

Meeting Minutes of the  
Sabre Springs Planning Group  
Convened on September 15, 2010  
Carmel Mountain Ranch/Sabre Springs Recreation Center

*Item 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:42 pm.*

*Item 2 – Roll Call.*

Members present included:

Craig Levitt

Mary Jean Word

Anna-Marie Fedorko

Joe Medoro (arrived at 6:47 pm)

Mike Nelson

Francine Wooten

Rachele Melious

Gary Bosse

*Item 3 – Approval of Minutes of the July 21, 2010 Meeting.*

Draft meeting minutes for the July 21, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted. Ms. Melious made the motion to approve; it was seconded by Mr. Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.

*Item 4 – Approval of the Agenda.*

A motion was made by Mr. Levitt to approve the Agenda as proposed; the motion was seconded by Ms. Melious. The motion passed with Mr. Medoro voting no.

*Item 5 – Chair Report.*

Chair Levitt updated the planning group (PG) on the V-calm sign installation that is scheduled to occur prior to September 20. Official turn on will be September 22 at 10:00 am, on southbound Sabre Springs Parkway, at the V-calm sign on the existing light pole between Evening Creek Drive N and Morning Creek Drive N. Council member DeMaio will be in attendance for the turn on as well as some news media. The installation of the two V-calm signs, in addition to refreshing the existing striping and installing raised pavement markers, complete the traffic safety improvements that were recommended by the City of San Diego Traffic Engineering Department and approved by the PG at the July 21, 2010 meeting.

*Item 6 – Non Agenda Public Comment.*

None.

*Item 7 – Approval of the Resignation of Leonard Watson.*

Ms. Fedorko made the motion to accept Mr. Watson's resignation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Melious. The motion passed unanimously.

The Police Report was given by Council member John Ly. Mr. Ly reported that break ins continue to occur in the Scripps Ranch residential community. Residents are advised to keep their doors and windows locked.

*Item 8 – Police Report.*

None given; no officer present.

*Item 9 – Reports from Offices of Elected Officials.*

- (a) *75<sup>th</sup> State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher's Office* – Not present.
- (b) *County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price's Office* – Not present.
- (c) *Mayor Jerry Sander's Office* – Not present.
- (d) *Councilmember Carl DeMaio's Office* – John Ly reported a new proposal to increase water rates 4.7%. Since February 2007, rates have increased 65%. This is due in large part due to the "overhead" charges tacked on to the water rates by the multiple agencies involved in the importing of the water. Prop. 219 notice allows rate payers to oppose increases. Voters have the right to oppose rate increases; 50% plus 1 required to block rate increase. Council member (CM) DeMaio opposed the format of the notice because it is not easily noticed on the invoices or City website. Prop. 219 notice will require two readings at City Council, so will be considered probably at the Oct. or Nov. council meetings. So far CM Demaio has opposed the notice "format", because it is not "noticeable" enough. CM DeMaio voted against the zoning regulations forwarded to the City Council by the Medical Marijuana Task Force.

*Item 10 – Community Planner's Report – Tony Kempton.* Not present.

*Item 11 – Information Items.*

- (a) *Report from Sabre Springs MAD Subcommittee – Ms. Melious*  
Ms. Melious made the PG aware that there is an opportunity to join the subcommittee. Ms. Melious reported on the activities of the MAD subcommittee over the last two months. The MAD is still researching the highest and best use of the funds set aside in this years FY budget for median enhancements. She reminded the PG that there was a previous

effort in which the PG hired a landscape architect (Schmidt Design Group, SDG) to prepare a concept plan for new low water use median landscaping. MAD has concluded based upon research and information presented by City Park and Recreation staff that constructing the new medians based upon the SDG plan is not feasible due to costs. MAD is focusing its efforts on researching the retrofit of existing overhead spray irrigation to drip irrigation. Drip system might cut water use up to 50%. The existing Jasmine plant material would remain. Initial research looks like the budget set aside during last years budget process may be sufficient to complete retrofit, but additional information is needed before a recommendation can be made to the full PG.

*(b) MCAS Miramar Report.*

Ms. Word continues to monitor MCAS activities. No significant news to report. Complaints of noise are up. The MCAS Airshow is coming in October.

*(c) I-15 Widening Project Update – Ms. Kara Palmer of Caltrans.*

Most of the work on the on/off ramps and shoulders is complete. Focus is now on the center HOV/managed lanes. Poway Road bridge will complete in Spring 2011. Carroll Canyon Road bridge should also be complete in Spring 2011. Project overall, is ahead of schedule. Project completion for all of the work is targeted for Spring 2012. Members of the PG voiced a complaint about the weeds along the embankment, on the south side of Sabre Springs Parkway, south of Ted Williams offramp, adjacent to the Caltrans construction office complex. Ms. Palmer will look into who is responsible for landscape maintenance and report back to the Chair. Member Medoro had some concerns about the criteria used in determining where soundwalls are required. He noted that freeway noise seems louder now than in the past. Ms. Palmer agreed to discuss Mr. Medoro's concern separately at the conclusion of the PG meeting.

*(d) Scott Tillson, Neighborhood 5 Rep, Carmel Valley Community Planning Board – Update on Proposition M.*

Mr. Tillson made an eight minute presentation (accompanied by a powerpoint) to discuss the merits of Proposition M that is on the ballot for the upcoming November 2 election. After the presentation, members of the PG engaged in a question and answer session with Mr. Tillson. At the conclusion of the presentation and discussion, Chair Levitt asked if there was a motion on the floor to vote in favor of supporting Proposition M. The PG made no motion. The PG thanked Mr. Tillson for the presentation and wished his community good luck in the election.

*Item 12 – Action Items.*

*(a) Formation of Subcommittee to Draft Planning Group Bylaws.*

Members Nelson, Fedorko and Wooten expressed an interest in staffing the subcommittee. Mr. Levitt made the motion to establish the subcommittee with Members Nelson, Fedorko and Wooten. Mr. Medoro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(b) *Nomination of representative and alternate to Community Planners Committee (Chair)*

John Ly shared with us what he know about the meetings and the responsibility of the PG's representative on the Committee. Chair Levitt expressed an interest in being the PG representative and Mr. Medoro expressed an interest in being the alternate. Ms. Melious made the motion to appoint Mr. Levitt as the PG's representative to the Community Planners Committee and Mr. Medoro as his alternate. Mr. Word seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Item 13 – Next Meeting: November 17, 2010 at 6:30 pm.*

*Item 14 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.*

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