

SAN YSIDRO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
SPECIAL MEETING
Draft Minutes from June 01, 2009

1. Call to order: At 6:00 p.m. Chairman David Flores called meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present: I. Adato, J. Barajas, T. Currie, D. Flores, M. Freedman (6:03 pm), B. Gonzalez, R. Moran, M. Paul (6:06), S. Otto, J. Wyman, and A. Perez.

Absent: J. Goudeau, S. Gonzalez, F. Sanchez and M. Cather

Quorum of 11 present

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Docket Item:

U.S. GSA San Ysidro Land POE Improvements Project – Draft EIS: Chairman Flores presented the committee with a review of the improvement projects, phasing and construction schedule.

Noted by the Chair was the commercially zoned acreage that will be removed as commercial use:

- San Ysidro Commercial Zoned Acreage = 212 AC
- Existing Border Station +/- 10 AC
- Border Project Study Area/Footprint = 50AC
- Total displacement of existing commercially zoned acreage = 23.58 or 24% (1/4 of Total)

Also means loss of San Ysidro Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment with no replacement by the U.S.GSA.

H. Peraza, Chief of Staff for Congressman Filner's office was requesting clarification on community support of the existing design or if community was not satisfied, stopping the project with the understanding that the project more than likely would end with no new construction.

Committee agreed that the project and Draft EIS need to be addressed; however, not including Southbound Inspection analysis, impact and mitigation was deemed as an incomplete EIS. The Committee cannot support the project as presented until a full EIS for Southbound Inspection is completed and felt that the impacts the project will initiate without presenting solutions for an integrated master plan was inadequate.

Mr. J. Wells representing the SY Smart Border Coalition stated that none of the 4 points presented to the US GSA have been integrated by the project.

Mr. Albert Valdivia of Clark Construction reminded the committee that construction costs are currently lower and that might offer funding for other project items or mitigation items.

The Committee, unfortunately does not feel confident that U.S. GSA will spend any funding on any mitigation efforts, further, that U.S. GSA is not compensating the Community appropriately for lost Redevelopment funds, a direct impact of its project.

The Committee also agreed to collectively send their comments and concerns through a list coordinated through the Chairman to the U.S. GSA.

A motion was made by I. Adato, seconded by M. Freedman to not support the project as the San Ysidro Community Planning Group feels the Draft EIS is inadequate, principally because the analysis of the Southbound Inspection is not complete and other community impacts have not been addressed, including:

- 1. Inclusion and accommodation of existing location dependant businesses**
- 2. Southbound pedestrian access for pedestrian crossing in Phase 1**
- 3. Inclusion of a new intermodal transportation center**
- 4. Creation of a Bridge Deck as mitigation for loss of commercial properties and environmental impacts.**

Motion Passed (11-0-0) Yes: I. Adato, J. Barajas, T. Currie, D. Flores, M. Freedman, B. Gonzalez, R. Moran, S. Otto, M. Paul, A. Perez and J. Wyman.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by D. Flores