

Southeastern San Diego Planning Group

Draft Minutes

Monday, 11th of April, 2016, 6:00 pm

Neighborhood House, 841 S. 41st Street, San Diego, CA 92113

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Note: Meetings must end promptly by 7:50 p.m. or SSDPG will be charged fees.

Chair: Thomas D. Fuller

Secretary: Chelsea Klaseus

Vice Chair: Jim Brown

Treasurer: Patricia Duenas

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1. **Call to order (7:12pm) and introductions:** Tom Fuller, Louise Torio, Steve Veach, Raymond Bernal, Paul Sweeney, Jamie Capella, Vince Noto, Reggie Womack
 2. **Adopt the Agenda** *Torio/Veach MSC 8-0-0*
 3. **Meeting Minutes Review and Approval:** Tabled the minutes for the months of May 2015 and June 2015. Carry over of the minutes for February 8, 2016. *Torio/Veach MSC 8-0-0*
 4. **Public Comment:** The public may speak on matters not on the agenda up to 2 minutes. Louise Torio Chair, Friends of the Villa Montezuma. Ann Marie Carte Program Director, Habitat for Humanity – Townhomes on Commercial and 22nd.
 5. **Reports**
 - A. **Elected Officials Staff Reports**
 - District 8 Martha Zapata**, Amgen Tour of California - premier professional bike race in the United States. Starting in Mission Bay ending in Jamul. Broadcasted on NBC.
 - District 9 Shanika McCarty**, Mt. View Tot Lot Grand Opening.
 - District 4 Luis Natividad.** (No attendance)
 - Representative Stephanie Allen from the office of Juan Vargas.** (No attendance)
 - B. **City Departments** - None
 - C. **Civic San Diego, Sherry Brooks**, completion of Beta Street Green Alley between 38th & 39th street pilot storm water project. Financing on Jackie Robinson YMCA, Legacy Project ribbon cutting in July at MLB All-Star Game. JRYMCA Groundbreaking set for May 21st. Civic San Diego's President Reese Jarrett is going to be having a series of community coffees in various neighborhoods.
 - D. **CPC Report. Presenter, Robert Leif** – Report submitted to chair
 - E. **Chairs Report:** Tom Fuller announced that the board is interested in seeking members who are interested in filling Seat Positions on the Board.
 8. **Consent Items**
 - A. **None**

9. Action Item

- A.** Introduction of Karyna Johnson. Election for Keryna Johnson to become a General Member of the Southeastern San Diego Planning Group. Vote count 9-0-0

10. Information Item

- A. City of San Diego, Water Pipeline Replacement Project.** Casey Crown spoke about replacing old pipes and replacing with new pipes. Kevin Gibson and Nick Dorner from Rick Engineering stated they will be replacing 5.7 miles. They spoke of the complexity of the project. Stated they will try to complete the job as quickly as possible. They will also replace the ADA ramps contiguous with the project. Street will be resurfaced when completed. Project is projected to end mid-year 2020. Additional open house meeting on May 18th at the Golden Hill Recreation Center. Reynaldo Pisano (audience member) recommended that the City notify the public before construction begins. Steve Veach (Board Member) recommended that the City consider the occupants of the neighborhood in regards to construction impacts and staging. Louise Torio (Board Member) recommended phasing the process. Paul Sweeney (Board Member) asked about archeologists on the project.
- B. Citizens Plan, Jeff Powers and Donna Frye.** Frye stated the plan involves a broad coalition of folks. The plan will allow the public to vote on setting the cities TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) tax. It will give the citizens a voice on how the monies are spent. She stated that the tax will increase from 10.5% to 15.5% for larger Hotels and 14% for smaller Hotels. This will be a voluntary program for the hotels to self-assess. This program will repeal the previous Hotel Tax voted on by the Hoteliers. Hoteliers will be able to participate in tax credits. Hoteliers will have an additional opportunity for a 2 % tax credit if they agree to manage and up-keep the convention center. Frye stated that any expansion of the Convention Center will have to be non-contiguous and off the water front. The initiative provides an opportunity for the Mission Valley Qualcomm site. It will allow the local universities to expand. It will also allow the opportunity for park land. These are permissive plans not mandatory uses. Jeff Powers stated the monies collected from the TOT will stay with the General Fund of the city. Gives the City Bonding opportunities to take care of infrastructure. Single subject rule was brought up by the public. Louise Torio (Board Member) asked if the initiative specifically supported a Downtown off water park/Convention Center/Sports Stadium. Frye stated no. Reggie Womack (Board Member) asked if the initiative creates jobs. Frye stated yes. Steve Veach (Board Member) asked about earmarks. Powers stated this initiative will be on the November Ballot.
- C. East Village South Workshop, Rob Quigley & Roger Lewis. (Power-point)** Quigley working with C3 stated that a stadium in East Village will impact Southeastern San Diego. Quigley states that he wants to put together a coalition together with the local neighborhoods connected to East Village. Quigley says he would like to stop the construction of a stadium in East Village. Quigley would like to create a set of standards to develop East Village. Quigley says the East Village community wants an innovation district, which will create jobs and innovation. Quigley says UCSD is interested in the Innovation District. Quigley states the stadium will wall of the surrounding communities. Quigley would like the Innovation District to have a green street connecting Balboa Park to Chicano Park. Quigley states the Innovation district will be three to four million square feet in size

and would take approximately 20 years to build out. Quigley states that Downtown stadiums don't work for anybody. He states the tourism industry does not want the stadium. He says there is no return to the taxpayer. He also states that it would be horrible for tailgaters due to lack of a parking lot. It will impact local property owners as well. Paul Sweeney (Board member) states the stadium will affect the Villages of Father Joe and will push the homeless into the surrounding neighborhoods. Roger Lewis states that he would like to like the people to study the impact of a stadium. Louise Torio (Board Member) brought up the concern about building to scale as well as overcrowding of parking. Quigley states there will be a future workshop. Comment from the public participant stated that she doesn't want a wall to block off the neighborhoods.

10. Adjournment (7:58pm)

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