

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

**June 03, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Deborah Bossmeyer  
Paul Brown  
Perry Dealy  
Randall Dolph  
Alan Grant  
Matthew Guillory  
Rob Hutsel  
Elizabeth Leventhal  
Andrew Michajlenko  
John Nugent  
Jim Penner  
Marco Sessa  
Dottie Surdi  
Josh Weiselberg

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Steve Abbo  
Jason Broad  
John Carson  
Bob Cummings  
Robert Doherty  
Derek Hulse  
John LaRaia  
Alex Plishner  
Rick Tarbell

**GUESTS**

Wilma Goodness  
Art Hartlson  
Ben Kaluslo  
Philip Kent  
Kathy Lippitt  
Vince Meehan  
Nelly Phillips  
Keith Pittsford  
Robert Shandor  
Mary Shepperd  
Ken Williams  
Rich Wilson  
Peter Winch  
Mary Dell Worthington

FEDERAL REP'S STAFF

STATE STAFF

CITY STAFF

Nancy Graham  
Liz Saidkhanian

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: 12 members were present, constituting a quorum.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –**

Randall Dolph 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**

Perry Dealy moved to approve the minutes of the May 06, 2015 regular meeting. Randall Dolph seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 11-0 – 1 with Deborah Bossmeyer, Paul Brown, Perry Dealy, Randall Dolph, Alan Grant, Rob Hutsel, Elizabeth Leventhal, John Nugent, Marco Sessa, Dottie Surdi, Josh Weiselberg voting yes, and Matthew Guillory 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

Issues addressed:

- With water shortage, traffic, road conditions, Mission Valley Plan being out of date the MVPG should not approve any new projects
- Shortage of affordable housing in Mission Valley
- Riverwalk Golf Course is last open space in area, it should not be developed

#### **F. MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS**

John Nugent reported that with the resignation of Karen Ruggels there is an opening for a Local Businessperson with the term expiring in March 2016.

#### **G. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Bob Doherty was absent but sent in a report that the balance is \$1,357.06.

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

1. Police Department – Officer Adam McElroy  
Officer McElroy was not present. No report

Josh Weiselberg reported on the increase in body slamming of cars and an increase in vandalizing of cars in Mission Valley

2. Fire Department – No report.

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

1. Mayor’s Office  
Anthony George was not present. No report

2. City Attorney’s office  
Julio DeGuzman was not present. No report  
More information on office can be found at:  
<http://www.sandiego.gov/cityattorney/divisions/index.shtml>

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

Liz Saidkhanian reported:

- On June 8th the FY 2016 Budget is docketed at Council for a second hearing. The Councilmember has requested \$400,000 for Traffic Signalization Optimization in Mission Valley.
- Metropolitan Drive, Mission Valley Road and Murray Canyon Road are currently scheduled for resurfacing that will take place between 8/2015 and 11/2015
- The Grantville Focused Plan Amendment passed the SG&LU committee and planning commission last month. The first City Council Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th at 2pm.

There were questions on the Traffic Signalization Optimization that Liz will research and report back on at a future meeting.

### 3. City Planning Update-Nancy Graham

See report under agenda item:

#### J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Agenda Item J-1 Introduction of Mission Valley Community Plan Update Consultant-

#### 4. State Representatives

a. Senate Member's Office – Sen. Marty Block from the 39<sup>th</sup> Senate District I.

Katelyn Hailey was not present. No report

More information can be found at: <http://sd39.senate.ca.gov/>

b. Assembly Member's Office – Shirley Weber from the 79th Assembly District

George Gastil was not present. No report.

#### 5. Federal Representatives

a. Congresswoman Susan Davis' Office

Armita Pedramrazi was not present. No report

More information is available at: <http://www.house.gov/susandavis/>

b. Congressman Scott Peters' Office –

Sarah Czarrecki was not present. No report.

More information is available at: <http://scottpeters.house.gov/>

#### **J. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Agenda Item J-1 Introduction of Mission Valley Community Plan Update Consultant-Nancy Graham**

Nancy Graham reported:

- June 30, 2015 is the date for the kickoff of the Mission Valley Community Plan Update. It will be a community meeting at one of the Clubhouses at Qualcomm Stadium
- The MVPG standing committee-The Mission Valley Community Plan Update Committee-will meet in July 2015, although a time and location has not been finalized

- Community members for The Mission Valley Community Plan Update Committee will be recruited at the kickoff of the Mission Valley Community Plan Update community meeting.
- Appointment of the community members for The Mission Valley Community Plan Update Committee, by the Chair of MVPG, is aimed for the August 2015 MVPG meeting,

Nancy Graham introduced Peter Winch, Senior Associate at Dyett & Bhatia since 2008

Peter introduced himself and the firm Dyett & Bhatia

Dyett & Bhatia traces its roots to Livingston & Blayney, City and Regional Planners, established in 1955 by Lawrence Livingston, a graduate of Yale Law School and city planning from MIT, and John Blayney, an architect and member of one of the first graduating classes in city planning at U.C. Berkeley. They laid the foundation for much of urban planning as it is practiced today, especially in California. Dyett & Bhatia was established in 1976, as John Blayney Associates. Over the years D&B's name has changed, reflecting principal structure; it was known as Blayney Dyett through the 1980s and early 1990s, transitioning to Dyett & Bhatia in 1996.

Peter discussed the firms philosophy. Urban planning and allied disciplines of urban design, zoning, and environmental planning is the main focus. Through their work they seek to give form to community aspirations, and foster places that are vital, livable, and reflect environmental stewardship. The work is place-based – responsive to context, physical and natural settings, economic realities, and community needs. It is directed toward improving the quality of the living environment and promoting sustainable development patterns. The work continues to evolve in response to changing concerns of urbanism; however, the underlying commitment to creativity, excellence, and shaping livable and sustainable places remains unwavering.

For more information: <http://dyettandbhatia.com>

#### Discussion/Questions/Comments

- Subcontractors for the Community Plan update have been selected and are from San Diego
- Working on publicity for kickoff community meeting, will seek a press conference with Mayor and Councilman Sherman
- Comments/questions on qualifications/screening of community members for update committee
- Comments/questions on times and meeting dates for update committee
- Concern about having MV update meetings at Qualcomm Stadium, impression may be given that community plan update is only about the stadium property
- Some members offered to conduct tours of Mission Valley to focus on certain aspects, like the San Diego River, residential areas, architectural themes
- Positive/Negative aspects of having the main consultant be from San Francisco

## **2. Agenda Item J-2. Agenda Item J- 2. CUP Type 20 ABC License/Mission Valley Chevron – Robert Faudoa- Action Item**

Dottie Surdi reported that the applicant asked, this morning, that the item be removed from the agenda.

**John Nugent moved to remove consideration of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Type 20 ABC license for sale of Alcohol Beverages for off site consumption at an existing mini mart at the Chevron Gas station at 2290 Camino Del Rio N. from the agenda. Elizabeth Leventhal seconded the motion. Motion was approved 14 –0 – 0 with Deborah Bossmeyer, Paul Brown, Perry Dealy, Randall Dolph, Alan Grant, Matthew Guillory, Rob Hutsel, Elizabeth Leventhal, Andrew Michajlenko, John Nugent, Jim Penner, Marco Sessa, Dottie Surdi, Josh Weiselberg voting yes,**

### **K. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Subcommittee Reports:**

##### **A. Standing Committees:**

###### 1) Design Advisory Board – Randy Dolph

The committee did not meet so there was no report.

###### 2) Mission Valley Community Plan Update-John Nugent

The committee did not meet so there was no report.

##### **B. Ad Hoc Committees**

###### 1) Parks – Jason Broad

The committee did not meet so there was no report

###### 2) Public Health, Safety and Welfare – Elizabeth Leventhal

Elizabeth Leventhal reported that new homeless count indicates:

- 6% Rise in Total Homeless Pop (Citywide)
- 12% Rise in the # of UN-Sheltered Homeless
- 1% Rise in the # of Sheltered Homeless

Elizabeth reported that Sushi Kuchi's restaurant has an item named the “Homeless Roll”. She expressed that the name is super insensitive, offensive, and in poor taste and asked members to voice their concern and ask that the item be removed from the menu or renamed.

###### 3) Riverwalk-John Nugent

The committee did not meet so there was no report

There was a question regarding an email from the Linda Vista Planning Group Chair about an article in the May 29, 2015 Daily Transcript, titled “Residential uses lead list of plans for Mission Valley” and states: "A joint venture of the Levi and Cushman families are finalizing agreements with Related Cos. to develop the 130-acre site occupied by the 27-hole RiverWalk Golf Course. Plans for RiverWalk are still evolving, but call for up to 4,000 residential units, 250,000 square feet of retail and 750,000 square feet of office, depending on market conditions. "

## **2. Community Reports**

### **1. San Diego River Coalition**

Allan Grant reported that the May meeting included: River Field Survey Results; A Lower San Diego River Water Quality Report; a Legislative Update and a River Park and Trail System Advancement Report.

The June agenda includes a seminar on “Why the River Smells’

The committee meets the third Friday of each month from 3:00-4:30 at the Mission Valley Library.

### **3. Community Planning Chairs Meeting –**

Dottie Surdi reported that the minutes of the last meeting will be sent out when approved.

### **4. Miscellaneous Mail**

There were no items

### **5. Miscellaneous Items**

Deborah Bossmeyer presented an updated map and summary of the Mission Valley Development Projects in Progress

**L. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12: 55 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday July 01, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library, Community Room.

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John Nugent, Secretary