

Scripps Miramar Ranch Planning Group

MEETING MINUTES (Approved March 6, 2014)
Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Scripps Ranch Community Library - Community Room
10301 Scripps Lake Drive, San Diego, CA 92131

I. Welcome!

A. Call to order: 7:01 pm

Roll Call: Tamar Silverstein, John Lowe, Gwen Bandt, Bob Ilko, Wally Wulfeck, Todd Phillips, Stan Williams, John Lyons, Marc Sorensen, Mike Asaro, Karen Ringel, Bob Petering, Dan Buell, Julie Ellis, Paul Vaughan, Marvin Miles (late)

B. Absent: Gordon Boerner, Elizabeth Hansen

C. Modifications to Agenda: The order of agenda items was changed slightly.

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment:

B. Ilko-SRCA Membership Drive to support activities in Scripps Ranch.

III. Announcements

A. MCAS Miramar Update (Colonel John P. Farnam, USMC, Commanding Officer)

Fire Season Work Ongoing in Scripps Ranch even in February.

Remember to make a defensible space around your property

The Military Housing project is still on the books, but not currently funded.

B. Councilmember Mark Kersey (T. Vinson) Not present

C. Supervisor Dave Roberts (E. Bollinger) Not present

D. Assemblymember Brian Maienschein – 77th District (R. Knudsen) Not present

E. Congressman Scott Peters (S. Benton) Not present

F. Miramar Ranch North Planning Committee (Lorayne Burley)

At last meeting: MedImpact Watermark Project Update, Verizon Wireless Approval.

Community Center Name Approval, elections coming up in March 2014

G. CalTrans Update Not present

IV. Information Reports, Presentations & Discussion

A. Scripps Ranch MAD Tree Contract -- West Coast Arborist (E. Rodriguez, C. Smith, SD P&R)

Casey Smith -Manager of MAD: Scripps Ranch has the Largest Funded MAD. See brochure about how to plant trees and how to maintain forests. The brochure is seeds, so if you plant it the seeds will grow wildflowers.

B. Chairperson's Report (W. Wulfeck)

CPC Meeting-The City is Drafting a Climate Action Plan looking at the next 40 years. The City is also drafting an Economic Development Strategy for the City (emphasizing the base innovation, mfg, international trade and logistics, tourism and military, food and beverage mfg. industries.). It also seeks to increase the number of middle income jobs to reduce the hour glass economy, and increase the number of small locally owned businesses.

V. Action Items

A. MAD Budget (M. Sorensen) This year's Estimated budget is \$1.36 million, and increasing next year to \$1.4million. The level of service will be maintained, not increased. The current assessment fee is about \$155.00 per year on your property taxes. We'll dip into the budget this year (about \$50K) and next year (about \$150K) to pay service costs. The balance remaining is now approximately \$500,000 and cannot be allowed to go below 10% of our current operating costs.

Motion/2nd.Sorenson/Ringel: Approve budget as submitted

16-0-0 Pass

B. Miramar Ranch Elementary School Sign (M. Asaro, D. Peterson)

A Working Group met to discuss the new digital sign in front of the school. Eleven meetings were held to discuss this sign, made up of Home Owners, School members, School-Board project managers, and representatives from SRPG and SRCA. Mike Asaro, who served as consulting architect, described the new sign and presented drawings. Dana Peterson presented the timeline for

construction (June/July 2014) and described the agreement regarding operation of the sign (see the attachment to these minutes):

Motion/2nd to approve the proposed sign and operation agreement: Ellis/Asaro

15-0-1 Pass

C. Verizon Wireless Facility – Beeler Canyon project update (K. Diehl, PlanCom Inc.)

Proposed Generator Addition on Stonebridge (Emergency Only Upgrade, it does not operate 24x7. It will support an 8hr battery back-up). It will be installed behind a 9ft wall enclosure, and will meet all noise abatement requirements.

Motion/2nd to approve the proposed facility: Ilko/Phillips & Sorensena

16-0-0 Pass

D. Stop Signs: Fairbrook Rd. at Rue Fontenay (K. Derry, S. Winter, Chantemar HOA)

A four-way stop-sign control was made a condition of development of the Fairbrook Estates area at the newly constructed Rue Fontenay intersection with Fairbrook Rd by the Development Services Department, in accordance with the City Council's 1999 tentative map resolution No: R292323. The Developer (Ryland) represented the future four-way stop to purchasers of the new homes. In addition, there will be a City park at southwest corner of this intersection, already approved and funded, and planned to be built sometime in the next two years which will constitute a special circumstance so that the 4-way stop will likely be required at that time in any case. The City has a warrant process for installation of Stop Signs described in Council Policy 200-08. This intersection does not meet the minimum requirements to meet the warrant, but has readily apparent visibility issues which all residents who use Rue Fontenay consider unsafe. The issue of whether to proceed with the 4-way stop sign installation was brought before the Planning Group last spring, and in June 2013 the Planning Group voted that the City's planned installation should not be deferred. Subsequently, affected HOAs upstream from this intersection, whose residents may be inconvenienced by the stop signs, objected to the 4-way stop installation, and the City requested that the Planning Group revisit the issue and formally approve, disapprove, or postpone the installation of the 4-way Stop control at the intersection.

The Planning Group Chair requested that the City's Transportation Engineering Department take another look at the intersection now that the homes are completed, which was conducted in January 2014. The Transportation Engineering department noted that "Our measurements indicate that this intersection meets the minimum safe stopping sight distance for the prevailing speeds. We agree that the sight lines are not very good and it is difficult to see westbound traffic on Fairbrook Road from the south leg of the intersection." During early February, the City installed "no pedestrian crossing" barriers across Fairbrook Rd. at the northeast and southeast corners of the intersection, without any notice, presumably to reduce the danger to pedestrians at the intersection.

At tonight's meeting, the President and Vice President of the Chantemar HOA (which includes all homeowners near the affected intersection) gave a presentation in favor of installation of a four way stop sign and described the visibility limitations and safety situation at the intersection. Petitions were signed in support of the 4-way stop from all 17 of the homeowners on Rue Fontenay south of Fairbrook, and from 34 of the 39 homeowners on Rue Fontainebleau and Rue Mont Grenoble who use Rue Fontenay on the north side of Fairbrook. The President of the Loire Valley HOA stated that his organization and a large majority of its homeowners are opposed to the installation of the 4-way Stop Signs and described their reasons for opposition. The President of the Whispering Ridge HOA stated that his organization and a large majority of its homeowners are opposed to the installation of the 4-Way Stop Signs and also provided details concerning their opposition. The resident who lives at the northwest corner of the intersection, and who requested improved traffic control several years ago spoke in support of the 4-way Stop Sign, She noted that there have been two accidents at this intersection within the last 2 ½ years. This was followed by an additional 9 residents who spoke in opposition and 9 residents who supported the installation of the Stop Sign. The residents on the northeast and southeast corners of the intersection also spoke in favor of the stop signs. All attendees were then provided the opportunity to share their concerns, ask questions and speak to the proposed 4 way Stop Signs. No person was denied the opportunity to comment, and about 20 additional comments in favor or opposed were heard. Upon completion of the public comment, the Planning Group considered a motion to approve the 4-way stop signs.

Motion/2nd to approve installation of the four-way stop signs: Phillips/Ellis

14-1-2 Pass

E. March Election Candidate Nominations and Election Planning.

4 members reaching new 8yr term limits

9 vacancies

8 are up for re-election; 1 member will be resigning

3 Candidates from community 1) Sandy Wetzel Smith, 2) Gary Harrison introduced themselves to the SRPG, 3) Emma Lefkowitz.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Dec 5, 2013 Minutes

Motion/2nd: to approve: Phillips/Ringel

16-0-1 Pass

VII. Committee Reports

A. SR LMD-MAD (M. Sorensen) – Update See Above.

B. MCAS Miramar (J. Lyons) – Update

Reviewed last year's complaints from 2013, averaging one complaint per month.

C. Ad Hoc Committee on Carroll Canyon Commercial Center (Wulfeck) -- Update.

Please Review the City's proposed revision of Council Policy 600-24 governing the operation of Community Planning Groups (such as SRPG) sent out via email for voting next month.

VIII. Adjournment 9:26pm

Motion/2nd: Phillips/Ilko

Attachment:
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The Miramar Ranch Elementary Sign Task Force agreed on the following guidelines for the sign's operation:

1. All message content to be either school function/activity related or emergency purpose only.

2. Hours of Operation of Electronic Message Display:

Weekdays: 7am– 6pm

Weekends: 10am 3pm

Operation after hours: For evening “School Wide Events” (e.g., Open House, Parent Teacher Conference, Halloween Festival, etc.) during the school year, the sign may be on until 7pm for up to 10 events per school year

Operation during Summer Break: The sign will remain operational for 1 week after the last day of school for summer and may be activated up to 4 weeks prior to first day of school following summer break.

Operation during Other School Breaks (i.e., Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring): The sign will be off except for the weekend prior to the break and the weekend after the break before school resumes.

3. EMERGENCY messages have no restriction on time or duration.

4. Landscaping – Shrubs and an ornamental pear tree will be included as part of the marquee project.

5. Once the sign has been installed, a collaborative meeting with task force participants will be held to view and provide input on colors for the display. Brightness will be set to manufacturer's recommended standard.