

Serra Mesa Planning Group

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Minutes of Serra Mesa Planning Group Regular Meeting.

Thursday November 20, 2008

Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library Community Room, 9005 Aero Dr.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

8 of 12 board members were present constituting a quorum. (1 showed up after the first vote)

Roll Call: Executive Board members in attendance were: T. Wright, B. Savall, M. Marion, A. Smith, D. Wescott, J. Feinberg, B. Ryan, R. McDowell. Not in attendance: J. Ander, D. Shockey, E. Jimerson, K. Mock. There were ~19 members in the audience.

Community Forum: There was a short discussion about the Palladium At Aero project. Community members are looking into filing a lawsuit against the project, indicating that the project IER is not in line with CEQA standards. There was some hope such a lawsuit might have a chance due to the recent victory of a similar lawsuit in the Hillcrest area. The main issue with the project continues to be the size compared to the surrounding neighborhood.

Main Topics:

Nock guest quarters: Local home owner in Birdland area wants to build a small guest quarters building on their property. Details were discussed at previous SMPG meeting. T. Wright made a motion to accept the proposal as is. B. Savall seconded. Vote (6/0/1) passes, mmarion abstained due to not attending previous meeting. D. Wescott wanted to thank the city for involving SMPG as this is a type of project that doesn't require it, and we're usually not noticed ahead of time.

Aero Dr. Street-scape guidelines, B. Schoenfisch City Planning/Community Investment:

This was a small update/discussion based on the previous community workshop held the previous week by the same city representatives to present the ideas for the street-scape guidelines. The city council on Monday had pulled the guidelines from the rest of the actions for that day in order to allow time for these community workshops to get more feedback from communities before the plans are approved. There was some feedback given to audience questions from the workshop: Eucalyptus trees were removed from the plan. There could be specific requirements added to projects for sustained maintenance. There is talk of using reclaimed water. The cross section drawing showing the incorrect number of lanes on Aero was corrected. D. Wescott asked if the city had plans to expand Aero into 6 lanes, yes they believe so. C. Moore asked if it would have more weight for comments from the community to be collected by SMPG and submitted together. They tend to be heard more when people attend workshops with ideas and the plan can be gone over point by point.

Misc:

D. Wescott wanted to thank B. Ryan and Children's hospital for donating \$300 towards the new easels and displays to be used in the library by SMPG. Money is already in the hands of the Friends of the Library. He also wanted to point out students from SDSU that attended the meeting as part of a class to learn about community organizing, how meetings are run, etc.

Legislative Aides and Community Planner:

Kristen Camper-Wozniak, District 6 / Council Office, 619-533-6460: Not present

Brian Shoenfisch, Long range planner, 619-236-6153: Covered in Street-scape discussion.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:11pm

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