

SOUTHEASTERN SAN DIEGO PLANNING GROUP (SSDPG)

MINUTES

Monday, October 12, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Southeastern San Diego Planning Group website:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/southeasternsd>

This Planning Group covers the area south of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freeway (Highway 94), east of Interstate 5, north of the border of National City, and west of Interstate 805. It includes the communities of Sherman Heights, Logan Heights, Grant Hill, Memorial, Stockton, Mount Hope, Mountain View, Southcrest, and Shelltown.

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:06pm), ROLL CALL, AND INTRODUCTIONS

Myron Taylor, Dale Huntington, Chelsea Klaseus, Lamont Pargo, Aaron Magagna, Jasmine Mallen, Terry Sullivan, Louise Torio, Oscar Gomez, Reggie Womack

2. ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda. MSC Torio/Huntington MSC 8-0-0

3. MEETING MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Motion to approve the March 2020 Election Meeting Minutes. MSC Torio/Klaseus 4-0-2 (Huntington, Magagna)

Motion to approve the March 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. MSC Torio/Taylor 4-0-2 (Huntington, Magagna)

Motion to approve the July 2020 Meeting Minutes. MSC Taylor/Magagna 8-0-0

Motion to approve the July 2020 Officer Election Minutes. MSC Torio/Klaseus 8-0-0

Motion to approve the September 2020 Meeting Minutes. Taylor/Pargo 7-0-1 (Klaseus)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public may speak on matters not on the agenda, for a maximum of up to **two minutes**.

Louise Torio – Quarterly Villa Montezuma tour unable to happen due to COVID-19. Still planning for the October 24, 2020 cemetery tour. For more information visit www.villamontezumamuseum.com

Kathleen Lippitt – spoke about addictive products

Becky Rapp – Spoke about the Community Planning Committee municipal code updates.

5. REPORTS

A. Elected Officials' Staff Reports (Districts 4, 8, and 9)

Council District 4 – Erik Hansen: Attached and spoke about the CD4 newsletter, mentioned that the next MTS Board Meeting will take place on 10/16/20, listed locations people can drop off election ballots, and talked about the energy franchise agreement coming back to City Council. He also talked about the Climate Equity Index and "Communities of Concern."

Council District 8. – None.

Council District 9 – None.

B. Central Division and Southeastern Division Police Updates: SDPD emailed crime statistics and mentioned the Art Walk planned for 10/16/2020. Also mentioned that City parks are now open and Park & Recreation Department feels the need to “take their parks back” as there has been homeless activity and criminal activity while they were dormant due to COVID. It will take a lot of energy to get them back to function or families and activities.

C. City Departments – None.

D. Civic San Diego – None.

E. Chair Report – None.

F. Community Planning Committee Representative Report – None.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Groundwork San Diego Chollas Creek <https://groundworksandiego.org/>

Information on Groundwork’s award of the Kresge Foundation Grant in supporting Climate Safe Neighborhoods and partnerships to make communities more resilient to extreme heat and flooding and making a difference in San Diego. Encouraging and engagement of community members, residents, stakeholders and the SSDPG Board Members to advocate and make a difference for improvements in the community, increased quality of life in a livable community to meet the needs of community members now and in the future.

Presented by: Patrice Baker, Community Outreach Director

B. Public Power San Diego Updates (<https://www.publicpowersd.org/>)

The Mayor’s Office opened the auction for the electric and natural gas franchises on Sept. 23rd, despite City Council rejecting the franchise bid terms developed by the Mayor’s Office at its Aug. 6th meeting. Bids are due on Oct. 23rd. Community activists are urging the City Council to reject the bids.

Presented by: Bill Powers, principal of Powers Engineering and chairman of California Local Energy Advancing Renewables.

C. Engineering & Capital Projects, AC Water & Sewer Group 1052

This project is located in the Southeastern San Diego community area, council District 8 and includes open trench replacement, and trenchless method to upgrade the capacity of the sewer main to meet anticipated future peak flows. The new sewer system will meet current design standards and comply with EPA environmental requirements and mandates. See attached Fact Sheet.

Presented by: Jing DeBeliso, Project Engineer

D. Information on Measure B, a charter amendment that establishes an independent community-led commission on police practices.

Measure B will establish a new commission that will have its own staff, subpoena power, independent legal counsel, and the authority to investigate police officer misconduct, review complaints against officers, and make recommendations on police officer discipline, police policies, and Police Department legal compliance.

Presented by: Ariana Federico, Youth Organizer Mid-City CAN (Community Advocacy Network)
www.midcitycan.org/policeaccountability, Afederico@midcitycan.org

7. CONSENT ITEMS: None.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Project No. 660383; Gateway Cannabis Outlet

This project is trailed from the September 14, 2020 SSDPG meeting. The project consists of a storefront cannabis outlet to operate at 995 Gateway Center Way, Suite 107 and 108, San Diego, CA 92102 within an existing three-story, 42,530 square foot commercial building to operate a 2,995 outlet. The Development Services Department has completed the second review of the project referenced above, and described as a Process 3, Conditional Use Permit to operate Gateway Cannabis Outlet in Process 3, Conditional Use Permit on a 4.10-acre site in the IL-3-1 Zone within the Southeastern San Diego Planning Group area in Council District 9.

Presented by:

- Ben Kimbro, Director of Public Affairs, Harvest (applicant)
- Lauren Niehaus, Government Relations Specialist, Harvest (applicant)
- Abhay Schweitzer, San Diego architect for Harvest
- Adrian Kwiatkowski, San Diego consultant for Harvest

San Diego City Development Services, Cannabis information visit: www.sandiego.gov/cannabis

There were quite a few community member who joined the call to urge the SSDPG board members to not support the project. Before the item was heard both Aaron Magnana & Jasmine Mallen recused themselves.

Motion to not support Project No. 660383. MSC Taylor/Huntington 5-0-2 (Torio, Womack)

9. ADJOURNMENT

Southeastern San Diego Planning Group Zoom Meeting
Time: Oct 12, 2020 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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