

SOUTHEASTERN SAN DIEGO PLANNING GROUP (SSDPG) MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Neighborhood House, 841 S. 41st Street, San Diego, CA 92113

May 14, 2012, 6:00 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.

This Planning Committee covers the area south of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freeway (Highway 94), east of Interstate 5, north of the border of National City, and west of Interstate 805. It includes the communities of Sherman Heights, Logan Heights, Grant Hill, Memorial, Stockton, Mount Hope, Mountain View, Southcrest, and Shelltown.

Present: Robert Leif, Maria Riveroll, Reynaldo Pisano, Andrea Carter, Vincent Noto, Paul Sweeney, B.D. Howard, Maria Riveroll, Reggie Womack, Liliana Garcia-Rivera

Absent: Ben Rivera, James Lawrence

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND INTRODUCTIONS
2. APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA (ADDITIONS, CHANGES, OR OMISSIONS)
 - a. Motion by Leif, Seconded by Sweeney, MSC (6-0-0)
3. APPROVAL OF April 9, 2012 MINUTES
 - a. First by Pisano, and second by Leif, MSC (6-0-0)
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (two minutes per public speaker, on non-agenda items only)

Point of clarification: If potential members are involved in an area non-profit, you are eligible to join the Planning the Group.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. **Bruce Williams report for Council President Young (District 4)**: Council is in session right now for the upcoming budget. It is a night meeting so that the public may attend. If you have some concerns about the budget, please let us know. There is some good information in the e-mail blast from Councilmember Young's Office, so take some time to read it. If you are interested in the water issue, people in La Jolla will be putting together some tours. It is free of charge.
- b. **Marta Zapata report for Councilmember David Alvarez (District 4)**: The All-American Soap Box Derby will be happening on Memorial Day weekend in Sherman Heights. There will be a meeting in Barrio Logan regarding the traffic resulting from the Sewer replacement Thursday night May 17.

CCDC handles a lot of the planning functions for Barrio Logan. We anticipate some staff from CCDC will retain that function when it is rolled into development services planning.

- c. **Ricardo Flores report for Representative Susan Davis**: The Secretary of the Interior came to San Diego to promote President Obama's tourism plan. We are always looking for internships. The Congresswoman did sign some bills, one is called Fairness for military homeowner's act and it helps military people to refinance their homes that are their primary residents. Please read the Davis dispatch to learn about other bills that Congresswoman Davis has signed. There is a new VA director, and she handles all of the benefits for our veterans in the area.

- d. **Planners Report by Karen Bucey:** Robert Leif participated in the consultant proposals for the Community plan update. We are currently in negotiations with the first place consultant. The community plan update will be focused and receive input from the Community Planning Group. The public will always be invited to every meeting. Each member of the Community Planning Group will have a seat on the board. When we start our community plan update, we may need to find another room, because it is so hard to find one. After the first draft of the existing conditions, there will be other pieces needing community input.

There were three Planning group members who attended the COW meeting last Saturday. It is important that all members attend this meeting in order for members to protect themselves from being held liable for decisions made on the board.

6. CONSENT ITEMS: None

7. Action Items:

- a) **Angled parking petition for West side of Evans Street between Commercial and L Street:** Mr. Cologne, a resident in the area spoke. Mr. Cologne made some remarks: This would increase parking by three spaces. One of the residents is conducting business out of his home, which is taking up more than his fair share of parking. The Projects Committee supported this proposal. This will help with the circulation of the neighborhood.

Motion by Pisano, seconded by Leif, MSC (8-0-0)

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (two minutes per Board member)

9. PLANNER'S REPORT

10. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. What can we do to have more members.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (two minutes per Board member on non-agenda items only)

- a. All members of this group may have a write up on our web page.
- b. With the solvency of SEDC, they are still going to be around but they are not. How are we going to take up the slack if there will be no more SEDC. There were 400 redevelopment agencies, but Redevelopment has been dissolved. There were two unique agencies, CCDC and SEDC. With the governors ruling, the other 390 were ordered to dissolve. CCDC and SEDC were not asked to. The issue now, is what is their role. CCDC has a little more potential for fund raising through permits. SEDC is a little bit more challenged. There are four people left on the staff. They will continue on operations for a little bit. The monetary resources to sustain them are gone. There are some housing funds. They believe funding can still be used for those projects. Could SEDC, be absorbed or merged into CCDC. There had to be a contract to do an affordable housing project. There had to be an exclusive negotiating agreement. It is those projects that might not have the resources, so you may have a merged effort in order to have the resources. SEDC will not be able to take on the power that CCDC has to issue permits at a cheaper rate.

ADJOURNMENT: by 7:55 p.m.