

Serra Mesa Planning Group

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Minutes of Serra Mesa Planning Group Regular Meeting.

Thursday, October 21, 2010
Montgomery Field Airport

Call to Order: *NOTE: Changes to the security system at the Library resulted in a change of venue to the meeting lounge at the Montgomery Field airport.* Doug Wescott, Chair, called the meeting to order at ~7:10 PM. 10 of the 12 members were present providing for a quorum.

Roll Call: Members in attendance; Doug Wescott (Chair), Sam Safino, Dicken Hall, Eric Jimerson, Brad Savall, Brian Peterson, Mike Marion, Mark Larsen, Bob McDowell, Tom Wright

Absent: James Feinberg, Matt Hendry

Community Forum / Announcements:

- 1) Neighborhoods for Clean Elections
Passed out information and asked for signatures to support their efforts to get more people involved in the election process. More information is available at www.sdcleanelectinos.org
- 2) Monica Fuentes for Friends of Ruffin Canyon
The next Ruffin Canyon clean up event is Nov. 6th at Taft Middle School.
- 3) Monica Fuentes
Mentioned that the end of Ruffin Rd is a no parking zone which is actively ticketing violators.
- 4) Bob McDowell
Mentioned he was thwarted in his efforts to obtain smaller sized trash and recycling containers for an elderly neighbor due to changes in procurement of containers by City of San Diego environmental services department.
- 5) Kathleen Lippett from SAY San Diego
Briefly discussed the mission of SAY San Diego and their efforts to bring awareness to alcohol and drug abuse. Presented their agencies view of tobacco and alcohol related costs.

Legislative Aides Community Planner:

Steve Hadley (Donna Frye's office):

Mentioned that due to the ~2 year lapse in the cities budgeting process, communities should begin to more severely feel the effects of the recession due to a 73 million dollar shortfall in the budget. Cuts in recreation and city services (i.e. street sweeping once a year) will be most profound.

Brian Peterson asked if the S. Hadley had information regarding the transfer of downtown funds for use in District 3 and what other funding sources were available.

Agenda Items:

San Diego Bible Church Proposed CUP, 9179 Aero Dr., Information Item

The space to be leased by this group was leased out to someone else, so this item was removed from agenda.

Eric Mitchell, Project Manager, Dept of General Services, County of San Diego, gave a presentation on the Juvenile Court Parking Lot Addition Project.

Have started work on the parking lot and are six days ahead of schedule, and the bioswale is in place. Anticipate completion by end of year. There will not be a light or an entrance on Starling Rd., as gated entry could impede traffic.

Faith Community Church Cell Phone Tower (AKA fake palm tower):

This is *not* a renewal as the CUP is up and will need to abide by new provisions as the existing building is out of compliance. Cindy Moore requested a notice be placed in the Observer.

Sandrock Gas Station:

Currently in non-compliance with the CUP resulting in a proposed \$500/day fine as of August 22nd. Briefly discussed what constitutes a major repair and also how to encourage the owner to gain acceptance with community groups to ease current and future CUP concerns.

Wegeforth/ Angier Joint Use Park:

This topic was discussed in more detail at the Rec Council. \$1.1 M in funding to be returned from the Hickman Field project in Kearny Mesa to Serra Mesa.

Phyllis Place Road Connection

The city plans to spend \$500,000 for and EIR as to the impact of the Phyllis Place Road connection.

Additional Items:

Wegeforth/ Angier Joint Use Park (Cindy Moore):

This topic was discussed in more detail at the Rec Council. \$1.1 M in funding to return to Serra Mesa from Kearny Mesa. The Joint use will have limited access.

Affordable Housing Changes:

The city would like to amend the requirements of affordable housing complexes to have less parking. Discussion focused on inaccessibility to public transportation in Serra Mesa not making this a tenable option.

Motion by Bob McDowell, second by James Feinberg: The SMPG does not support the proposed changes to affordable housing.

Vote: (10-0-0).

Guidelines for Developers (Bob McDowell):

A motion to form a sub-committee of the Serra Mesa Planning Group to work to develop design guidelines for new construction and remodeling in our planning group area and along the Aero Drive corridor. The guidelines are to include height of structures, design style, and landscaping choices. The intent of these guidelines will not be to create a set of rules for developers to follow but rather suggestions that reflect the community's interests and would hopefully reduce delays and problems with a project. The membership of such committee shall include representative(s) of the community council and experts located in our community. It will also be open to participation by the "Friends of Ruffin Canyon" and other community groups and members interested in participation.

Motion Bob McDowell, second by Sam Safino:

Vote: (9-1-0).

Continuing Education Community College:

The expansion will result in a 3-story building including a 3-story parking structure.

Serra Mesa Development Infrastructure Account

There are \$584,000 in Serra Mesa DIF funds, Doug reported.

Serra Mesa Shopping Center:

Is up for sale with an asking price of \$8M and currently has 7 offers.

Serra Mesa Family Day:

The Serra Mesa Family Day planners will debrief the SMCC on Nov 8th.

Rady Children's Hospital:

The Acute Care Pavilion had a grand opening of what is now the largest childrens hospital in California. It has the additional distinction of being the first LEED (Leadership in Engineering and Environmental Design) certified hospital in California.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Doug Wescott at 9:06 PM.
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