

SOUTHEASTERN SAN DIEGO PLANNING GROUP (SSDPG)

Minutes

February 10, 2014

1. **CALL TO ORDER (6:09PM), ROLL CALL, AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Paul Sweeney, Suzanne Leif, Xavier Aguirre, Robert Leif, Vincent Noto, Reynaldo Pisaño, Maria Riveroll, Jerry Moss, Sr., and Erik Anderson (7:00PM),
2. **Approval of the Agenda – Motion: To approve the Agenda as presented.**
S. Leif/Noto MSC 8/0/0
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
4. **STAFF REPORTS:** None

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. **Approval of the Minutes for January 13th, 2014 - Motion: To approve the Minutes as presented.**
Pisaño/S. Leif MSC 8/0/0

Special Guest Speaker:

Dan McAllister-San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector:

Presentation:

- Responsible for all 18 cities in the County plus the rural areas.
- In 2013, \$4.55 Billion was collected in property taxes for 918,000 parcels.
- \$4.83 Billion is projected for 2014.
- 216,000 tax assessment appeals were granted in 2013.
- The economy in San Diego is slowly recovering.
- House sales have accelerated.
- Limited number of units available in San Diego. No new housing stock has been built in the City for a few years.
- Office speaks 16 different languages.
- One of jobs of his office is to educate homebuyers as to why property taxes are necessary.
- Last year the office collected 98% of taxes due.
- A professional auctioneer runs the annual delinquent (5-year) tax properties. Check out the property prior to bidding. Will be held at 8:30AM on March 19th.
- School Districts regularly issue bonds to sustain their structures. There are 42 school districts in San Diego County and 5 Community College Districts. Their debt service is paid through our property taxes.
- 10:1 pay-back ratio in some of their debt, not a good debt for us. Some are 23:1 in northern.
- Now, none of their debt is over 4:1 pay-back ratio.
- Senator Hueso is supportive of the legislation to regulate the terms of the debt 25 years, not 40 years and the set ceiling ratio be restricted to 4:1.
- Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez is also supportive of this legislation.
- On-line is the best and fastest way to pay your tax bill.
- We manage \$8 Billion dollars in our office.

Committee Concerns:

1. Is there anything that we can do to increase the cut that the City receives? (*Response: no*).

2. Why is there is still a redevelopment fund? (*Response: part of the funds are being used to pay off the obligations that were taken over by Oversight Board for Projects that were already underway. We are not funding new projects, only performing debt service*).
3. My family has owned the property forever and when I inherited, the taxes were re-assessed. I inherited from someone other than a parent. (*Response: The only is exclusion is parent-child, there is no other exclusion*).
4. Remodeling is in progress at the County building.
5. Suggestion to make their software compatible with the City's.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED:

B. CANDIDATE FORUM:

Fill one vacancy on the Board. Steve Veach is willing fill this seat with the understanding that once a qualified, interested party is found, he will step down.

- As soon as a General Member becomes eligible to run for the Board Membership, Steve will tender his resignation via email to the Chair.

Motion to elect Steve Veach to the Board.

R. Leif/Sweeney

MSC 9-0-0

INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Planner's Report: None.

B. Chair's Report:

1. Report on Traffic Calming: 4-way stop sign will be installed at 22nd and K Streets. A 4-way stop sign has been installed at 30th Street and Logan Avenue.
2. Sherry Brooks sent an email, she was not able to attend tonight.
 - 1) A lighting ceremony for the Southcrest will held on Feb, 27 11:00AM at Beta and 38th Streets pending confirmation from the Interim Mayor.
 - 2) 2 minor corrections had to be made to the brush management zone map for Southcrest Trails scheduled with Hearing Officer in March or April.

Groundwork wants to develop a bike trail from Southcrest Trails to connect with the Bayshore Multi-use Trail AND to have the Chollas Creek declared a Regional Park.

ADJOURNMENT S.Leif/Noto

Maria Riveroll, Chair (619) 264-5373