

SABRE SPRINGS PLANNING GROUP

MINUTES February 21, 2001

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Smith.

ROLL CALL

Baker, Barbara
Givot, Danna
Grover, Barbara
Pedrin, Marian
Smith, Rick
Ward, Downey
Frost, Richard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Marian Pedrin and a second by Barbara Grover, the minutes from the January meeting were unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Rick Smith reported on the following items and correspondence received:

- The tot lot should be completed by mid March of this year.
- Email correspondence regarding the allowed ADT for the Scripps Northridge project.
- The City of Poway is getting ready to sign documents for the decommissioned sewer treatment plant. It should be taken out soon.
- Notice of a meeting February 14th for SANDAG's SR 67/125 Corridor Study Technical Advisory Committee.
- Information regarding the redistricting of the County's supervisorial districts.
- Information regarding the Transit Works program.

POLICE REPORT

No report given.

REPORT FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE

Stephen Jeffries introduced himself as the Mayor's representative to Sabre Springs. He reported on the recent activities of the Mayor including the following: formation of a traffic congestion strike team, efforts to appoint an ethics commission, and the appointment of Bob Epler as the City's interim energy czar. He also reported that completion of the Ballpark is a priority for Mayor Murphy.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 OFFICE

Nikki Balolong confirmed that the tot lot should be completed by mid March. She also noted that Councilmember Maienschein would like input from the community as to how to improve local libraries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Miramar Flight Operations

Upon a motion by Danna Givot and a second by Marian Pedrin the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Barbara Baker as the community's liaison to the Community Leaders Forum.

Barbara reported on the following:

- Recently there was a crash of a civilian helicopter in the near vicinity. This is thought to have been a murder/suicide.
- The military will be going through another round of base realignments which could mean "joint use facilities" for San Diego and more use of the airways.
- Noise complaints from the community have been down.
- Lack of housing in San Diego is currently one of the biggest problems for the marines.
- The marines are working to come up with an energy conservation plan.

B. Recreation Council

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. SR-56/I-15 Interchange project

Larry Carr with CalTrans summarized CalTrans plans to manage congestion and reduce delays on I-15 between SR 163 and SR 78 by optimizing and increasing both freeway capacity and transportation alternatives in the corridor. Larry discussed operational improvements underway along the corridor including construction of auxiliary and added lanes where congestion regularly occurs. He also discussed plans for managed lanes which will be constructed mostly within the existing freeway median. Managed lane traffic will flow in both directions and will use a movable median barrier like that on the Coronado Bay Bridge. Larry noted that CalTrans has been coordinating closely with MTDB on these projects and explained that MTDB's Bus Rapid Transit System will be an integral part of the managed lanes.

The Planning Group inquired as to the timing of when improvements would be done. Larry noted that there will be some inconveniences but that CalTrans and MTDB will coordinate closely in order to keep impacts to a minimum.

Danna Givot inquired as to the status of the “flyover” at the SR-56/I-15 interchange. Larry explained that at this point this proposal is not funded, and that even if it were it would not be built for many years.

B. Transit Alternatives, (MTDB)

Dave Schumaker discussed MTDB’s Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) concept and how it complements the managed lane facility by using the lanes to operate a high-speed “fixed guideway” right-of-way for bus service similar to that of a rail line. Five BRT stations and park-and-ride lots will be developed along the I-15 corridor, including in Sabre Springs, with ramps providing priority access to and from the managed lane facility with minimal time delay.

Dave discussed the three sites being considered for the Sabre Springs facility: the Legacy site, Parcel #1, and the Herco site. He noted that the Legacy site is no longer being considered as it is planned for a hotel and that this use is not compatible with a transit center. Parcel #1 was originally the preferred site however it has become clear that this site will not work. In order to locate a transit facility on Parcel #1, the site would have to be totally redesigned and in the end would probably not attract the type(s) of tenants that should locate next to a transit facility. At a recent Board meeting it was agreed that this site should be deleted from consideration. Dave explained that the Herco site is now the preferred alternative. Currently there is a building on this site however the underlying zoning on the property would allow for a more intensive use. MTDB plans to look into purchasing this property and perhaps redeveloping it with some kind of mixed-use project. The next steps in this process include making contact with the Herco people, doing a property assessment and going back to the MTDB Board within the next month or two.

The Planning Board agreed that of the three sites considered, the Herco site would be the best location for a transit center.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Marian Pedrin and a second by Danna Givot, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.