

**LINDA VISTA PLANNING GROUP**

Monday, March 25, 2024

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Meeting Location for In-Person:

American Legion Post 731

7245 Linda Vista Rd, San Diego, CA 92111

Or Via Zoom

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Felicity Senoski (Chair), Christopher Beesley (Vice Chair), Ashley Martinez (Secretary), Carol Baker, Jennifer Carroll, Margarita Castro, Lynn Dorris, Kim Heinle, Victor Ochoa, Marcos de Oliveira Camargo, Terri Tebbetts, Christine Weinstein

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Becky Hunt

**\*\*Opening of Linda Vista Planning Group Poll; Meet the Candidates and Hear Candidate Statements\*\***

The March 2024 election poll opened at 5:30 p.m., and candidates for LVPG provided statements. The poll remained open for two hours concurrent with the regular meeting that was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**- GENERAL MEETING MINUTES -**

**Call to Order:** 6:00 pm by Senoski (Chair)

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Brian Lovell

**Roll Call of Planning Group Members:** Martinez (Secretary)

**Approval of Draft Agenda: March 25, 2024**

*Motion by Carroll to approve March 25, 2024, draft agenda. Second by Dorris. Chair deemed the agenda approved as presented by members present without objection.*

**Approval of February 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

*Motion by Ochoa to approve February 26, 2024, general meeting minutes. Second by Carroll. Minutes were approved by members present without objection.*

**\*\*Special Guest San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan\*\***

District Attorney Summer Stephan provided a general update on the work of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and discussed a proposed ballot initiative that would change Proposition 47. To learn more about the proposed initiative, visit the California Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.ca.gov/ballot-measures](http://www.sos.ca.gov/ballot-measures). DA Stephan held a Q&A period following the presentation.

## Reports by Government Representatives:

- **Police Department:** Officer David Surwilo (present).
  - Officer Surwilo provided a general update and spoke about the impacts of Proposition 47 on the community.
- **Fire Department:** Battalion Chief Josh Slatinsky (present).
  - Despite the City's budget deficit, funding for the fire department is stable.
  - The fire department receives approximately 180,000 calls per year, and the battalion serving Linda Vista responds to approximately 245 calls per month.
  - With rain comes vegetation growth, and the fire department recommends that residential and commercial properties maintain a minimum 30-foot clearance between the building and landscaping (grass). If feasible, the department would prefer a 100-foot clearance.
  - To issue a fire hazard complaint, contact 619-533-4411. To report brush/weed hazards, contact 619-533-4444. Individuals can also visit [www.sandiego.gov/fire/contact](http://www.sandiego.gov/fire/contact) to learn more.
- **Congress & State Legislature (Senate/Assembly):**
  - **Congressmember Sara Jacobs – Michaela Castagnola, representative (present).**
    - Congressmember Jacobs secured \$13.5 million in community project funding requests for fiscal year 2023-24.
    - Congressmember Jacobs led the San Diego congressional delegation to secure a federal tax deadline extension from April 15 to June 17 for San Diego County residents who are continuing to recover from the severe storms and floods in late January.
    - The Congressmember is hosting an art competition, and the internship application is now open. Visit [www.sarajacobs.house.gov](http://www.sarajacobs.house.gov) to learn more.
  - **Senator Toni Atkins: Samantha Brown, representative (absent).**
  - **Assemblymember Chris Ward: Teannae Owens, representative (absent).**
- **County & City:**
  - **Mayor: Korrall Taylor, representative (present).**
    - The City is hosting a community input meeting on the Mobility Master Plan on March 26 at the Linda Vista Library. The City will host a virtual input meeting on April 4.
    - The draft Environmental Justice Element is now available for public review. The public hearing process will begin in the Spring and continue through Summer 2024.
    - The Mayor announced that Scott Wahl, the current Assistant Chief, will be the next Chief of Police for the San Diego Police Department.
    - The San Diego Fire Department Chief is retiring, and a nationwide search will be conducted. The City will host a

community forum and online survey for residents and stakeholders to provide input on what they want to see in the next Fire Chief. The Mayor expects to announce the new Chief in June.

- **City Attorney:** Not present.
- **City Council:** Councilmember Raul Campillo – Miles Noel, representative (present).
  - The next “Coffee with Campillo” will be held on Saturday, April 20, from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at Industrial Grind Coffee, 6020 Santo Road, San Diego, CA 92124.
  - The Councilmember will host a bulk trash event on April 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or until the trash cans run out of space.
- **Planning Dept:** Senior Planner Megan Covarrubias (absent).
- **SANDAG:** Not present.
- **University of San Diego:** Representative (present). USD will provide an update during the Action Item discussion on the proposed Master Plan Update.

**Public Non-Agenda Comments** (2 minutes per person)

- Larry Carr, representing Power San Diego, provided an overview of a ballot initiative that would replace San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E). Power San Diego is collecting signatures to qualify the initiative for the November 2024 ballot. They need to collect 80,000 valid signatures by May 14.

**Chair's Report:** Senoski. Chair Senoski provided an update on the Linda Vista Planning Group recognition documents, which the Planning Department recommended go before the City Council for approval. The City Council is expected to act on planning group recognition in May. Senoski will continue to monitor the progress and report back.

**Secretary's Report:** Martinez. No new updates.

**Appointment of Additional Board Members**

With elections, no new board members were solicited via appointment.

**Informational Items**

1. Balboa Park Cultural District Experience Plan (Peter Cominskey, Balboa Park Cultural Partnership). Cominskey presented the development of an Experience Plan for the Balboa Park Cultural District. The Partnership is a nonprofit organization formed to serve as the collective voice for the 29 arts, science, and cultural institutions in Balboa Park. The Partnership focuses on a plan to enhance the public's experience at the park.

## **Action Items**

1. USD Master Plan Update: (Myles Morris, USD). USD representatives presented the proposed Master Plan update. USD had previously presented informational elements of the update before the full board in 2023 and an in-depth presentation to the Zoning and Land Use Subcommittee in January 2024.

*Action: Motion by Martinez to approve as presented. Second by Castro. Motion carried by a hand vote of members present with 11-0 result. Chair did not vote.*

**LVPG 2024 Election Results**—Chair Senoski declared the voting closed at 7:30 p.m. Planning group members Baker, Carroll, and Tebbetts counted the votes and announced the following results.

### **Results by Census Tract:**

86.00 – Brian Lovell

88.00 – Judy Ha-Guevara, Christine Weinstein

89.01 – Christina Bambino

90.00 – Kim Heinle (received 2/3 of the votes required)

91.07 – Alex Chipman, Felicity Senoski (received 2/3 of the votes required)

### **Committee Reports & Updates**

1. Landscape Maintenance Assessment District – Ochoa.
  - a. Ochoa provided a bi-monthly report to the board.
  - b. The MAD has noticed an uptick in graffiti in Linda Vista.
  - c. The MAD's next meeting is scheduled for May 3, at 1:30 PM, in the Linda Vista Library.
2. Morena Corridor Specific Plan (Ad Hoc) – Senoski. Nothing new to report.
3. Riverwalk Development (Ad Hoc) – Senoski. Nothing new to report.
4. Traffic & Transportation – Dorris. Nothing new to report.
5. Zoning and Land Use – Martinez. Nothing new to report.
6. Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Task Force – Heinle. The next AHTF meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2024, at 6:00 pm at Bayside.
7. Community Improvements – Carroll. Nothing new to report.
8. Representative Committees
  - a. Community Planners Committee – Senoski. Planning group recognition update as provided in Chair's Report.
  - b. Linda Vista Collaborative – Heinle.
    - San Diego Gas & Electric shared community engagement efforts in Linda Vista in March.
    - The next meeting is scheduled for April 17 via Zoom. Agenda items include the Brain Balance Center and youth educational planning.
  - c. Mission Bay Park – Tebbetts. Nothing new to report.

- d. Tecolote Canyon Advisory Committee – Niki Ahrens. Nothing new to report.
- e. Linda Vista Recreation Advisory Council – Castro.
  - The Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Linda Vista Recreation Center.
  - The Center offers a variety of programs for youth and adults.
- f. Linda Vista Town Council – Hunt. In March, the Town Council received a presentation from Demi Brown of Empower Charter School.
- g. Skate World Ad Hoc—Hunt. Nothing new to report.

**Items for the April 22, 2024, meeting:**

- Please send agenda items for March to Chair Senoski.

**Adjournment:** Chair Senoski adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by:  
Ashley T. Martinez, Secretary  
Linda Vista Planning Group

APPROVED