

**Mira Mesa Community Planning Group
Draft Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: Monday, April 17, 2023, 7:00pm

Location: Mira Mesa Public Library, 8405 New Salem Street, San Diego CA 92126

Call to Order/ 7:00 PM by Jeff Stevens. Quorum of both old and new Planning Groups confirmed.

Attendees (Old Planning Group): Andrew Miklusicak, ~~Lillith Nover~~, ~~Ian Kerman~~, Craig Jackson, Ralph Carolin, ~~Jon Labaw~~, Joe Frichtel, ~~Bari Vaz~~, Jeff Stevens, ~~Dorothy Lorenz~~, ~~Keith Flitner~~, Julia Schriber, Harikishan Parekh, ~~Tiffany English~~, Marvin Miles, ~~Justin Mandelbaum~~, Mike Linton, Phillip Linsen.

Attendees (New Planning Group): Bo Gibbons, Andrew Miklusicak, ~~Lillith Nover~~, Ramon Bieri, Nicholas Boechler, ~~Chris Cate~~, Tommy Hough, Joe Frichtel, ~~Bari Vaz~~, Sean Tompkins, ~~Dorothy Lorenz~~, ~~Keith Flitner~~, Julia Schriber, Harikishan Parekh, ~~Tiffany English~~, David Mandelbaum, Mike Linton, Phillip Linsen, Evan Cassolato.

1. Modifications to the Agenda: presentations by Col Bedell and Michael Spencer and approval actions by old Planning Group moved to start of agenda.
2. MCAS Miramar Commander Col. Bedell gave an update on MCAS Miramar. They will be getting more F-35s. The Miramar Air Show has been renamed “America’s Air Show” and will be September 22-23, 2023.
3. Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Michael Spencer. Fourth of July Fireworks will return this year. They will be on Sunday, July 2, 2023 and will be set off from the fields at Wangenheim Middle School. Hourglass Park will be the best place to observe them.
4. Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes (Action). Approved by old Board 10-0.
5. Approve 2022-2023 Annual Report (Action). Approved by old Board 10-0.
6. Non-Agenda Public Comments: 3 Minutes per speaker.
 - a. Duane Ellis reported on a problem with new construction that had removed most of the parking for the building at Pacific Mesa Blvd and Pacific Heights Blvd. Construction will last 9 months and has forced employees to park in the surrounding streets.
 - b. Becky Rapp; Parent of 5 children and public health educator. Concerned with City ordinance on cannabis; distance separation requirements. Propose to increase the density of marijuana shops; feels excessive.
7. Report of the Chair.
 - a. Welcome to the new Planning Group members.
 - b. The new Board will need to elect new officers, including a new chair and vice-chair. Tiffany has agreed to continue as secretary.
 - c. The new Board will need to fill two property owner vacancies. One of these is an appointed position in our bylaws, currently held by Justin Mandelbaum. His father, David Mandelbaum, who started the company has offered to take over for him. The company owns property in Miramar. We also have a candidate for the vacant elected

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property owner position: Evan Cassolato of Longfellow, a real estate company that owns property in Sorrento Mesa.

- d. The new Board will also need to confirm our representatives to the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee: Pam Stevens and Craig Radke. We should have done this earlier this year.
 - e. Mail
 - i. NORA for 5505 Morehouse Drive Storm Drain Emergency – Repair two failing storm drainpipes.
 - ii. PRJ-1083315: 9212 MIRA ESTE Conditional Use Permit Amendment. Amendment to previously approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 2065281 to convert Marijuana Production Facility (MPF) to Cannabis Production Facility (CPF) and continued production of cannabis products at an existing 15,770-square foot MPF located at 9212 Mira Este Ct. Notice of future decision to be made by staff without a public hearing (Process 2).
 - iii. Plans for a substantial conformance review of a car wash at Black Mountain Rd and Carroll Centre Road. Also approval letter from Planning Department.
 - iv. PRJ- 1070889: 5975 Pacific Mesa Ct., First Assessment Letter and project issues report; Slope easement (Process 5).
8. Election of officers.
 - a. After discussion, a slate consisting of Chris Cate as chair, Sean Tompkins as vice-chair and Tiffany English as secretary was approved on a 10-1 vote.
 - b. Chris Cate was absent so Sean Tompkins chaired the meeting starting at this point.
 9. Confirm appointed property owner position (David Mandelbaum, MIRA Investments) (Action). Appointment approved 11-0.
 10. Vote to fill vacant property owner position (Evan Cassolato, Longfellow) (Action). Appointment approved 12-0.
 11. Confirm representative and alternate to Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens and Craig Radke). (Action). Appointments approved 13-0.
 12. Old Business
 - a. Community Plan Update – Alex Frost. Not present. Asked for this to be removed as a regular agenda item.
 13. New Business
 - a. PRJ-1062368 10509 Vista Sorrento Pkwy – Roger Koshley (Action)
 - i. Project is being handled as a Process 2, Coastal Development Permit and Neighborhood Development Permit for the demolition of an existing structure, trash enclosure and mechanical equipment enclosure for the construction of a four-story R&D building totaling 113,590-square-feet with an underground

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parking level located at 10509 Vista Sorrento Parkway. The 5.58-acre site in the IL-3-1 and RS-1-8 zone.

- ii. Some concern was expressed that a recommendation is being requested while the project is still in its early stages and we do not yet have a staff report on the project.
- iii. Motion to approve based on representation that the project is consistent with the Mira Mesa Community Plan (Linton/ Parekh). Motion was approved 11-1-1.

14. Elected Officials/Government Agencies

- a. United States Congress – California 53rd District Kathleen Dang for Sara Jacobs
 - i. House is back in session
 - ii. Can provide help with IRS issues
 - iii. Passport applications are now taking 10-13 weeks
 - iv. High School students are invited to an art competition
- b. California Senate – District 40 Mark Schaefer for Brian Jones
 - i. Presented certificates to outgoing Planning Group members.
 - ii. SB832 regarding sexually violent predators appears to be dying in committee
 - iii. SB31 allowing homeless camps to be removed from sensitive areas is still alive.
- c. California Assembly – District 78 Miki Holmes for Chris Ward. Not present.
- d. San Diego County – Board of Supervisors District 3 Becca Smith for Terra Lawson-Remer. Submitted a written report attached to these minutes.
- e. San Diego – Mayor’s Office Michaela Valk for Todd Gloria. Gave a detailed report and submitted a written copy which are attached to these minutes.
- f. San Diego – City Council District 6 Sheldon Zemen for Kent Lee. Submitted a written report attached to these minutes.
- g. MCAS Miramar – presented earlier by Col. Bedell.

15. Announcements: 2 Minutes per speaker. Community groups are encouraged to promote awareness of their events at this point in the meeting.

- a. Jeff Dosick said that bike lanes along Camino Santa Fe are in the community plan, but have not been installed and are badly needed given the increased traffic from 3Roots. Referred to Michaela Valk and Kent Lee.

16. Reports

- a. Community Planners Committee
 - i. First in-person meeting since the pandemic. Meetings will be held at the Balboa Park Club Ballroom – central location with easy access and parking. Presentation on second Housing Action Package. The CPC formed a subcommittee to go over the housing Action Package in depth and make recommendations to the full board. This is the implementation of SB10 (up to 10 units per acre on single family lots) and AB 2097 (no parking requirements within ½ mile of transit).
- b. Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee

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- i. Committee meets every other month. Bridges held up fairly well under the wet winter. Girl scout event was postponed due to weather but has been rescheduled.

17. Adjourned 9:00 PM.

Report from Becca Smith for County Supervisor Terra Lawson Remer:

Autism Acceptance Month

- April is Autism Acceptance Month.
- Many of us know someone on the autism spectrum.
- o Supervisor Lawson-Remer, for example, has a toddler with autism.
- County is working to help people living with autism and neurodiversity have the same opportunities as anyone else.

What We're Doing

- Last June: Board approved a Neurodiversity Workplace Initiative to:
- Recruit neurodivergent individuals to work at the County
- Teach skills to interview, train and support folks.
- Set an example for other employers to follow.

Call to Action:

- We're always looking for ways to support the neurodiverse community.
- Please let us know if you know a group of people who work with autism or those in the neurodiverse community who could partner with the County or need support.

Commitment to 100 percent renewable power

- We're continuing to take action to combat climate change.
- The region's biggest green energy provider unanimously approved Supervisor Lawson Remer's policy for 100 percent renewable energy by 2035.
- Dozens of you showed up in support. Thank you.

What This Vote Means:

- San Diego Community Power is formally committed to purchasing ONLY clean and renewable energy by 2035.
- (SDCP currently offers more green energy than SDGE, but it's not all renewable — yet)

What happens next:

- The vote directed staff to take all operational actions necessary to achieve this.
- Policy also requires more public transparency and accountability: there will be annual progress updates at hearings open to the public.

Anyone can opt-in to 100% Renewable Energy Right Now:

- Go to SDCommunityPower.Org and click "Your Choice" >> "Opt Up to Power100"
- (San Diego Community Power currently serves some but not all of D3 – it serves Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa and San Diego, with the unincorporated communities of the County of San Diego and the City of National City)

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Report from Michaela Valk:

Mayor Gloria released his "Getting It Done" Fiscal Year 2024 proposed budget a \$5.12 billion spending plan focused on delivering on the major investments included in the last two budgets, while adding strategic new expenditures to address homelessness, repave streets and enhance public safety.

Calling it his "Getting It Done" budget for its emphasis on execution, Mayor Gloria's goal is to sustain all funding from the prior budget year, maintaining service levels while adding expenditures needed to make progress in key priority areas.

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

The FY24 Proposed Budget expands general fund support for homelessness, adding \$24.5 million to maintain and operate the nearly 70 percent in additional shelter bed capacity the City has achieved to date under Mayor Gloria's leadership.

The FY24 budget adds \$5 million to further expand shelter capacity in FY24, including funding for a Safe Sleeping program; \$2.3 million for rental assistance for San Diegans who are at risk of losing their housing; and \$1.4 million in funding to support new positions and vehicles to remove waste from the public right-of-way in areas most heavily affected by encampments.

The total budget of \$81.7 million for homelessness services includes considerable state and federal funding, the largest source of which is the State of California's Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention program, which provides \$30.8 million of the total budget.

DELIVERING ON INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

The Fiscal Year 2023 "Ready to Rebuild" budget marked the City's largest-ever investment in infrastructure and significantly expanded the capacity of the City's workforce to deliver critical capital projects that benefit San Diego communities.

This year's budget is focused on delivering on the promise of those investments and additional investments in road repair, stormwater and facilities like parks.

The proposed budget allocates nearly \$140 million to street repair/resurfacing – the most the City as invested in any given year. The funding is expected to enable the the City to resurface 157 miles of streets, including both full overlay and slurry seal.

The budget adds \$21.5 million to the Infrastructure Fund to continue making necessary improvements to city facilities, parks and stormwater infrastructure.

The budget includes \$38.6 million in Capital Improvement Program funding for parks and playgrounds, as well as the development of new green spaces throughout the city. This includes the Salk Joint Use.

KEEPING SAN DIEGO SAFE

The FY24 Proposed Budget fully funds the City's Police and Fire-Rescue departments for the third straight year, with strategic investments that will help first responders be more effective in their life-saving operations.

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The budget adds \$2.2 million to fund 10 Police Investigative Service Officers (PISOs) and 11 other civilian positions to support administrative functions more cost-effectively for the Police Department, freeing up sworn police officers for patrol and responding to calls for service.

It also allocates \$4 million to deploy smart streetlights, which will be placed throughout the city to help solve crime and investigate collisions involving fatal and serious injuries.

Critical new positions are being added to the Fire-Rescue Department, including four positions that will be focused on fire safety inspections and the hazardous-materials management and two new lifeguard positions for La Jolla Shores beach, with one of those positions for the winter months for year-round coverage.

The budget also funds the Lifeguard Division's biannual Advanced Lifeguard Academy, a 10-week lifeguard academy that provides advanced training in law enforcement, cliff rescue and water rescue and other advanced disciplines.

Funds from the settlement of litigation with opioid manufacturers totaling \$4.4 million will be deployed across homelessness, medical services and law enforcement, with \$2.7 million going to fund harm-reduction and safe-haven shelters and the balance split between funding the PLEADS restorative justice program (\$762,000); new vehicles for the Resource Access Program, which aids high-needs 911 callers who typically struggle with chronic mental health or substance use issues (\$775,000); and equipment to help law enforcement detect fentanyl (\$196,000).

It is recommended the planning group provide recommendations for locations of street and bike lanes improvements.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND EQUITY

While the FY24 budget is balanced for a single year, its development considers future years and accounts for the likelihood of a revenue dip in the next few years that could necessitate cuts.

The spending plan was developed to avoid creating new programs that will later need to be cut, and also adds \$6.8 million to General Fund reserves, bringing the City's total reserves to a responsible level.

It also keeps in reserve for future years the \$52 million balance of the \$120 million excess equity fund – funds created when expenditures are lower than projected, revenues are higher than expected, or both.

The budget is also the first developed under a Budget Equity Framework designed to ensure department-level budget requests and proposals were evaluated with an equity lens to identify disparities and begin the process of eliminating them, so that ultimately, no neighborhood will be left behind.

Mayor Gloria will formally present his proposed budget to the City Council on April 24, followed by several weeks of department-level public hearings leading up to the release of a revised budget on May 18 that incorporates City Council and community feedback. Final consideration by the City Council will take place in mid-June, with adoption of an appropriation ordinance due no later than June 30.

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Report from Sheldon Zemen:

1. Authorization to Award Construction Contract for Mira Mesa Community Park Improvements Phase II passed the Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, with a yes vote from Chair Kent Lee
2. Mayor just released his proposed FY24 budget, and our office will host a Budget Town Hall in Mira Mesa on May 8th at 6 PM for a budget presentation and to receive public input towards the City budget. Exact location still TBD—please follow newsletter and online accounts for location update.
3. Councilmember Lee is currently in DC with other San Diego officials advocating for federal funding for regional infrastructure.
4. Attended and presented Proclamation for the TASTE OF MIRA MESA ANNUAL EVENT. Nice event and good food by local restaurants.