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**April 14, 2021 Minutes  
By Video Conference**

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**6:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** April 14, 2021 @ 6:34 p.m.

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

- Mike Murray (San Carlos) March 2023
  - Danny Fitzgerald (San Carlos) March 2022
  - **Robert Weichelt (San Carlos)** March 2022
  - Tamar Caspi (San Carlos) March 2023
  - Cory Lashell (Grantville) March 2022
  - David Smith (Grantville) March 2023
  - VACANT (Grantville) March 2023
  - Tommas Golia (Grantville) March 2022
  - VACANT (Allied Gardens) March 2022 (Balance of Term)
  - Marilyn Reed (Allied Gardens) March 2022
  - Shain Haug (Allied Gardens) March 2023
  - Dana Cole (Allied Gardens) March 2023
  - Abel Santana (Del Cerro) March 2023
  - Brian Gile (Del Cerro) March 2023
  - John Hoy (Del Cerro) March 2022
  - Lance Grucela (Del Cerro) March 2022
- 0 -Absent
- 0 -Excused

**Modifications to Agenda and Approval of the Agenda as Modified:**

Motion to modify the agenda by acceptance of the revised agenda that included the Navajo Canyon Long-Term Access (LTA) Improvement by Danny Fitzgerald, seconded by Cory Lashell 13/0 AIF  
The revised agenda is accepted.

**Minutes:**

Approval of the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting of the NCPI moved by John Hoy, seconded by Tommas Golia 13 /0 AIF. The motion passes.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

Shain Haug. Attended the ground breaking of the development at the parking lot of the Grantville Trolley Station. Did not make any inquiry of the participants but there remains the fact that the commuter parking will be reduced to 100 spaces even in the face of loss of the parking for commuters at the old stadium site and the uncertain reservation of spaces for use by commuters. Further noted that the MTS and developers have not responded to the concerns about the development of the Alvarado Creek littoral and the contributions that the development might have to that effort. Commented that while apartment building is a ministerial project, the development should have been treated as discretionary because of the impact that these matters have on the community beyond what is contemplated by the ministerial guidelines.

Josh Billauer. Regarding the All Peoples church and reference to the historical development of that project, it appears that there is an archive of a meeting or proceeding at which city representative misstated the facts by saying that there was no institutional zoning in the Navajo Community plan that would prevent the development. This was in error and this mistake should be corrected.

Katleen Lippitt. Wanted to bring attention to SB59 that would exempt marijuana projects from CEQA review. Planning groups should have the right to oppose projects of this nature particularly in light of the large number of outlets that are or might be in the area.

Becky Rapp. A mother in a public health position speaks in opposition to marijuana. Billboarding of marijuana sales are now banned adjacent to state highways. This ban should be extended to local neighborhoods because it is in such areas that the children are most likely to see them. Tamar Caspi asks whether NCPI has any control over this matter. Becky Rapp says that the NCPI represents the community and should assume the ability to do so.

**Elected and Public Officials' Reports:**

John Steffen, SDPD Community Relations Officer. All stats are for the past 30 days and cover all of the Navajo area:

Violent Crime: 4

Property Crime: 92

10 Commercial Burglaries

6 Residential Burglaries

15 Vehicle Thefts

5 Shoplifts

33 Thefts from a Vehicle

22 Theft cases

Arrests: 81

Cites: 91

Upcoming Events:

National Drug Take back

Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2021. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SDPD Eastern Division

9225 Aero Drive, San Diego

Sanna Loando, Council District 7. Housing assistance, rental assistance is available. This weekend at 11:00 a.m. a Zoom Meet the Mayor. Shelter to Home has moved to Golden Hall and the Convention Center is providing care and a wide range of service unaccompanied undocumented children. Volunteer with South Bay Community Services. There are many “pop up” vaccination stations. The Get It Done app is now available in Spanish. The proposed budget will be released from the Mayor’s office on April 15, 2021 with public hearings beginning May 5, 2021. District 7 plans to conduct a survey on the budget. The Independent Budget Analyst will release its analysis of the Mayor’s budget proposal in the near future. District 7 was told that the parking at the Grantville station parking that is lost will be replaced. Danny Fitzgerald expresses appreciation for the District’s support of the possibility of conducting the fireworks display. Cynthia Wootton would like to attend the April 17, 2021 meeting and review the recording of the IBA presentation.

Jawad Al Baghdadi, Congressman Sarah Jacobs.

Monday 4/12 marked Rep. Jacob's first 100 days in Congress. Highlights are:

\$1.9 trillion in support through the American Rescue Plan, \$40 billion invested in child care, 100,000+ in benefits returned to constituents, 25,912 letters from constituents, 245 cases completed on behalf of constituents, Co-sponsored 105 bills, 14 co-sponsored bills passed the house, 88 floor votes taken 0 missed, Attended 51 district events, Visited 13 communities, Hosted 6 community events including two town halls. In this past District Work Week, Rep. Jacobs met with constituents at the San Diego LGBT Center, visited 2-1-1 San Diego to learn about community members' most pressing needs, and visited 2 pop-up vaccination sites (Jackie Robinson YMCA and San Diego Pride) to discuss how we can ensure there's an inclusive, equitable recovery across all of our communities.

Hosted their first district-wide town hall this past Thursday and will be holding more in the future. Still hiring for PAID summer internship; deadline to apply is 4/15/21. Hosting the annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students in CA-53. Cynthia Wotton comment that she missed the Town Hall, she can view a recording of our event on FB here:

<https://www.facebook.com/RepSaraJacobs/> or on

YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNTxZEUk2c&t=57s>

**Directors Reports:**

Chair. The Chair echoed some of the comments about the development at the Grantville Trolley Station such as the loss of parking and the effect on Alvarado Creek. He has been sending emails to Graystar with little response on these matters. Continued attention will be given.

CPC. There will be no report until after the meeting next month.

Vice Chair. No Report

Treasurer. \$26.00 (cash) verified by popular acclaim. It will be delivered to Tifereth Israel Synagogue

**Action Items:**

**Navajo Canyon Long-Term Access (LTA) Improvement:**

Tiffany Lavan Environmental Planner, City of San Diego Public Utilities Department. No updates other than restoring the access path and protecting the manhole. Cory LaShell comments that it seems that is long term, but is there a plan for the extension of Navajo Road. Marilyn Reed comments that the road was taken out of the Navajo Community Plan and the area is now designated for open space. Shain Haug commented that it was his understanding.

Cory Lashell moves to approve the project, Mike Murray seconds 13 /0 AIF The motion passes.

**Nomination, Vote, and Election of Director Positions for a one year term:**

Chair: Danny Fitzgerald nominates David Smith, Shain Haug seconds 13/0 AIF Appointment confirmed

Vice-Chair: Brian Gile nominates himself, Danny Fitzgerald seconds 13/0 AIF Appointment confirmed

Secretary: Cory LaShell nominates Shain Haug, David Smith seconds 13/0 AIF Appointment confirmed

Treasurer: Prior to the nominations David Smith comments that there is a reimbursement from the city for such things as the website. Cory LaShell nominates himself, second by

David Smith 13/0 AIF Appointment confirmed

CPC Representative: Brian Gile asks is this a back up or primary attendee? This is generally the position held by the chair. If David Smith cannot attend this person will formally attend in his place.

Brian Gile nominates himself, seconded by David Smith 13/0 AIF Appointment confirmed.

**Navajo CPG Election Sub-Committee for the vacant seats for Grantville and Allied Gardens.**

Committee proposed by volunteers Dana Cole, Lance Grucela, Danny Fitzgerald. The Chair would like to hold the special election in July 2021. They will work out a schedule and procedure following the lead up to the March 10, 2021 election. 13/0 AIF Committee established

**Informational Presentations:**

None

**NCPI Sub-Committee Reports:**

None

**Community Group Reports:**

Allied Gardens Community Council, Shain Haug. The Clean Allied Gardens week will begin with work in Navajo Canyon on April 17, 2021 and will continue throughout the neighborhood for the following week. We are pleased to announce that SDG&E will support the planting of 500 trees in a portion of Allied Gardens. Our Town Hall Meeting featuring Councilmember Raul Campillo was a great success.

Voice Del Cerro: David Smith. This new organization will hold its kickoff meeting on April 28, 2021 by Zoom with further meetings to follow for with development of a more formal organization.

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Tamar Caspi inquires as to whether there is a way for this type of group to participate in the NCPI activities, would it make sense for a more formal relationship? David Smith comments that the door is open for anyone to act as a representative of those groups.

San Carlos Area Council. No report

Mission Trails Regional Park. Marilyn Reed. No meeting until next month. David Smith asks what EIR or other kind of permitting will be required for the bridge under consideration. Marilyn Reed will report.

**Additional and Final Public Comments:**

Marilyn Reed comments that there is a common misperception that the bike lanes are also good for walkers. She is concerned that the walkers and joggers are not safe in the bike lanes.

David Smith predicts that the next meeting will be fairly full with the Alvarado Canyon Road realignment and the annual CIP projects review. Question by Dana Cole about the Alvarado Creek development. David Smith discussed the general issue of access to the transit center and the lack of any requirement for the developers to provide access, parking, development of the creek, pedestrian crossings, and the like should be addressed by the planning group.

Lance Grucela asks about the possibility for All Peoples Church coming before the NCPI, David Smith comments that revised plans have been submitted to the city, but where it stands remains uncertain. Marilyn Reed asks if we can get the traffic study. David says that will be released and available in due course. NCPI has asked for the current working version, but it is unlikely that the city will release it.

Marilyn Reed asks if the Home Depot will move to the recently purchased Mission Valley location. David Smith comments that a move would be unlikely given the amount of business done at the Fairmont location.

Cory LaShell asks about the DIF budget review. David Smith responds that the review should be done by May or June. Shain Haug asks if there is a subcommittee that can work the issue. David Smith says anyone can join.

Brian Gile asks whether we can look back at prior actions, comments, and the like to renew discussion of the matters. David Smith comments that anything can be brought back for consideration in light of changing circumstances.

Tamar Caspi comments that we should have better publicity for what we do, to get more folks involved, and the like. She is willing to take some action in this regard. David Smith agrees that this should be an agenda matter, using various means to get to the public, it is a great idea.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Adjourn:**

8:03 p.m. The next meeting will be on May 12, 2021

**Meeting Calendar 2021:**

January 13<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, (August Dark),  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>, (December Dark)

**Public Attendees and Presenters:**

Members of the public who attended the meeting (only those who gave their full names have been listed):

Barbara Blakely	Jeff Hoy	Sanna Loando
Becky Rapp	Jeff Toster	Shari Golden
Chris Galuppo	Josh Bilauer	Tiffany Lavan
Cynthia Woottom	Kathleen Lippitt	Tomi Golin
Danielle Maria	Mardine Davis	Tracy Norris
Danielle S	Michael Murray	Valerie Bale
Dan Tomsy	Nate Stein	
Ins Fink	Pam Cotta	