katelyn Hailey reported that the bill introduction deadline had past and provided an update on the bills that Senator Block is supporting.

b. Assembly Member’s Office – Shirley Weber from the 79th Assembly District  
George Gastil was not present. No report.

#### **3. Federal Representatives**

a. Congresswoman Susan Davis’ Office --  
Jonathan Hardy was not present. No report.

b. Congressman Scott Peters' Office – Sarah Czarrecki was not present. No report.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Application for Great Neighborhood Grant Program Funds for MVPG Community Survey –John Carson- Action Item**

John Carson reviewed the \$5,000.00 grant application to The Malin Burnham San Diego Center for Civic Engagement (the Center), a community involvement arm of The San Diego Foundation established to drive the implementation of Our Greater San Diego Vision, mobilize stakeholders to develop solutions to community issues and better align donor support with the needs of the region.

After further discussion and questions:

**John Carson moved for approval to submit a grant application of \$5,000.00 to The Malin Burnham San Diego Center for Civic Engagement (the Center), a community involvement arm of The San Diego Foundation. Gina Cord seconded the motion. The grant application was approved 19 – 0 –1 with Paul Brown abstaining.**

Dottie Surdi thanked the survey committee of John Carson, Perry Dealy and Deborah Bossmeyer for the preparation of the grant application.

### **2. Alpha Project-Bob McElroy- Information Item**

Bob McElroy, President of the Alpha Project provided an overview of the organization..

The Alpha Project is a nonprofit human services organization that serves over 4,000 men, women, and children each day. Services offered include affordable housing, residential substance abuse treatment, supportive housing for people with special needs, basic and emergency services for the homeless, transportation assistance, mental health counseling, employment training, preparation and placement, emergency shelter, HIV/AIDS, education, outreach and prevention, and community services.

#### Alpha Project Programs

- Residential Treatment: Casa Raphael is Alpha Project's state-licensed residential drug and alcohol treatment program for homeless and formerly incarcerated men.
- Supportive Housing: Alpha Project's Permanent Supportive Housing Program is located at the Metro Hotel in Downtown San Diego and includes 193 safe, high-quality, affordable and sustainable housing units.
- Connections Interim Housing: Alpha Project's newest program consists of 150-interim housing beds located at Connections Housing in Downtown San Diego.
- Winter Shelter Program: Alpha Project began operating the Single Adult Emergency Shelter in 1996. The shelter operates from mid-November through the end of March, and provides shelter and services to over 1,000 men and women.
- Transitional Housing: Alpha House is designed to provide sober living and transitional housing to clients needing safe, clean and affordable housing while transitioning back into the workforce.

- Transitional Employment: Take Back the Streets (a.k.a. TBS) is a program that has been in operation since 1987. TBS is a catalyst for homeless people who are able to work, providing them with immediate transitional employment and training while providing the community with vital cost saving services.
- Neil Good Day Center: Located at 299 17th Street, the day center offers case management, medical and counseling services, laundry, showers.
- Hospice for the Homeless: Each year more than 100 homeless men and women die on the streets of San Diego. In 2007, Alpha Project launched Hospice for the Homeless to provide assistance to veterans, homeless and indigent people diagnosed with chronic and terminal illnesses.
- Homeless Outreach: At the core of all of Alpha Project's facilities and services is a program of Community Outreach. Alpha Project Outreach teams are responsible for client outreach and recruitment, which takes place mainly at the Winter Shelter program, area hospitals and through daily outreach on the streets of downtown San Diego and surrounding areas.
- Fire Prevention Services: Alpha Project can prepare your property for upcoming fire inspections and help protect homes and families from wild fires.
- Young Adult Opiate Treatment Program: An Intensive 3-6 month State Licensed Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program specifically designed for young adult males between the ages of 18 - 24 years old.

Additional information can be found at: <https://www.alphaproject.org/programs/>

## K. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. City Planning Update

Brian Schoenfisch was not present. No report.

### 2. Council Office-District 7- Councilmember Scott Sherman

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### 3. Mission Valley Survey- John Carson

See Item 1 under new business:

### 4. Subcommittee Reports

#### a. Design Advisory Board

The Committee did not meet so there was no report.

#### b. Stadium Committee

No report

An inquiry was made regarding the role of Mission Valley area, and in particular the Qualcomm Stadium and surrounding property, in the proposed application for a future summer Olympics bid. Perry Dealy will follow up.

#### c. San Diego River Coalition

Alan Grant reported that there was no meeting in February. The agenda for the March meeting will include preparation for River Days in May 2014.

- d. Community Planners Committee (CPC)  
Dottie Surdi reported that Marla Bell had attended the February meeting in her absence and had sent out the appropriate materials.
- e. Parks Subcommittee  
Jason Broad had no report
- f. Uptown Regional Bike Corridor Advisory Group  
Brittany Ruggels reported community coordination efforts and environmental reviews were continuing.
- g. Public Health, Safety and Welfare  
Elizabeth L Leventhal asked members for input on future speakers.

#### **4. Miscellaneous Mail**

No Mail.

**L. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 02, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library, Community Room.

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John Nugent, Secretary