

SAN YSIDRO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Minutes from March 17, 2009

1. **Call to order:** At 5:31 p.m. Vice Chairman Michael Cather
2. called meeting to order.
Roll Call: Present: I. Adato(5:36 pm), J. Barajas; M. Cather; M. Freedman; B.A. Gonzalez (6:01 pm); S. Gonzalez; J. Goudeau; R. Moran; S. Otto; M. Paul; A. Perez (5:40 pm); F. Sanchez; J. Wyman.
Excused: T. Currie; D. Flores
Unexcused: None
Quorum of 10 present at Call to Order, 2(a), 2(b) & 3.
Quorum of 13 present at Vote Items 6(b), 6(c), 6(d), 6(e), 6(f), 6(g), 6(h) & 6(j).
2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
 - (a). A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by M. Paul to approve the minutes of January 20, 2009. Motion Passed (10-0-0) Yes: J. Barajas, M. Cather, M. Freedman, S. Gonzalez, J. Goudeau, R. Moran, S. Otto, M. Paul, F. Sanchez, J. Wyman. Noes: None. Abstain: None.
 - (b). A motion was made by M. Freedman and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the minutes of February 17, 2009. Motion Passed (10-0-0) Yes: J. Barajas, M. Cather, M. Freedman, S. Gonzalez, J. Goudeau, R. Moran, S. Otto, M. Paul, F. Sanchez, J. Wyman. Noes: None. Abstain: None.
3. **Agenda Modifications:** A motion was made by M. Freedman and seconded by J. Goudeau to add as Item 6(k) the Approving the SYCPG 2008 Annual Report and directing the Chairman to submit it to the City, as required by Council Policy 600-24. Motion Passed: 10-0-0. Yeas: J. Barajas; M. Cather; M. Freedman; S. Gonzalez; J. Goudeau; R. Moran; S. Otto; M. Paul; F. Sanchez; J. Wyman. Noes: None. Abstain: None.
4. **Announcements:**
 - a. **Vacancies:** None
 - b. **Chairman:** Two announcements were on published agenda.
Additional announcements: None
 - c. **Group Members:**
 1. San Ysidro Super Clean Up Day will be April 25, 2009. Please call Steve Otto for more details/information at (619) 428-5200.
 - d. **City Officials Announcements:**
 1. Yolanda Apalategui is the new representative from Council Member Ben Hueso's office. She can be contacted at (619) 236-6688.
 2. Gabriella Brannan is with the City Attorney's Office. For Code Enforcement issues she can be reached at (619) 533-6511.

e. **Members of the Public:**

1. Valley Coleman shared his concerns about the development of the vacant lot west of the Las Americas Shopping Center. His concern is about traffic. Xavier del Valle of the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency stated that Shamrock Development is working on developing that parcel and it will be on the SYCPG Agenda in April 2009.

5. **Public Comment:** None.

6. **Docket Items:**

- a. **San Diego Bicycle Master Plan Update:** Bridget E. Enderle, Planner at Alta Planning + Design presented the plan and bicycle user questionnaire. She is working to update the City's Bicycle Master Plan, the current plan was adopted in 2002. Concern was expressed on the cost of the update, which is being paid by TransNet Funds. Once the new Master Plan has been approved than the City would be eligible for other funding to execute the plan. No Action.
- b. **South Bay Water Reclamation Plant:** Mr. Tom Alspaugh from the City of San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department presented an amendment to the plant's fuel cell project. The Project has been delayed. The fuel cell model has changed the new fuel cell is able to hold more fuel. A replacement company has taken over the project; the new company is BioFuel and the trucking company s Trimac. The financing should be in place by June/July 2009 with construction starting in July 2010. The project should be fully operational by the end of 2010. The project still will have 2 trucks per day (6 pm to 6 am) following a route of I-5 south to Dairy Mart Road. **A motion was made by M. Freedman and seconded by J. Wyman to recommend approval of the Amendment to the project as presented. Motion Passed (13-0-0). Yes: I. Adato; J. Barajas; M. Cather; M. Freedman; BA Gonzalez; S. Gonzalez; J. Goudeau; R. Moran; S. Otto; M. Paul; A. Perez; F. Sanchez; J. Wyman. Noes: None. Abstain: None.**
- c. **San Ysidro Border Station U.S. Customs House:** Update of the GSA options for the Old US Customs House with respect to the San Ysidro POE Expansion & Reconfiguration. As a prt of the Coalition the request is extended to the committee for review and recommendations. Mr. Jason Wells, SY Smart Border Coalition presented the latest option. To use the façade as a barrier between the Northbound and Southbound pedestrian traffic. Mexico has answered the US Diplomatic Note with a yes to Southbound pedestrian traffic on the east side of the POE, with the timing of the Southbound entry in question. The Coalition is working with Congressman Bob Filner of 4 issues of mitigation regarding the POE project. **A motion was made by M. Freedman and seconded by S. Gonzalez to support the use of the façade of the Old US Customs House as a barrier between North and South Bound Pedestrian Traffic. Motion Passed (12-1-0). Yes: I. Adato; J. Barajas; M. Cather; M. Freedman; S. Gonzalez; J. Goudeau; R. Moran; S. Otto; M. Paul; A. Perez; F. Sanchez; J. Wyman. Noes: BA Gonzalez. Abstain: None.**

Jennifer Goudeau recused herself regarding item 6(d).

- d. **Border Station Bazaar:** Conditional Use Permit to allow outdoor sales for 6 months on a 5.6 acre site at 4570 Camino de la Plaza in the CT-2-3 zone within the SY Community Plan.

- This item was presented at the February 2009 meeting and there have been no changes since that time. This item is being presented again to allow for additional comments from the public. No additional comments. **A motion was made by S. Otto and seconded by BA Gonzalez to support the project. Motion Passed (12-0-1). Yes: I. Adato; J. Barajas; M. Cather; M. Freedman; BA Gonzalez; S. Gonzalez; R. Moran; S. Otto; M. Paul; A. Perez; F. Sanchez; J. Wyman. Noes: None. Recuse: J. Goudeau**
- e. **1st Southern Baptist Church:** Conditional Use Permit to amend CUP 18225 to add an additional 5,646 square feet to an existing church on a 2.01 acre site at 1781 Howard Ave. in the RS-1-7 zone within the San Ysidro Community Plan. Mr. Francisco Godinez presented the project. The church would like to add modular units in the rear of the property. Mr. Godinez did not feel this would cause any traffic concerns as the hours of use are not high commute times and the hours of operation differ from those of the neighboring school. **A motion was made by M. Freedman and seconded by BA Gonzalez to recommend approval of the Amendment to the project as presented. Motion Passed (13-0-0). Yes: I. Adato; J. Barajas; M. Cather; M. Freedman; BA Gonzalez; S. Gonzalez; J. Goudeau; R. Moran; S. Otto; M. Paul; A. Perez; F. Sanchez; J. Wyman. Noes: None. Abstain: None.**
- f. **3645 Sunset Lane Map Waiver:** Map Waiver application to waive the requirements of a tentative map and undergrounding of existing overhead utilities to create residential condominiums (currently under construction) on a 0.44 acre site. The property is located at 3645 Sunset Lane in the RM-1-1 zone within the San Ysidro Community Plan. Mr. Fernando Mark the owner of the property presented the project. No other properties in surrounding area have underground utilities. **A motion was made by R. Moran and seconded by BA Gonzalez to approve the waiver of a tentative map and waive the requirement to underground existing overhead utilities. Motion Passed (13-0-0). Yes: I. Adato; J. Barajas; M. Cather; M. Freedman; BA Gonzalez; S. Gonzalez; J. Goudeau; R. Moran; S. Otto; M. Paul; A. Perez; F. Sanchez; J. Wyman. Noes: None. Abstain: None.**
- g. **San Ysidro Community Planning Group Meeting Date Change:** The Planning Group Chair requested at the February 2009 meeting to change the dates of the regularly scheduled meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month to the 3rd Monday of each month. **A motion was made by J. Goudeau and seconded by S. Otto to approve changing the date of the regularly scheduled SYCPG meeting to the 3rd Monday of each month. Motion Passed (13-0-0). Yes: I. Adato; J. Barajas; M. Cather; M. Freedman; BA Gonzalez; S. Gonzalez; J. Goudeau; R. Moran; S. Otto; M. Paul; A. Perez; F. Sanchez; J. Wyman. Noes: None. Abstain: None.**
- h. **San Ysidro Project Area Committee (PAC):** The City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency PAC formation requires the SYCPG committee to select a representative and forward the representative's name to the SYPAC. **Previous action: Selected Mr. M. Paul as the Representative and Mr. M. Cather as the Alternate – February 2009.** PAC guidelines do not state alternates allowed, therefore the committee needs to amend previous action removing alternate appointee and re-affirm Mr. Paul as the Representative. **A motion was made by M. Cather and seconded by I. Adato to amend the motion made at the February 2009 meeting and reaffirm the appointment of Mr. M. Paul as the SYCPG**

Representative to the San Ysidro Project Area Committee and remove Mr. M. Cather as the alternate. Motion Passed (13-0-0). Yes: I. Adato; J. Barajas; M. Cather; M. Freedman; BA Gonzalez; S. Gonzalez; J. Goudeau; R. Moran; S. Otto; M. Paul; A. Perez; F. Sanchez; J. Wyman. Noes: None. Abstain: None.

- i. **San Ysidro Infrastructure & Improvements:** Mr. Steve Otto of the San Ysidro Business Association presented a list of current and needed infrastructure and street improvements. Mr. Otto would like to have a subcommittee set up for this element in the upcoming update of the SY Community Plan. No Action.
 - j. **West San Ysidro Blvd/Averil Road Traffic Signal:** Request for installation of a traffic signal from existing SY DIF funds. This item was continued from February 2009 meeting to allow for Chair to provide more information on the possibility of the two projects in the area paying part of the cost of the traffic signal. A discussion was held on the need for a traffic signal in the location being a safety issue. **A motion was made by S. Otto and seconded by BA Gonzalez to recommend the installation of traffic signal at the intersection of West San Ysidro Blvd. and Averil Road with the signal cost being paid from SY DIF funds . Motion Passed (13-0-0). Yes: I. Adato; J. Barajas; M. Cather; M. Freedman; BA Gonzalez; S. Gonzalez; J. Goudeau; R. Moran; S. Otto; M. Paul; A. Perez; F. Sanchez; J. Wyman. Noes: None. Abstain: None.**
 - k. **2008 Annual Report:** A copy of the draft Annual Report of the SYCPG was electronically sent to Committee members and was available for review at the meeting. **A motion was made by I. Adato and seconded by A. Perez to approve the SYCPG 2008 Annual Report and direct the Chairman to submit it to the City. Motion Passed (12-0-1). Yes: I. Adato; J. Barajas; M. Cather; M. Freedman; BA Gonzalez; J. Goudeau; R. Moran; S. Otto; M. Paul; A. Perez; F. Sanchez; J. Wyman. Noes: None. Abstain: S. Gonzalez.**
7. Subcommittee Reports:
- a. **Housing Element Subcommittee:** No Meeting.
8. **Representative's Reports:**
- a. SY POE Expansion & Reconfiguration (D. Flores/I. Adato): See Item 6(c).
 - b. SY Smart Border Coalition (D. Flores): See Item 6(c).
 - c. Community Planners Committee (M. Cather/S. Otto): No Report
 - d. Otay Mesa Planning Group (M. Paul): Minutes of the last meeting will be distributed electronically.
 - e. Transportation Collaborative (J. Goudeau): No Report.
9. **Other Items** – None.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Goudeau, Secretary