

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
University Town Center – Forum Hall
Executive Committee Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Minutes (Final)

Directors present: Janay Kruger (Chair), Kris Kopensky (Secretary), Milt Phegley (Membership Secretary), Charley Herzfeld, Linda Colley, Nan Madden, Deryl Adderson, Sam L. Greening, Jr., Doug Williamson, Marilyn Dupree, William Geckeler, Petr Krysl, Alice Tana, Sherry Jones, George Lattimer, Juan H. Lias, and Dan Monroe.

Directors absent: Peter Burch, Mark Young, Pat Wilson, Harry Walker, and UCSD Student Representative

- 1. Call Meeting to Order** – Janay Kruger (Chair) at 5:59 PM.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3. Agenda Adoption** – Doug Williamson raised a point of order concerning Action Item 14: Reconsideration of Stop Signs. He stated that our bylaws are silent with respect to a rehearing, therefore Robert's Rules of Order apply. Reconsideration is only permitted during the same meeting and hearing a previously approved item sets a dangerous precedent for our board. The Chair decided to remove the term "reconsideration", let the action item remain and rehear the matter.
- 4. Approval of July 13th Minutes** – Revision recommended by Charley Herzfeld to add "land use and housing commission" to section 7cii
Motion: motion to approve with changes by Linda Colley and seconded by Kris Kopensky.
Vote: Unanimous (Alice Tana, Sherry Jones, and Marilyn Dupree not in attendance for this vote).
- 5. Announcements** – Janay Kruger (chair), Emergency care facility coming soon, at Governor, Linda Colley, Bill Geckeler, Charley Herzfeld, and Janay Kruger volunteered to attend informational meetings.
- 6. SDPD Al Alvarez – Community Update**, absent.
- 7. Reports-**
 - a. **Membership - Milt Phegley** (Membership secretary) –
 - i. Forms on hand to sign up as UCPG general member.
 - ii. List on hand to document meeting attendance.
 - b. **UCSD – Milt Phegley**
 - i. Studying in process for Bed Tower project, no meeting as of yet.
 - ii. School starts September 21st.
 - c. **Councilperson Sherri Lightner Office** – Jesse Mays
 - i. Jesse defers to Sherry Lightner who speaks later in meeting.
 - d. **Supervisor Ron Roberts Office** – Woo Jin Shim
 - i. Vaccination clinics by county in various locations, flyers available.
 - ii. Re veterans hospital stop added to trolley route, Ron made presentation asking that SANDAG study this as well.
 - iii. Fire in East County a few weeks ago, able to use SDGE Sunbird Helicopter, helpful in putting out fire.
 - e. **Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher** – Nathan Fletcher spoke later in the meeting.
 - f. **53rd District** – absent.
 - g. **50th District** – absent.
 - h. **MCAS Miramar** - Juan H. Lias
 - i. Air show two weeks away, schedule: September 28 field to be closed for ops and show members arrive Wednesday and Thursday 29-30 practice, October 1-3 Air Show.

i. Planning Department – Dan Monroe

- i. Differed his time to presentation later in the meeting by Bill Anderson, also with San Diego Planning Department.

8. Public Comment

- i. Linda, thank you to Ed Baskin at city code compliance, came out to her street and checked hillsides near her home. Also received education on clearing brush.
- ii. Another member of the community shared that at Townpark Villas there is a problem with sprinklers, many paying large amount for water. Question of how water bills are paid and why yard sales are not allowed for outer rather than inner homes in that community, Janay Kruger to contact about issues.

9. Action Item: Request for Endorsement of Proposition C – Sherri Lightner

- i. Proposition C would amend 1998 voter approved proposition M to allow development without completion of all I-5 connectors.
- ii. 4 of 6 connectors complete remaining two wont happen until 2020 at earliest.
- iii. Per current rules, improvements can not be made. Ballot measure to resend development requirement.
- iv. Sherri Lightner submitted a proposal for an initiative on the November ballot, now known as Proposition C.
- v. Questions by Linda and George

Motion: Motion to recommend endorsement of Proposition C by George Lattimer, seconded by Linda Colley. **Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passed.**

10. Action Item: UTC phase I - Gregg Fitchitt

- i. Expansion approved in 2007 by UCPG, now plan to phase expansion.
- ii. Project adds 40k square feet, 4% of total current square footage.
- iii. Changes include redevelopment of Robinsons-May building, ground level to expand with fitness center, tripling size including basketball court and possibly a pool, mid level to house new retail, upper level to include cinema-14 screens.
- iv. Two other components of expansion include, remodel of common areas, new outdoor seating, and modernization, and renovation of food court and ice rink. Ice rink will be enclosed.
- v. In process of substantial conformance vs. permit.
- vi. Begin construction early next year with completion by December 2011 of food court, new retail in middle of 2012.
- vii. Milt question re how LRT works with plan, Petr question regarding parking plan, none planned with this phase, Resident question about public art, this is a possibility, question regarding downtime, very little intended, George question regarding differences in new plan vs. old, major change in not moving Nordstrom and Macy's, also changing use of Robinsons-May building, question from Marilyn regarding parking, loss of 40 stalls, concerned about parking with addition of retail space.

Motion: Motion to recommend approval contingent on review of construction and bus patterns by Alice Tana, seconded by Charley Herzfeld. **Vote: 13 to approve, 1 recusal by Sherry Jones, motion passed.**

11. Information Item: La Jolla Center III - Tom Sullivan

- i. Recently started technical studies.
- ii. Project to include new tower and parking structure.
- iii. Structure partially underground so at same level as existing.
- iv. EIR scoping meeting on the 21st of September.

- v. Question, George Geckeler regarding estimates on trips, Charley Herzfeld question regarding switching of land use from science research to office, also why currently zoned as residential, George Lattimer provided information on why the parcel zoned for residential.

12. Information Item: City update of the area FBA- Bill Anderson, SD Planning

- i. FBA being updated in several communities, not currently planned in UTC.
- ii. Reviewing major projects throughout city.
- iii. With current projects; UCSD Bed Tower, Costa Verde, Irvine Company, Westfield, natural gas facility, I-5 widening, Mid Coast Trolley, High Speed Rail, Regents Bridge, Genesee widening, regarding priorities, there is a need for community plan update, however funding is an issue. Must complete already planned plans which take us through 2012.
- iv. Recommendation from community re studying traffic.
- v. Linda Colley expressed concerns regarding open space as it regards to all proposed development, request for help on community plan update sooner.
- vi. Janay Kruger discussed hot items in community, requesting priority due to the large amount of growth in the area, Rose Canyon, Trolley, High Speed Rail are major issues and two major interchanges 805 and La Jolla Village Drive and Genesee and I-5 need focus as well.
- vii. Charley Herzfeld, question regarding type of environmental doc for Torrey Pines City Park. Bill Anderson's response was that it had not been decided which type of environmental document that they would proceed with.
- viii. George Lattimer, comment about UCPG actions and relevance to community plans as waivers have been made for example with Westfield. Bill Anderson's response was "I guess you could say that the plan is no longer relevant".
- ix. Janay Kruger, where FBA update is? Preliminary work done, waiting for word to move forward.

13. Information Item: SANDAG update bus route 30 and super loop - Dan Martin

- i. 900k vs. estimates of 350k in ridership.
- ii. Changed routes to serve La Jolla Colony and added stop at Aruba and Regents.
- iii. Route 30 was serving Nobel to La Jolla Village Drive was changed as not to duplicate routes.
- iv. Introductions.

14. Action Item: – Stop Signs at Soderblom and Bothe and Barkla - Bob Lischer

(regarding removal) and Christopher Martin (regarding no action)

- a. Bob Lischer
 - i. Discussion of traffic study, few speeders over 40 mph.
 - ii. Traffic dept originally declined.
 - iii. Discussion of reports stating that stop signs are not adequate means of controlling speeding.
 - iv. Inadequate notice given to the community in his opinion.
- b. Christopher Martin
 - i. History of complaints shows that issue exists, 400 vehicles over 35 mph per day in traffic study.
 - ii. Notice was given in UCPG agendas in April and May as well as public newsletter distributed to University City.
- c. Public Comment
 - i. Show of hands, approximately 10 for keeping stop signs and 15 for removing.
 - ii. Comments for and against.

- iii. Doug Williamson, comment on his experience.
- iv. Charley Herzfeld, comment on his experience.
- v. Discussion to continue study of 11 different items brought up by public summarized by Janay Kruger.

Motion: none.

15. Information Item: RFP for sale or lease of 80 acres east of I-805, City Property to construct a natural gas power plant, south of Miramar Road. RFP Due 8/17/10, 200, 300 megawatts - Russ Gibbons

- i. City feels that this is a potentially good location for a gas plant as there are existing power lines, a natural Gas pipeline, near by water reclamation plant, and the area is designated as open space due to proximity to MCAS Miramar.
- ii. Not allowed to discuss number of bidders.
- iii. Currently evaluating proposals, If RFP awarded, there would be at least two opportunities for public comment.
- iv. Several concerns on pollution and public health shared.
- v. 200 mw plant is proposed.
- vi. Concern about proximity to MCAS Miramar and accident potential.
- vii. Concern about environmental impact and mitigation
- viii. Question, who wrote RFP, answered that Russ Gibbons wrote it, Janay Kruger asked Juan Lias if MCAS Miramar has a position, not yet as there is no award of RFP, Janay Kruger asked to Russ Gibbons to find out and report back age of pipeline and would like involvement from the community.
- ix. Further public comment, all in opposition to use of land as a natural gas power plant.

16. Action Item: Action install angle parking on a portion of Esplanade Ct. - Janay Kruger

- i. Short term parking stalls on Esplanade Ct. currently provide for parallel parking.
- ii. Management of retail center at Costa Verde is requesting to convert to three angled parking stalls in lieu of the parallel stalls.

Motion: Motion to recommend approval of replacement of three parallel parking stalls for three angled stalls on Esplanade Ct. by Marilyn Dupree, seconded by Alice Tana. **Vote: 13 to approve, 1 against, motion passed.**

17. Adjourn – 10:31 PM

Submitted by:

Kristopher J. Kopensky, Secretary
University Community Planning Group