

SAN YSIDRO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
Minutes from November 16, 2009

1. Call to order: At 5:32 p.m. Chairman Michael Cather called meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present: I. Adato (5:56 pm); J. Barajas; M. Cather, T. Currie; M. Freedman; B. Gonzalez; J. Goudeau, A. Gunderson; S. Otto; M. Paul (5:50 pm); A. Perez, F. Sanchez, J. Wyman.

Absent: S. Gonzalez; R. Moran

Quorum of 11 present at Call to Order & Item 2.

Quorum of 13 present for Items 6.a, 6.b, 6.c.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by M. Freedman and seconded by A. Gunderson to approve the minutes of September 21, 2009. Motion Passed (11-0-0) Yes: J. Barajas, M. Cather, T. Currie, M. Freedman, B. Gonzalez, J. Goudeau, A. Gunderson, S. Otto, A. Perez, F. Sanchez, J. Wyman. Noes: None. Abstain: None.

3. Agenda Modifications: **None.**

4. Announcements:

a) Vacancies: None.

b) Chairman: Announced that election for 7 seats will be held on March 15, 2010. A public notice with details was distributed with this month's agenda. There were no other announcements from the Chairman.

c) Group Members: T. Currie: SY Chamber meeting Wednesday November 25 at 8 a.m. at Hometown Buffet; Mary Salas will be guest speaker.  
A. Gunderson: Casa Familiar's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov 19 starting 4 p.m. Donations and volunteers for the expected 1300+ meals to be served.

d) City Officials: Yolanda Apalategui of Council President Ben Hueso's office:  
(a) New lights at Larsen Field at a total cost of \$750,000 from DIF Funds.  
(b) Traffic signal at Smythe Crossing and Beyer Blvd, \$316,000 for design and construction.  
(c) "Green Start" project with funding to rehab 25 homes for energy efficiency; funds from Redevelopment Agency - contracted to Urban Corps.  
(d) 2 police officers will be targeting the area for wildcatters at the Border, and will do a once a month undercover.

e) Members of the Public:

1. David Alvarez - Introduced himself as a candidate for City Council District 8. No discussion in accordance with Council Policy 600-24 and SYCPG Bylaws.

5. Public Comment: None.

6. Docket Items:

- a. **Infrastructure and Public Improvement Project Recommendations:** Mr. Steve Otto presented for the Subcommittee. SYCPG reviewed a set of suggested infrastructure and public improvement “projects.” The projects would be paid for from Redevelopment funds. During the discussion the subcommittee provided input in terms of prioritization and ranking criteria. **A motion was made by M. Freedman and seconded by S. Otto to recommend the Redevelopment Agency consider the [attached] list of projects for immediate implementation. Motion Passed (13-0-0). Yes: I. Adato, J. Barajas, M. Cather, T. Currie, M. Freedman, B. Gonzalez, J. Goudeau, A. Gunderson, S. Otto, M. Paul, A. Perez, F. Sanchez, J. Wyman. Noes: one. Abstain: None.**
- b. **Recommendation for CUP for a Type 20 Liquor License:** Mr. Robert Zakar presented. Gas station market located at 121 San Ysidro Blvd. in CSR-2 zone of San Ysidro Planned District. Applicant is requesting a recommendation from SYCPG for a Conditional Use Permit (Type 20 Liquor License for beer and wine off-sales, i.e.; take out only) within an existing service station and convenience store. J. Goudeau advised SYCPG that Mr. Zakar is a former tenant of the company for which she is employed. The Liquor License is being purchased from the gas station/convenience store across San Ysidro Blvd because the store from which the license is being purchased will no longer be selling alcoholic beverages. This CUP will be for a term of 15 years. M. Freedman recommended a 10 year term to allow for future SYCPG review of operations and any problems that may result. **A motion was made by B. Gonzalez and seconded by T. Currie to recommend support of a CUP for a Type 20 Liquor License for a term of 15 years. Motion Passed (12-1-0). Yes: I. Adato, J. Barajas, M. Cather, T. Currie, B. Gonzalez, J. Goudeau, A. Gunderson, S. Otto, M. Paul, A. Perez, F. Sanchez, J. Wyman. Noes: M. Freedman. Abstain: None.**
- c. **Update to Community Plan Update Committee:** Ms. Sara Lyons, Senior Planner, City of San Diego City Planning & Community Investment Department presented. CP&CI has identified for discussion other agencies that they would like to include in the Community Plan Update committee which presently consists of the SYCPG only. The agencies suggested are: SY School District board member, CalTrans, MTS, SANDAG, CBP/GSA, The action item is to revise the Community Plan Update Committee so it would consist of “the SYCPG, acting as a committee of the whole, plus others.” The “others” would be *ex officio* (i.e., advisory) members with the right of debate but no voting rights. **A motion was made by I. Adato and seconded by M. Freedman to invite interested parties as ex officio advisory, but would not count toward a quorum, or have voting rights. Motion passed (13-0-0). Yes: I. Adato, J. Barajas, M. Cather, T. Currie, M. Freedman, B. Gonzalez, J. Goudeau, A. Gunderson, S. Otto, M. Paul, A. Perez, F. Sanchez, J. Wyman. Noes: None. Abstain: None.**

7. Representative Reports:

- a. SY POE Expansion & Reconfiguration (Adato): No Meeting.
- b. SY Smart Border Coalition (Otto): A meeting will be held tomorrow with CBP Paul Morris attending. Greyhound was informed that they would not be vacating their building until December 2010. There's a delay to the Pedestrian Bridge because of a need to complete a land swap with CalTrans. The Bridge Deck has 3 possible funding sources. Congressman Filner is working on funding for the Intermodal project.
- c. Community Planners Committee (Cather/Otto): Discussion on Medical Marijuana dispensaries and the City's Task Force regarding Land Use and Zoning for that use.
- d. Otay Mesa Planning Group (Paul)- No Meeting.
- e. Transportation Collaborative (Goudeau)- No Meeting.
- f. SY Project Area Committee (PAC) (Freedman) - September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting a vote was taken on eminent domain authorization which was defeated by a 3 to 3 tie vote. Also, the PAC By-laws were approved. Storefront Improvement Program (SIP) is recommending a new program with a zero interest loan paying a third of the cost of improvements up to \$20,000, with the loan forgivable in 5 years. The program was passed unanimously by the PAC.

9. Other Items: The San Ysidro Land Port of Entry Mobility Study Group would like to make a presentation before the SYCPG in December. A Special Meeting will be called on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Front at 5:30 p.m. for the presentation of the Mobility Study. The SYCPG meeting of December 21<sup>st</sup> is canceled.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Goudeau Secretary