

Morena Corridor Specific Plan – Clairemont Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Meeting #3 Summary

Date: August 17, 2015

The third Clairemont Community Planning Group Morena Specific Plan Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was held August 17th. Chairperson Margie Schmidt gave a welcome, introduction, and presented the agenda and format for the meeting. Brooke Peterson, Project Manager, PlaceWorks (consultant), presented and discussed the Vision Statement and Guiding Principles for the Specific Plan. Michael Prinz, Senior Planner/Project Manager, City of San Diego Planning Department, presented the existing land uses, zoning, and adopted community plan land uses within the corridor for discussion.

Provided below is a summary list of comments provided by community members at the meeting. The comments are organized by general topic areas.

VISION STATEMENT/GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Important to focus on infrastructure
- Important to ensure affordable housing options
- Enhance access to mass transit and walkability
- Improve aesthetic standard for new development
- Discourage parking spillover into community
- Ensure minimal residential density
- Provide concrete design guidelines
- Improve sidewalks on residential streets
- Ensure adequate parking for all new development
- Provide a balance between restaurant and retail traffic
- Highlight the historic aspects of the 1920s and 1930s subdivisions
- Provide more specifics on public amenities
- Ensure modernization of review process

- Establish a connection to Mission Bay and the resort hotel
- Statement should address the Plan's geographic boundary
- "This is a good description of Little Italy, but it doesn't reflect the community of Bay Park"
- Principles need clear definition
- Importance of public safety

LAND USE ASSESSMENT

- Maintain the existing neighborhood character between Clairemont Drive and Asher Street
- Build on the success stories of the restaurant and shops along Ashton St. and Napier St., including Siesal's, LUCE, Bay Park Fish Co. and others as examples of quality community gathering places.
- Identified the community's need for a public community gathering place such as a pocket park
- Create a pocket park/plaza in the area near Siesal's and find opportunities for public plazas in other places along the corridor
- Find opportunity for joint use with schools to increase active open space opportunities
- Need to provide adequate parking commensurate with restaurant and shop uses as well as any new residential development
- Consider a local shuttle service that loops through shop/restaurant areas and back to the trolley station to better connect the village area with transit
- Consider long-term water supply and ability to provide water to serve future residents
- The properties designated as Mobile Home Park could serve as sites for mixed-income housing
- The properties designated s Mobile Home Park could provide new housing that connects to the trolley.
- Consider the need for affordable housing opportunities within the southern portion of the Corridor.
- Consider a variety of housing types closer to the Tecolote trolley station.

