

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
MINUTES OF  
APRIL 12, 1990  
AT 8:30 A.M.  
IN THE FIFTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman ZoBell at 8:40 a.m.  
The Planning Commission adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chairman Karl ZoBell-present  
Commissioner Tom La Vaut-present  
Commissioner Ralph Pesqueira-present  
Commissioner Edward Reynolds-present  
Commissioner Scott Bernet-present  
Commissioner Lynn Benn-present  
Commissioner Chris Calkins-present  
Planning Director Robert P. Spaulding-present  
Assistant Planning Director George Arimes-present  
Mary Lee Balko, Deputy Director, Long Range  
Planning-present  
Tom Story, Deputy Director, Development and  
Environmental Planning-present  
Rudolph Hradecky, Deputy City Attorney-present  
Jeff Strohming, Engineering and Development-present  
Michael Stang, Principal Planner-present  
Janet MacFarlane, Recorder-present  
Karen Garrido, Recorder-present

ITEM-1 FIELD TRIP TO THE EAST ELLIOTT COMMUNITY PLAN AREA

ROBERT SPAULDING reviewed the approach being used to plan the East Elliott area.

TOM HUFFMAN reviewed the specific sites the Commission would be visiting during its field trip.

RECESS

The Commission recessed at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of conducting a field trip to the East Elliott Community Plan area.

RECONVENE

The Planning Commission reconvened at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Twelfth Floor, City Administration Building.

ITEM-2 RESOURCE PROTECTION ORDINANCE 89-0899 FOR BAYRIDGE EAST

RECESS, RECONVENE

KARL ZOBELL recessed the meeting to give speakers an opportunity to organize themselves, and reconvened at 2:04 p.m.

COMMISSION ACTION

On motion of LYNN BENN, seconded by SCOTT BERNET, the Commission voted 7-0 to continue this item to May 3, 1990 at 9:00 a.m.

ITEM-3 ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE NORTH CITY WEST AND 3A NEIGHBORHOOD 8 PRECISE PLAN; NORTH CITY WEST NEIGHBORHOOD 4 PRECISE PLAN; NORTH CITY WEST COMMUNITY PLAN; SORRENTO HILLS COMMUNITY PLAN; PROGRESS GUIDE AND GENERAL PLAN; NORTH CITY LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM LAND USE PLAN TO INCLUDE THE CARMEL VALLEY RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AND THE LOS PENASQUITOS LAGOON ENHANCEMENT PLAN; NORTH CITY WEST PLANNED DISTRICT ORDINANCE (REZONING) AND LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. REVISE LAND USE PLANS FOR CARMEL VALLEY AND THE NORTH CITY LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM FOR CARMEL VALLEY TO REFLECT THE PROPOSED STATE ROUTE 56 FREEWAY, CARMEL VALLEY RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT/LOS PENASQUITOS LAGOON ENHANCEMENT PLAN, AND REZONE PROPERTIES TO MATCH LAND USE CHANGES.  
APPLICANT: CITY OF SAN DIEGO.

NICK OSLER presented Planning Department Report No. 90-103.

MIKE STANG reported on the resource protection ordinance and its application to this project.

NORM LARSEN, Caltrans, reviewed a proposed alternative alignment suggested at a previous workshop meeting on this project.

JAN McMILLAN, Deputy Mayor of Del Mar, requested a continuance based on insufficient notice.

Chairman ZOBELL noted two letters in support of SR-56 from Assemblywomen HUNTER and MOJONNIER.

HANNAH COHEN, representing Mid County Transportation Coalition, submitted a petition in support of the project and presented letters of support from Assemblywomen Tricia Hunter and Sunny Mojonnier.

MATTHEW PAPUGA, member of Mid City Transportation Coalition and resident of the Penasquitos area, spoke in favor of the project.

ROBERT IMLER, speaking on behalf of the Mid County Transportation Management Association, expressed support for the proposed route of SR 56 West and the construction of Carmel Valley restoration and enhancement project. He also presented a letter of support from San Diego Highway Development Association.

MARILYN BROWN, President of Rancho Penasquitos Town Council, reported that the town council voted their solid support for the completion of Highway 56.

ANN DEMPSEY urged consideration of light rail instead of a freeway.

PAUL ROBINSON, representing R. B. McComic, expressed their concern over the RPO mapping at the precise plan amendment stage. He proposed requiring RPO mapping when RPO permit is required.

NANCY ROSS, representing Sea Village Homeowners Association, stated that organization has taken an official stand in opposition for environmental reasons. They are in favor of an alternative south of Carmel Valley Road.

JAN HUDSON spoke in opposition stating that a freeway in the proposed location would be incompatible with their rural lifestyle.

DONALD WORLEY, attorney on behalf of MARVIN GERST, stated the proposed timeline would not be feasible for the plan amendment and felt that RPO should not be applied at the precise plan stage.

JOHN GINGILOSKI, representing Carmel Valley Coalition, presented a petition opposing SR-56 and requesting that Caltrans look at alternative routes.

OPAL TRUEBLOOD, Chairperson representing Torrey Pines Community Planning Group, requested an addendum to the EIR that would clarify wetlands impacts and urged that alternative routes be considered.

BILL WATSON spoke about the alignment he presented at the last workshop, proposing movement of the alignment to the north.

JERRY MAILHOT, Co-Chairperson of Carmel Valley Coalition, requested alternative alignment studies by Caltrans and urged continuance until new studies can be done.

JAN FUCHS spoke about the need for a freeway, but urged looking into alternatives.

JOHN NORTHROP urged alternative routes and spoke about environmental damage that may occur if the project is accepted.

YVETTE ROTHSTEIN spoke about noise impacts and urged an alternative route to the south.

VICTORIA BRADSHAW urged an alternative route.

CHARLES NEWTON urged right-of-way for light rail in the plan and postponement until alternatives are reviewed.

LINDA MICHAEL, Sierra Club, commented on EIR inadequacies and urged siting SR-56 in a less environmentally sensitive area. She also questioned the amount and timing of the proposed mitigation.

MARY ANN MCCARTHY spoke about increased traffic on surface streets if the route was approved.

ROGER J. COLE spoke about traffic back-ups on surface streets due to lack of connectors if the project was approved.

DICK GARLOCK spoke about the need for another corridor.

MARLA JENSEN, member of the board of Save Carmel Valley Coalition, spoke about environmental impacts and noise.

ROBERT H. BREWSTER said he opposed the alignment for environmental reasons.

DOROTHY KNOX urged alternative routes be considered.

BOB STEPHENS spoke about a project for Carmel Valley Community Church which was denied because of lack of mitigation.

SUSAN CARNEVALE urged an interchange farther south than proposed.

DEANNA RICH urged looking at a more southerly alternative.

PAT ANTHONY urged new alternatives and the need for a north/south artery.

Public testimony was closed on this item.

COMMISSION ACTION

On motion of LYNN BENN, seconded by TOM LA VAUT, the Commission voted 4-3 (CALKINS, BERNET and PESQUEIRA voting in the negative) not to certify the EIR and to deny the project because alternatives have not been sufficiently studied.

ITEM-4 ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS OF INTEREST WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION NOT PREVIOUSLY HEARD.

No one appeared to speak at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.