

SOUTHEASTERN SAN DIEGO PLANNING GROUP (SSDPG) MINUTES

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

January 14, 2013, 6:00 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.

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, ROLL CALL, AND INTRODUCTIONS

Reggie Womack, Vince Noto, Reynaldo Pisano, Maria Riveroll, B.D. Howard, James Lawrence, Jerry Guzman, Xavier Aguirre, Andrea Carter (6:10 PM), Liliana Garcia-Rivera (6:20 PM), Robert Leif

Absent: Paul Sweeney, Georgette Gomez

2. APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA January 14, 2013 (ADDITIONS, CHANGES, OR OMISSIONS)

a. Motion by Pisano, seconded by Lawrence MSC (9-0-0)

3. APPROVAL OF October 8th, 2012 MINUTES

a. Motion by Leif, seconded by Pisano MSC (7-0-4)

4. APPROVAL OF November 12, 2012 MINUTES

Motion: Pisano, second by Noto (7-0-4)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (two minutes per public speaker, on non-agenda items only)

Mayor Bob Filner: Thank you for having me this evening. I have come to my office trained on Parent Teacher Associations and community planning groups. Therefore, I understand the importance of the Planning Groups and I will set up processes where the neighborhoods have far more power. Downtown will not take everything from the neighborhoods and the community at large. People have been left out of the process. Neighborhood people will be appointed to the boards at City Hall. The faces people deal with will be far more identical. We are a \$3 billion dollar a year corporation but people do not have access. The people in the low-income areas only get 1% to 2% of the contracts, but that will all change. We will advertise for contracts in neighborhood newspapers. We want to make sure all opportunities are available to the community small businesses. Willie Blair is the director of Neighborhood Revitalization and will work to open up the contract process. There will be an Office of Small Business that we will provide. There will be a system called Community of Justice. There will be a city attorney assigned to each neighborhood to help small businesses and citizens to navigate the bureaucracy. The City should be behind and the City will be helping you along the way. We are bringing back community policing. Currently, the Police Department is severely understaffed so we will work to get the police officers higher pay. We lost 40% of the police department who went through the academy to other police departments, so we need to change that. Angled parking will help to create

more parking in the neighborhood and generate more business. I will work to give the planning group more power to do minor jobs look create angle parking.

Marijuana dispensaries have caused more of our youth to begin using marijuana. This should only be available to those with chronic pain. Comment from the Audience: A regulation must be enacted to regulate this. I am working on an ordinance that will give protection for families and neighborhoods while helping those with chronic pain. There needs to be a balance. You cannot minimize the things we talk about.

I will look the homeless problem right in the face. This will be the highest priority, because it is ashamed that the richest place in the work has homeless. I will work to keep the winter shelter open year round.

When I was elected Mayor, I felt I have to succeed because so many people are counting on me to succeed. You do not get to define issues, they just hit and you have to deal with them. As Mayor, I have the ability to insure groups do not have to take a contract they do not want. Doug Manchester put in a helicopter pad without a permit, he put in an auto show in the bottom of his hotel, and a museum without permits. They called up the Mayor's Office and wanted him to stop the code enforcement of his building. They are use to a system where they call a connection in the Mayor's Office, but those days are over. I will not call off Code Compliance for anyone. If you were served with a cease and desist order the average person would not know what to do. I will have staff members who will help the community with those types of issues.

There will be a housing advocate on my staff. There a lot of federal funds that will be used to buy your house and put you back into the home until you are able to be financially stable. If you are a minority owned business you are going to get more than 2 points for your minority owned business. The city must provide opportunities for our citizens.

James Brown: Mentioned Caltrans grant opportunities. The deadline to apply for these grants is February 19.

6. STAFF REPORTS

a) Bruce Williams District 4- Tony Young as resigned from the City Council and is taking a job with the American Red Cross. The Fourth District Council Office is still running the safe way but Council President Todd Gloria is the acting Fourth District Council member. There will be a special election held within the next 90 days. Please attend the upcoming MLK events.

b) Martha Zapata District 8- If still have your Christmas tree there are a list of sites where they may be dropped off. The council office is doing a donation drive and you can drop off donation items in the lobby at the City Administration building in downtown located at 202 "C" street.

c) Drew Ector District 9- Drew is available to answer any concerns you may have regarding District 9. The new District 9 includes Mountain View, Mount Hope, and Southcrest for Southeasteran San Diego Planning Gorup.

d) Ricardo Flores for Congresswoman Susan Davis' Office: Did not attend.

7. CONSENT ITEMS: There are no consent items for this meetings agenda.

8. Action Items:

a) **Bread and Salt Project Introdcution : Bread and Salt Project Introduction, Applicant is seeking a Neighborhood Use Permit (NUP) in the Logan Heights Neighborhood at the old Weber's Bakery site (60,000 sf.), 1955 Julian Avenue,NUP #302179.** Michelle Sokolowski, is the Project Manager. James Brown will present

This a multi-year project in the upwards of five years. This location will be used for a number of different activities in the community. There will a number of permanent art installations in the community two of which will be in Barrio Logan. There will be a community gallery (two), office use, small café, the creation of 23 live/work lofts. The completed project will be \$4 million. The building has not had much activity in the last 6 years. The San Diego Museum of art is very critical. Tonight we are seeking approval as a whole, for the conglomeration of uses. If you do not have continued use for two years a use permit must be applied for again (i.e. use for the bakery) and a use matrix will be used. During the first phase buildings will be used for different uses. The first goal is the Community Gallery.

There will be 19 more spaces on Julian Avenue with two additional more. The owner would not like to take the boards recommendation of adding parking in the back of the building and instead creating two pocket parks for the community. Parking is a problem we can never replace. Logan Heights should start to use the alleyways to create open spaces for the community. When the owner begins to work on the back of the building the color of the building will be a priority.

Board concerns: There has not been many issues. What is before the board tonight is the Southwest corner of Dewey and Julian. We received recommendations from San Diego Police Department. In the future there will be quiet a need for parking and there is a question whether 21 spaces will be sufficient. San Diego PD wants really strong doors, good locks and a graffiti plan. What do the pocket parks consist of? Will there be grass? The pocket parks will be 20x60, with trees, shrubbery. It would be nice to see charging stations for electric cars.

Motion by Pisano to support phase one of this project on the Southwest corner of Dewey and Julian with condition for the removal of the razor blade wire, and replace the chain link fence with a rod iron/ child proof fencing (to meet city height standards) which would be on the north side of the alley along Dewey Street and Julian Avenue alley and support the San Diego Police Department recommendations, exemption of the Environmental Quality Act per the draft neighborhood use permit 105590, second by Leif, MSC (11-0-0).

Amendment made by Pisaño to the above Motion: 1) No Residential uses; 2) No industrial uses; and, 3) No pre-used/2nd hand items for sale. Amendment accepted by Leif.

MSC (11-0-0).

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (two minutes per Board member) None
 10. PLANNER'S REPORT None
 11. CHAIR'S REPORT None
 12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (two minutes per Board member on non-agenda items only) None
- ADJOURNMENT: by **7:45 p.m.**