

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SERRA MESA PLANNING GROUP February 20, 2015 – February 19, 2016

Officers elected on April 16, 2014: Cindy Moore, Chair; Bob McDowell, Vice Chair; Bob Crider, Secretary.  
Subcommittees: SMPG Bylaws Revision Subcommittee, Improving Mission Village Drive Subcommittee, Genesee Avenue Widening Subcommittee, Franklin Ridge Road Connection EIR Subcommittee.

## Administrative Issues:

- Met 10 times. Cancelled meetings: June 18 and October 15.
- Improving Mission Village Drive Subcommittee – Met February 26.
- Filled openings by electing Denise Davidson on July 16, Rochelle Freeman-Zuniga on September 17, Tony Guerra and Bryce Niceswanger on January 21.
- Resignations: Mark Perry in August; Tom Wright in January.

## Project Review:

- Easement Vacation to vacate three separate water easements with Lot 1 of Rady's Children Hospital – Passed motion to approve the vacation on March 19.
- One Paseo Referendum – Passed motion on April 16 indicating concern that the City Council by ignoring the significant impacts of the project threatens the integrity of the community planning process, community plans, and community planning boards, and urged that approval of One Paseo be reconsidered.
- Climate Action Plan
  - Presentation on April 16 – Decided further information was needed
  - Review on August 20 – Decided Bob Crider would write a draft letter for review and approval on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Review of Draft EIR – Passed motion on September 17 to endorse the plan.
- EIR Stadium Reconstruction Project
  - Scope – Passed motion on July 16 Asking that the Serra Mesa Community (excluding Birdland area) be added to the EIR study.
  - Draft EIR – Main concern was that although Serra Mesa is near the stadium site and is affected by stadium traffic and noise, the EIR ignored impacts to Serra Mesa. Decided Cindy Moore would write draft letter for review and approval at September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Draft EIR – Passed motion on September 17 to approve draft letter and response.
- Cardinal Drive Storm Drive – Passed motion on July 16 to approve the need to replace and widen the storm drain.
- Mazzika Hookah Lounge On-Site Beer License (located at 8690 Aero Drive in Kearny Mesa) – Passed motion on August 20 to recommend approval of the license.
- Citygate Report on Fire Station Funding – Passed motion on December 17 to approve the program as presented with the exception that the Serra Mesa site be presented to SMPG before being approved by the City.
- Conditional Use Permit for a private K-12<sup>th</sup> Educational Facility at 8401-8461 Aero Drive – Passed motion on January 21 to support the project unless there are significant changes.

## Special Projects:

- Bylaws Revisions Subcommittee – Passed motion on March 19 to approve the changes presented by the subcommittee with flexibility to pass non-consequential errors. City requirements necessitated a review of the bylaws. Passed motion on February 18 to approve additional revisions.
- Prioritizing Facilities Financing Projects – Passed motion on May 21 to support the following high priority items: Mission Village Drive sidewalks Ronda to Qualcomm Stadium, Genesee Avenue Widening Between the SR 163, Community Center (conversion of current library site), Serra Mesa Community Park Recreation Building, Fire Station #28, and Ruffin Canyon Trail; and to remove the Hickman Field items.

- Ruffin Road Improvement – Passed motion on May 21 to add sharrows to Ruffin Road while waiting for future funds to become available to implement a bicycle lane.
- Unfinished South Side of Broadstone – Passed motion approved on July 16 to send a letter to the Kearny Mesa Planning Group indicating that the exterior wall on the top floor looks unfinished to the Serra Mesa community directly south and southwest of it.
- Naming the native habitat garden next to Taft Middle School and at the entrance to Ruffin Canyon on Gramercy Avenue “The Bonnie Hough Native Habitat Garden” and placing a memorial boulder with a plaque in memory of Bonnie Hough at the entrance to the garden and Ruffin Canyon – Passed motion on July 16 passed to send a letter of support.
- Three Way Stop Sign at Hammond and Ediwhar or Other Traffic Calming Measures – Discussion on July 16 focused on advantages of stop sign vs speedbumps. Decided to table item until traffic study completed.
- Top Three Serra Mesa Neighborhood Issues – Passed motion on August 20 to approve the following list (listed in no particular order): Completion of Ruffin Canyon Trail, Upgrading of Fire Station #28, Birdland Traffic Issues, Undeveloped lots in Serra Mesa (all privately owned).
- Improving Mission Village Drive Subcommittee – Established on August 20. Passed motion on September 17 to present suggestion from the subcommittee meeting to City Councilmember Scott Sherman.
- Genesee Avenue Widening Subcommittee – Established on August 20. The subcommittee chair resigned so subcommittee is inactive.
- Gateway Sign Design at Sandrock Road – Passed motion on November 19 selecting the design #3 (the sign indicating the canyons). Suggested that the sign be reflective or use solar energy and be two-sided.
- Franklin Ridge Road Connection EIR Subcommittee – Established on November 19.
- Hammond Drive Traffic Calming Subcommittee – Established on January 21.
- Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library Solar Project – Passed motion on February 18 to support the revised design with the condition that the City plant trees near the library on the path to the Serra Mesa Recreation Center.
- All Way Stop Sign at Hammond/Ediwhar – Discussed on February 18 but no action taken.

#### **Presentations:**

- One Paseo Project in Carmel Valley on March 19
- City of San Diego, Public Utilities – Review Cost of Service Study on September 17
- Decision Making Process for Franklin Ridge Connection EIR– Reviewed City provided information sheet detailing the process on November 19
- Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library Solar Project on December 17

#### **Planning Group Objectives:**

Communications – The Serra Mesa Planning Group agenda is posted on the Serra Mesa website and an email announcing the agenda is sent to 1500+ people. Additionally, for any agenda item that has an impact on residents a flyer is distributed door-to-door if possible. Minutes are posted on the Serra Mesa website. SMPG articles are placed in the bimonthly community newsletter, *Serra Mesa Observer*, which is mailed to subscribers and available online.

#### **Future Objectives:**

- Border rationalization (refers to northern border between Serra Mesa and Kearny Mesa)
- Redevelopment of old library at 3440 Sandrock Road