Kearny Mesa Planning Group
Kearny Mesa/Serra Mesa Public Library

Minutes for Meeting of May 18, 2022

Planning Group Members in Attendance:

☒Derek Applbaum ☒Juan Arriaga ☒Robyn Badilla ☐Dave Dilday
☒Lori Lents ☒Dana Hooper ☒Christie Riley ☐Tana Lorah
☐Meridith Marquis ☐John Mulvihill ☐Tim Nguyen ☐Jack Slagle
☒Karen Ruggels ☒Jeff Sallen ☐Isaac Wang ☐Paul Yung

Community Members in Attendance:

Rosa Kwon, Officer Dave Gibson, Michaela Valk, Elizabeth Ward, Matthew Phy, Will Rhatiga, Jeff Dosick, Kent Lee, Joe Ippolito, Skyler Tennis, Luke Nguyen, Steve Gelb, Sheldon Zemen, Sage Olson, Lisa Lind and Diana Lara.

1. **Call to Order:** The Meeting was brought to order at 11:36 AM by Jeff Sallen, Chair of the Kearny Mesa Planning Group.

2. **Meeting Minutes:** The Meeting Minutes from April 2022 were shared with all participants. A motion to approve the minutes was given and the minutes were approved (5-0-2)

3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** Jeff Sallen asked if there were any public comments.

   o Kent Lee introduced himself to the group and attendees. He is running as a democrat for San Diego City Council District 6. The website of his campaign is: kentleeforsd.com.
   o Following Kent's introduction, Rosa Kwon with the Kearny Mesa Library provided a brief update on library operations. She indicated that the library is now fully open.
   o Police Officer Dave Gibson took the floor and gave a brief overview of the past month's crime report.
   o Diana Lara introduced herself as representative of Toni G. Atkins office.
   o Michaela Valk participated as representative of the Mayor's office.
   o Sheldon Zemen provided updates from Councilmember Chris Cate's office.

4. **Informational Item(s)**:

   o Everett Hauser from The City of San Diego will presented on upcoming Convoy Street Paving, Parking and Multi-Modal Improvement Coordination. Also informed the group of upcoming parking study that will provide recommendations and options regarding parking in Convoy Street.

5. **Action Item(s):**

    o   Skyler Tennis (Vice President) w/EnerSmart presented and sought a vote from the Planning Group on the below project:

    The project located in Dagget St. will provide voltage support to the San Diego Gas & Electric ("SDG&E") transmission line passing near the project site via underground utility feeders (to lower the chances of a local blackout) and provide power to the grid during times of peak demand (lowering prices to the end user, and reducing the chances of a brownout). It should be noted that the battery storage use does not generate electricity. The system will store up to 6 MWh of power, which will be used to:

    - Regulate Frequency - The battery storage project will be highly reliable and decrease the likelihood of a local power outage by providing frequency stability to the SDG&E power grid. A reliable power grid is essential for local residents and the economy.

    - Increase the grid's capacity for renewable energy sources - Allow more renewable energy resources to be placed on the grid by helping stabilize SDG&E's system. This plays a crucial role in assisting with California's goal to achieve 100% renewable power by 2045. Our project will have zero emissions, use no water, and have no negative environmental or air quality impacts.

    - Level/Lower Cost of Power (A goal of the County's Strategic Energy Plan) – By charging during periods of low demand/low cost, and discharging during periods of high demand/high cost, this project will not only help lower the cost of power, but will also help lower the risk of potential downtime for local businesses.

    - Cleaner Air and Increased Public Safety - Our project will increase public safety and create cleaner air by allowing more renewable energy to displace power generation from nuclear, coal, and gas-fired facilities.

    A motion to support the project was proposed and the motion was approved (6-0-2).

6. **Adjournment to next regular meeting:** June 15, 2022. Jeff Sallen thanked everyone for attending and concluded the meeting.