

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

September 03, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Deborah Bossmeyer
Jason Broad
Paul Brown
Gina Cord
Randall Dolph
Alan Grant
John LaRaia
Elizabeth Leventhal
John Nugent
Jim Penner
Karen Ruggels
Marco Sessa
Dottie Surdi
Josh Weiselberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Carson
Bob Cummings
Perry Dealy
Robert Doherty
Alex Plishner
Rick Tarbell

GUESTS

Steve Abbo
Taylor Callahan
Mark Carpenter
Cindy Eldred
Paige George
Arleen Garcia-Herbst
Matthew Giullory
Ken Grant
Michael Haslett
Rob Hutsel
Richard Ledford
Kathy Lippitt
Andrew Michajlenko
Jeremy Ogul
Keith Pittford
Rick Rounds
Jeff Rodgers
Jan Sachs
Michael Stonehouse
Matt Stucky
Michael Tria
Matthew Witte

FEDERAL REP'S STAFF

Armita Pedramrazi

CITY STAFF

Tait Galloway
Elizabeth Ocampo Vinero
Adam McElroy
Ryley Webb

STATE STAFF

Stephan Vance

ASSEMBLY STAFF

Dottie Surdi, Chair, 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: 14 members were present, constituting a quorum.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Jim Penner 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.

Dottie reported that representatives from the Medical Marijuana Consumer Cooperative (MMCC) CUP Application at 3455 Camino Del Rio South, Project No. 368346 requested that their item under new business be removed from the September 2014 MVPG agenda.

Marco Sessa moved that the Medical Marijuana Consumer Cooperative (MMCC) CUP Application at 3455 Camino Del Rio South, Project No. 368346 on the September 2014 MVPG agenda be removed at the applicant’s request. Gina Cord seconded the motion. Motion was approved 14 – 0 – 0.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Penner moved to approve the minutes of the August 06, 2014 regular meeting. Randall Dolph seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 11 – 0 – 3, with Jason Broad, Gina Cord and Dottie Surdi abstaining.

E. PUBLIC INPUT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS BUT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING GROUP.

“The Mission Valley Planning Group has been formed and recognized by the City Council to make recommendations to the City Council, Planning Commission, City staff, and other governmental agencies on land use matters, specifically concerning the preparation of, adoption of, implementation of, or amendment to, the General Plan or a land use plan when a plan relates to the Mission Valley community boundaries. The planning group also advises on other land use matters as requested by the City or other governmental agency.”
Mission Valley Planning Group Bylaws as Amended 05/07/2008, approved 12/02/2008

There was no public input.

F. MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS

John Nugent reported on the remaining Board membership open positions and indicated that there would be some individuals nominated at the October 2014 meeting.

Local Businessperson -term ending March 2016

Resident--term ending March 2016

Local Businessperson -term ending March 2018

Resident--term ending March 2018

G. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Doherty was not present but sent a written report that the balance remains at \$1,414.43.

H. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

1. Police Department – Officer Adam McElroy

Officer McElroy reported on the crime statistics and major public safety incidents for the month of August. He reminded everyone that school was back in session and to be aware of children and college students crossing streets. He provided a “tip” on a radar trap in the Mission Valley.

Fire Department – No report.

I. GOVERNMENTAL STAFF REPORTS

1. Mayor's Office

Anthony George was not present. No report.

2. State Representatives

a. Senate Member's Office – Sen. Marty Block from the 39th Senate District I. Katelyn Hailey was not present. No report.

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 -- Armita Pedramrazi

Armita Pedramrazi discussed Congresswoman Susan Davis' efforts on door to door mail versus cluster boxes, the Survivor Outreach and Support Campus Act, Federal Funds to Fight Veterans Homelessness and the congressional internship program. She distributed the September “Davis Dispatch”

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

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Levi-Cushman Specific Plan/Riverwalk Project-Richard Ledford-Action Item

Richard Ledford, President of Ledford Enterprises, and a member of The Steve Alexander Group, introduced Matthew Witte, President of Related California.

For more info on Related see: <http://www.related.com/our-company/CorporateInfo.aspx>

Matthew Witte reviewed the original Levi/Cushman Specific Plan which was approved by the City of San Diego City Council Resolution Number R269106 on August 11, 1987

The original Levi/Cushman Specific Plan proposed a mixed use (residential, retail, office and hotel) development on approximately 200 acres of land on the channeled San Diego River on land now leased to the River Park Golf Club in the Mission Valley area of San Diego.

For further information on the original plan see:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/missionvalley/pdf/plans/lcfull.pdf>
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/missionvalley/pdf/plans/lcimplementationfull.pdf>

Matthew Witte reported that Related California has been selected as the company to design a new Master Plan for the site.

He reported on the initial conceptual ideas for the property. Phase One would be on the north portion of the property between Friars Road and the trolley line that runs through the property. This phase may include a new trolley stop in the area where Via Las Cumbres would intersect with the trolley if the road continued from Friars Road onto the property and ended at the trolley line. Phase Two would be between the trolley line and the San Diego River and Phase Three would be between the San Diego River and Hotel Circle North. Development would be mixed use but mainly residential and would incorporate a public park. The area around the San Diego River would be developed per the recently adopted San Diego River Park Master Plan. Development would occur over the next ten to fifteen years.

There were comments and questions regarding:

- Developing the San Diego River Trail in Phase One so the public could have access to the river.
- The impact on traffic, schools and other infrastructure elements throughout the Mission Valley.

Richard Ledford asked that MVPG support the initiation of an amendment to the Levi-Cushman Specific Plan for the Riverwalk project, as requested by KLRPlanning on behalf of Related California Urban Housing in a letter submitted to Director William Fulton on July 21, 2014.

Marco Sessa moved to support the initiation of an amendment to the Levi-Cushman Specific Plan for the Riverwalk project with a related amendment to the Mission Valley Master Plan. Jason Broad seconded the motion. Motion was approved 13 – 0 – 1 with Karen Ruggels abstaining.

2. San Diego River Trail from the Mission Valley Library through the Qualcomm stadium site.

Stephan Vance from SANDAG introduced Mark Carpenter.

Together they reviewed the proposed “temporary” San Diego River Park Trail from the Mission Valley Library through the Qualcomm stadium site.

SANDAG funds are used when the property is not adjacent to a private development or private funds cannot be found for the section of the River Park Trail.

There were comments and questions regarding:

- The definition of “temporary” for this section of the San Diego River Trail
- The decisions behind the routing of certain sections of the trail
- The use of concrete barriers and fencing on sections of the trail
- The width of the trail
- The safety of the users of the trail

There will be a community meeting regarding this portion of the San Diego River Park Trail on September 24, 2014 at the Club Room of the Qualcomm stadium starting at 6:00.

3. Qualcomm/Camino Del Rio N project

Marco Sessa, from Sudberry Properties introduced developers and architects for the development around Qualcomm Way and Camino Del Rio, called Discovery Place.

The project meets the existing zoning regulations so the project was not brought before the MVPG for approval.

The site will be composed of three businesses:

- A drive through Starbucks
- An ifly indoor skydiving business
- A 135 room Springhill suites hotel

K. OLD BUSINESS

1. City Planning Update

No report

2. Council Office-District 7- Councilmember Scott Sherman

Ryley Webb reported on:

- SANDAG San Diego River Park Trail meeting on September 24th
- Fire Safety Town Hall Meeting
- The Saturday Fire Safety Canyon Walk by the San Diego Fire Department for houses next to San Diego canyons
- The next I Love San Diego clean up.

The most recent newsletter was distributed.

3. Subcommittee Reports

a. Design Advisory Board

Randy Dolph did not have a report as the committee did not meet.

b. Stadium Committee

Randy Dolph did not have a report as the committee did not meet.

c. San Diego River Coalition

There was no August meeting. Allan encouraged members to attend the September 18th is River Park Foundation annual anniversary party. The celebration will be in Santee at the Carlton Oaks Golf Course. Information can be found at: <http://sandiegoriver.org/>

d. Community Planners Committee (CPC)

No meeting in August

e. Parks Subcommittee

No report

f. Uptown Regional Bike Corridor Advisory Group

A volunteer is being sought to chair the subcommittee.

g. Public Health, Safety and Welfare

Elizabeth L Leventhal reported that she attended the 25 Cities event sponsored by United Way. A progress report was made at the event about the progress that the Downtown San Diego Design Team made in their first 65 Days of building and implementing a Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement System

For more information:

<http://www.housingsd.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/25CitiesSanDiego>

<https://twitter.com/25CitiesSD>

4. Miscellaneous Mail

There were no items

5. Miscellaneous Items

Dottie reported:

- October 01, 2014-regular MVPG meeting.- Agenda will include Ann French Gonsalves, RTE Senior Traffic Engineer, Development Services Department, City of San Diego
- November 05, 2014-regular MVPG meeting will be cancelled. In its place, at the same location, will be a workshop on the process for updating the MVPG Community Plan and the introduction of the new City Community Planner for Mission Valley.

L. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 PM

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 01, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library, Community Room.

John Nugent, Secretary