

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
University Town Center – Forum Hall
Executive Committee Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, June 10, 2014
Minutes

Directors present: Janay Kruger (JK) (Chair), Meagan Beale (MB) (Vice-Chair), Andrew Wiese (AW), Nancy Groves (NG), John Bassler (JB), Caryl Lees Witte (CW), Nan Madden (NM), (PW), Ash Nasser (AN), George Lattimer (GL), Donna Andonian (DA), Ryan Perry (RP), Jason Moorhead (JM), Kyle Heiskala (KH), Petr Krysl (PK), Lynne Guidoboni (LG), Bruce Rainey (BR), Kristin Camper (KC), Anu Delouri (AD) and, Dan Monroe (DM).

Directors absent: Pat Wilson (PW), Kris Kopensky (KK), Sam Greening (SG)

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Janay Kruger at 6:07 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Agenda Adoption –**
Motion: Motion to approve as presented by NM and seconded by NG.
Vote: Unanimous, motion passed.
4. **Approval of Minutes – May 2014**
Motion: Motion to approve by DA and seconded by JM. PK abstaining.
Vote: Unanimous, motion passed.
5. **Announcements Chair Letters/meetings, CPC**
 - a. SANDAG Workshop re Trolley Station design here on June, 10, 2014 from 3:00 – 6:00
 - b. Tour at UCSD 11:00 am – 2 pm includes Lunch and tour. Anyone welcome. Email Anu if wish to come. Anu will finalize in a couple weeks.
 - c. CPC Update: CIP – 4,000 projects. Planning groups noted.
 - d. Car share vehicle program – 385 cars to be expanded. Process noted.
 - e. Propositions requiring one block buffer zone from toxic chemicals in Barrio Logan did not pass.
 - f. There are two new members of planning commission and a new Chair.
6. VCalm machine request near UCHS previously submitted by Boy Scout discussed.
 - a. Following two options were noted:
 - Show 25 mph when students are in area.
 - Always show 45 mph.
 - b. Hope was noted that everyone agree with 25 mph blinking when students present.
 - c. Mel Millstein will get clarification as to if it can be enforced and mechanics to identify when students are present.
 - d. PK: How do you define times? Answer: School hours.
 - e. PK: Not sure how that can be enforced.
 - f. JK: Thought hour before school to hour after school.
 - g. RP: Suggested this include crosswalks.
 - h. Discussion ensued regarding cost and current crossing.
 - i. It was noted that there are 180 days of school.
 - j. Question raised as to how to monitor students present on Saturdays and other days.
 - k. BR: Suggested signs to clarify.
 - l. NM: Sign noting speed limit when children are present with VCalm to remind people to slow down.
 - m. JK: Can we stick with Eagle Scout request of 25 mph when children are present? Mel will have information tomorrow.
 - n. RP: Should be approved as traffic coming device with speed of street?
 - o. **Motion:** Approve traffic VCalm by RP and seconded by PK.
Vote: Unanimous.

7. SDPD –

- a. Introduction and update on community.
- b. Discussed VCalmed and traffic complaints, as well as junior and senior high walking patterns and pedestrian bridge at cost of \$2 million. It was noted that bridge was built in Carmel Ranch area that had less traffic.

8. Updates:

- a. **UCSD – Anu Delouri**
 - a. Update on water conservation – all UCSD working on high efficiency devices to lower water consumption.
 - b. Commencement June 14/15.
 - c. UC San Diego handout given re Update for Community Groups
 - d. Kyle reported that vote on transportation passes was passed with 71% in favor of regional passes.
- b. **Membership Report – John Bassler**
 - a. Reminder to sign in.
- c. **Councilperson Sherri Lightner Office – Mel Millstein**
 - a. Budget approved. Mayor Faulkner approved increase in police, library supplies, Governor traffic safety improvements, including left lane addition.
- d. **Mayor Faulkner's office.** Francis Barraza (Director of Appointments)
 - a. Meet the Mayor event on 16th at 5:00 with Shelly Zifferman.
 - b. JK: Sewer line down Genesee full. New 18" sewer line to be built in segments at night so all lanes will be open during the day.
 - c. Question: What is timeline?
 - d. JK: Begin next week and is 6-12 month process. Should be finished well before the trolley building begins.
 - e. Question: What is taking place on South Genesee? Answer: Temporary sound wall being added during construction.
 - f. Noted that South Regents widening going forward to start end of year or shortly after that.
- e. **Supervisor Dave Roberts – Wesley Moore - Absent**
- f. **State Senator Marty Block – Alison Don**
 - a. 13 of Senator Block's bills included 15 community colleges.
 - b. Senator Block attended Jewish event.
 - c. Noted newsletters available.
- g. **Assemblywoman "Speaker" Toni Atkins – Deanna Spehn**
 - a. Sacramento news: Water supply reported and benefits of storage facilities that have been built was identified.
 - b. Ground water access is under discussion. (If well was built before certain time, there is no water limit).
 - c. 80% of water used by agriculture and business. Noted that agriculture does conserve.
 - d. Question re fracking use – Answer noted that earthquakes limit options and benefits of fracking. 1/3 less benefit than previously thought.
 - e. Water District and Rosarito beach to benefit by desalination plant being worked on.
 - f. Water being moved across the border not regulated currently.
 - g. Deana will attend meetings every other month.
 - h. Speaker Atkins will term out in 2 years.
- h. **52nd District, Congressman Scott Peters- Absent.**
- i. **MCAS Miramar – Juan Lias/K. Campa**
 - a. Involved with the fires.
 - b. Water and fire important to base.
 - c. Drill being worked on between communities.

- j. NUC Facilities Financing Amendment Update** – Megan Sheffield, Project Mgr.
 - a. City is moving forward with financing for Transportation Phasing Plan and City is proposing to move Threshold 2 projects into Threshold 3 project group so that transportation study can be done.
 - b. JK: Noted that Esplanade and Monte Verde projects not on the list. Both approved, but not submitted.
 - c. Debby Knight: Concerned that we did not get to see this ahead of time and does not agree that traffic study needs to be rushed now and the length of time it will take.
 - d. JK: There will be hearings for discussion.
 - e. Megan: Push by counsel to get done and is not sure of timeframes, but will get back.
 - f. PK: What is scope?
 - g. Megan: This is being discussed and does not have date when it will go to counsel. Will not happen with the next two months.
 - h. Debby Knight: Is this a unilateral decision to go?
 - i. Megan: This is preemptive to be ahead.
 - j. Debby Knight: Objects to abrupt change of plan and noted concerns re possibility to have something changed by sleight of hand without clear priority.
 - k. JK: Noted that developers need to have some certainty that they will be able to get building permits.
 - l. Suggestion: Have traffic study done when school is in session and not during summer when traffic is less.
 - m. AW: Is there a sense from the board that phasing would not change until traffic study is complete?
 - n. PK: Can add to agenda in July as action study.
 - o. Megan: They are not going to go forward soon.
 - p. Megan: 1997 transportation study is not cutting it.
 - q. PK: Why can't we do transportation study without changing phasing plan?
 - r. Megan: Maybe have 2 year limit to get done.
 - s. What is scope? Do not want any surprises or political agendas.
 - t. Discussion continued to July UCPG meeting.

k. Planning Department – Dan Monroe – No report.

9. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items 3 minutes per speaker

- a. July 4th University City Celebration at Standley Park announcement and flyer discussed.
- b. August 28th Golden Triangle Arts & Craft Beer Festival at Nobel Athletic Fields & Recreation Center announcement and flyer discussed.

10. Information Item: Westfield Transit Center

- a. Westfield representative:** John Alderson – Project Manager.
 - a. Introduction given of Westfield project and offer to answer questions.
 - b. Westfield Project entails Westfield property.
 - c. Working together with SANDAG and MTS, etc. on design, costs, etc.
 - d. Noted subcommittee and work done based on input given by subcommittee.
- b. SANDAG representatives:** Greg Gastelum & Frank Owsigny Engineering
 - a. Greg Gastelum: Relayed collaboration with Westfield. Discussed design and Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project.
- c. MTS representative:** Mark Thompson – Planning – Responsible for bus service.
 - a. Described proposed Regional Transit Center in UTC located on Genesee between Esplanade and Nobel Drive.
 - b. 18 busses with new bus controlled signal and interface with trolley utilizing 11 bus bays.
 - c. Operating 770 trips a day (combined 335 each way) from UTC during the main part of the day between 5:45 am – 6:45 pm. Noted there is also a 10:30 pm later route and one just after midnight.
 - d. Passengers include SuperLoop – 1.5 million passengers a year.

- d.** John Alderson noted that new Transit Center enables easier in and out during shopping hours.
- e.** Question asked that if in planning process a route can come off of 805, down Governor. PK noted that this will be topic later and that today is to discuss in and out functions at UTC.
- f.** Reviewed UTC Transit Center slides that showed drawing of Esplanade and bus in and out drives. Noted signage with electronic signs.
 - a.** Transit Center Conceptual Design slide described how buses come south down Genesee and turn left into transit center with signal that is bus controlled. Noted layover and services area and coverage area by overhang.
 - b.** Question: Where is trolley platform? Answer: Elevated above Genesee.
 - c.** Question: How close is trolley platform to Nobel? Answer: ½ block.
 - d.** It was noted that it is not expected to be disruptive.
 - e.** Question: How far away is driveway from Costa Verde? Concerned about people coming out of Costa Verde and cutting over to left to make left turn at light at Genesee and Nobel. Answer: Did not think that will be affected by bus light.
 - f.** Noted that connection to platform from bridges to be shown later.
 - g.** Question re location of sidewalk along Transit Center. Answer: Sidewalk diverted through Transit Center. Curb on outside with grass and landscaping currently planned.
 - h.** PK asked Mark if that is OK with him and he said yes.
 - i.** It was noted that buses with longer layovers can utilize bus layover area and terminals will be designated to be clear for passengers.
 - j.** Noted that Esplanade pedestrian crossing will only be on one side.
 - k.** Next slide noted light rail (trolley) station elevation. Shaded area signifies elevated light rail and will continue a little south of Costa Verde.
 - l.** Question re height. Answer: Higher than 22 feet to account for slope of Genesee.
- m.** Noted working on details of accessing light rail and parking structure access.
- n.** Discussion re fare paid zone.
- o.** Noted will come back in a month or two with further design.
- p.** John Alderson described option of getting off light rail and walking through parking garage with elevator option.
- q.** Crossing options from Costa Verde to UTC discussed with example of walking from Roy's to UTC.
- r.** Safety issue of trolleys was noted.
- s.** Discussion ensued re bridge options for each quadrant.
- t.** AW noted that desire was that pedestrians be able to cross from Costa Verde side to UTC and asked if we can have assurance that it will be free to cross platform. Answer: Not able to give assurance or guarantee, however, is part of the plan to allow passage. Will be out again and working with us on this.
- u.** PK: What is the length of the train? Answer: Space is 350 feet.
- v.** Debby Knight: Can buses exit both entrances or only one? Answer: Traffic engineer is skeptical of separate exits and there might be only one.
- w.** What is impact if all buses had to exit at one light? Answer: Fewer buses can exit.
- x.** Noted that 4 high volume routes go south.
- y.** John Alderson: Comments coming back from City this week. Will be reviewing with subcommittee.
- z.** John Alderson: Parking is one of Westfield's main concerns. For example, how to control benefits of patrons vs. 8 hour parking used to go somewhere else.
- aa.** JK: Problem is loading everything on Genesee side.
- bb.** Gibson Report was requested and John Alderson noted should have by Friday.

- cc.** KH: Requested bike access via elevator platforms and ramps. Gutter on stairs for bikes was noted as an option for consideration.
- dd.** It was noted that it would be helpful to see circulation throughout the site and John Alderson noted that he can pull that together to share and that Westfield presentation will be coming soon to UCPG board.
- ee.** Discussion re 5 story parking garages to accommodate 800 cars.
- ff.** Noted that 260 parking spaces to be designated for trolley on Westfield property and is not showing in current project plan. Question: Will that be an additional parking structure? Answer: To be resolved later.
- gg.** Question: Is La Jolla Village Square a parking option for trolley riders? Answer: Funding needs to include 260 parking spaces.
- hh.** PK noted that Westfield subcommittee not fully comfortable with drawings.
- ii.** John Alderson noted that comments from City will generate another submittal and there will be a formal event in future.
- jj.** PK noted that for Subcommittee the major part of design discussion relates to parking, design and trips on Genesee.
- kk.** John Alderson: Next thing to do is go to Qualcomm to test planning.
- ll.** Noted that reimbursement agreement does not stop from going forward.
- mm.** Question: Will trolley and bus passes be given to Westfield employees? Answer: Yes, to eligible employees. Criteria to be determined.
- nn.** Question: Are there any plans to incorporate bus to UTC from South UC Park and Ride to tie into Transit Center? Answer: Not at this time.
- oo.** Shuttle service option discussed. Noted used to be bus service to Charger games. MTS noted that it is based on level of demand. Was discontinued earlier due to low level of demand, however, may increase with changes.

11. Action Item: Verizon PTS 361916

Presenter

- a.** Described new project with handouts re proposed antennas façade mounted behind proposed screen boxes finished to match existing building.
- b.** PK: Who owns building? Answer: Sanfried Bergman
- c.** Is in industrial zone. Noted 350 ft. zone.
- d.** How many antennas? Answer: 12
- e.** All screened as shown? Answer: Yes
- f.** **Motion:** Motion to approve by PK, seconded by JB with JM abstaining.
- g.** **Vote: Unanimous**

12. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- a. High Speed Rail** – Sam Greening – No report
- b. Bicycle Safety/Paths** – Peter Krysl/Andy Wiese – No report.
- c. Westfield Shopping Center Phase 2** – Andy Wiese
 - a.** Included in Westfield discussions above.
- d. FBA/DIF Committee**
 - a.** On hold for traffic report

13. Old Business/New Business

- a.** Trolley Station Design Workshop to be confirmed for July 8th from 3-6 pm.
- b.** Kilroy Project, Alexandria, The Children’s Workshop/CUP., University Apts.
- c.** East (27 apartments), Alegria Homes

14. Adjourn - 8:40 pm

Submitted by:

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