



## January 08, 2025 Minutes

In person meeting at Temple Emanu-El 6299 Capri Drive, San Diego, CA 92120

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6:30 p.m.

### **Call to Order: January 08, 2025 @ 6:32 p.m.**

By Chairperson Brian Gile presiding: Welcome

### **Roll Call of Board Members:**

Gary Whaley(San Carlos)  
Danny Fitzgerald (San Carlos) arrived at 6:42 PM  
VACANT (San Carlos)  
Tamar Caspi (San Carlos)  
Cory Lashell (Grantville)  
**David Smith** (Grantville)  
VACANT (Grantville)  
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Marilyn Reed (Allied Gardens)  
Shain Haug (Allied Gardens)  
Kevin Sullivan (Allied Gardens)  
Brian Woodhouse (Allied Gardens)  
**Abel Santana** (Del Cerro)  
Brian Gile (Del Cerro)  
John Hoy (Del Cerro) arrived at 6:37 PM  
Nate Stein (Del Cerro)

**0** -Absent

**2** -Excused

11 in attendance of 13 members

### **Approval of January 08, 2025 Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Shain Haug and seconded Nate Stein. Motion passes unanimously.

### **Approval of November 13, 2024 Minutes:**

Minutes amended to correct Call to Order Date

Motion to approve the amended minutes by Marilyn Reed, second by Tamar Caspi, passes 8 to 0 with one abstention.

### **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**

- Chairperson Brian Gile set a fifteen-minute total time period for public comment on non-agenda items with more time being added to the end of the meeting if needed.

Ten attendees presented themselves to speak regarding the Superior Ready Mix (SRM) Work Paper for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 82-0611 being discussed this evening.

Attendees spoke to the board regarding the Superior Ready Mix Conditional Use Permit (CUP) needing more time to be finalized before the Navajo Planners' recommendation regarding the CUP amendments is made.

Comments included the need for more time to add more conditions into the suggestions that support the community's needs for the upcoming CUP amendment. Conditions in the CUP recommendations should be changed to protect the adjacent neighborhoods from dust and fly rock that the proposed blasting may cause. The new blasting area is much closer to homes and the community needs protection. This is a time that the subcommittee gets to communicate with the City and it is important to get the suggestions right. Vulcan will be giving more direction for this project so more time is needed. There are two more conditions that need to be addressed.

More comments on the need for deeper setbacks to stay safe from flyrock, an engineering study has not been done to support the new blast zones, the proposed distances are too dangerous, damages to their homes including dust, cracks in concrete slabs, windows being replaced, and homes settling. The question of, liquefaction of land getting effected by blasting was not able to be answered by those in attendance.

*Chairperson Gile closed public comment on non-agenda items*

**Chairperson motioned to amend the agenda** moving the Max Lanail Memorial Bridge Presentation by Ben Lanail to an earlier time in the meeting. Shain Haug motion to approve the amendment and Cori Lashell second the amendment. Motion passes unanimously.

### **Action Item one, more later in the meeting:**

- **Max Lanail Memorial Bridge** – Presentation by Ben Lanail regarding the Board's requested recommendation to approve the planned Max Lanail Memorial Bridge in Mission Trail Regional Park.

Ben Lanail shared the story of his son's passing as he tried to cross the San Diego River in the Mission Trails Regional Park. Max Lanail was caught in severe weather and tried to reach his car by crossing the river. Max was found to have drowned. An idea that there needed to be a bridge at this spot to honor Max and protect other people using this park. Ben formed a fundraising group and raised enough money to start the bridge project. Ben learned that the bridge idea for this spot in Mission Trails is already in the master plan for Mission Trails as something that should be part of the park. Ben's group is working on permits and hoping to start construction as soon as possible and hoping for February/March 2026 opening. The goal is to have a beautiful structure that honors Max and protects people using the park.

Comments include, attendees can get more information on the bridge by adding their names to the Navajo Planners mailing list. The area needs the bridge for safety. There is a funding gap that will need to be filled. So far, the State of California granted \$1.5 million to Mission Trails

Regional Park and the family has raised \$1 million. There is concern on the level of maintenance needed on the bridge because the bridge will be maintained by the city. The bridge is ADA accessible. The presenter was asked if the bridge can withstand a wildfire. Concern was raised that the bridge will take away from the natural beauty of the park. The bridge was always part of the master plan but the lack of funding has prevented the project from being started. The foundation has taken the lead to get this done. This crossing can be dangerous and hazardous to cross.

Motion to approve the bridge project recommendation, that the bridge as presented, will receive board approval made by Brian Gile, second by Shain Haug. Motions passes unanimously.

### **Elected and Public Officials' Reports:**

#### **- Councilmember Raul Campillo report given by Vic Vettiyil**

Councilmember Campillo's election to a second 4-year term will focus on safety, infrastructure, and the economy.

Measure E did not pass so the budget is still an issue. The City has addressed homelessness even though the County should be responsible. The 1% sales tax increase will be reintroduced the next voting cycle because so much of our taxes go to the state. Building more community trust stays a priority.

Upcoming Navajo town hall on January 30 at 6:00 PM at Mission Trails Regional Park, with a focus on Cowles Mountain Blvd resurfacing and a stop sign replacement on Lambda Drive and Theta.

Discussions and comments include:

Cowles Mtn Blvd will be resurfaced in the future based on the city's public maintenance department's schedule. College Ave and Del Cerro Blvd is on the plan to be repaved soon, depending on the weather.

The stop sign at Lambda and Theta is being checked on.

The re-hearing at the City Council for the All Peoples' Church application has not been scheduled at this time. A one week notice will be given when the re-hearing is scheduled.

#### **- Mayor Todd Gloria's report given by his district seven representative Korral Taylor –**

Vic Vettiyil shared Korral's message reminding people of the new law not allowing cars to park within 20 feet of the crosswalk or you will receive a parking ticket.

## **Director's Reports**

- **Chair Report by Brian Gile, Chairperson** – The Development Impact Fund (DIF) money being held in our Navajo Planners account had \$3.5 million taken by the City by rule that the City can use the funds to balance its budget. A request has been made for a City official to come to one of our meetings and explain if the NCPI will get the money returned to the DIF. Other community planning groups (CPG) have also had their DIF funds taken by the City.

PRA update Regarding the Cerro House development across from Windmill Farms, the request for information is not allowed for public release until the City has completed review of all the documents. A second PRA request was denied due to attorney client privilege. Discussion includes that there is no reason that the City can't give us the documents

The All Peoples' Church re-hearing is targeted for February 4<sup>th</sup>, notice should be given two weeks prior. The City Council will decide if they will reconsider the All Peoples' Church project.

- **Vice Chair Report by Gary Whaley– No report given**

- **CPC report by Brian Gile**– The City provides a \$500 budget for the year to support all of our expenses and the CPG members are requesting \$2,000 each year to cover expenses. Brian will present the request to our councilmember.

- **Treasurer Report by Kevin Sullivan** – Kevin Sullivan spoke informally with an attorney about whether the NCPI should be classified as a 501 c3 or 501 c4. Kevin recommends that we amend the NCPI's article of incorporation to refile as a 501 c4 with the State so our State and Federal taxes are consistent. Currently NCPI is a 501 c4 with the IRS and a 501 c3 with the State of California. Brian Gile will check with the City to ensure that this change is permitted. If the change is permitted, an action item will be added to the agenda.

There is no information regarding the old Nicolos's lot at Jackson Drive and Navajo Drive. The old Souplantation lot on Mission Gorge Road development project is proceeding.

## **Action Items:**

- **Max Lanail Memorial Bridge** – Presentation by Ben Lanail regarding the Board's requested recommendation to approve the planned Max Lanail Memorial Bridge in Mission Trail Regional Park was moved to earlier in the meeting.

- **Superior Ready Mix subcommittee additional board member request** – The subcommittee was unable to come to agreement on an agenda so it requests that a third board member joins the Superior Ready Mix (SRM) subcommittee. Help is needed with the changes related to the new owner of SRM, Vulcan and condition 10. The committee needs to find out what Vulcan thinks about the CUP and then continue to work on the CUP amendment suggestions.

Marilyn Reed volunteered to join the SRM subcommittee. Brian Gile made a motion to approve Marilyn Red as a member of the SRM subcommittee, second by Shain Haug. Motion passes unanimously.

The suggestion is that the subcommittee waits for more information from Vulcan before the subcommittee meets again and it's up to the Chairperson of the subcommittee, Kevin Sullivan, to call the next meeting.

### **Informational Presentations:**

- **Superior Ready Mix Work Paper for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 82-0611** - review of items that have been mutually agreed upon by the applicant in conjunction with the subcommittee. Board to consider whether to approve, amend, or deny report.

At the February NCPI board meeting, the board will receive a presentation by the SRM subcommittee and vote on whether to action item a future vote so the work done by the subcommittee can be acknowledged and given to the City. Any vote does not preclude the subcommittee, the board, or any citizen from continuing to work on the CUP amendment suggestions. Nor does this acknowledgement stop the board from reevaluating the CUP and issuing another recommendation in the future.

The document represents the work the community and the subcommittee has done for the CUP. This work can be looked at by Vulcan in any way they choose. Our hope is to give the City a CUP recommendation so the City can see that the community had concerns about the site.

Comments include: There are many different parcels of land and the definite owner of the land needs to be researched. It may be owned by Vulcan or owned by Superior Ready Mix and leased to Vulcan. There are also surface and subsurface rights to consider. The public expressed an interest in how ownership of the property was held. The subcommittee is following up to find out who officially is the owner of the land, rights, and business. The land rights allow the business to blast up to the 200 feet and 275 feet setbacks that were previously established. Businesses with OSHA ask for a 500 setback for businesses.

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

- **NCPI CIP Sub-Committee Report by Shain Haug** – We have about \$200,000 left in the DIF and we need to find out how to request a project with the City. There are projects identified but we need to find out what projects have been worked on already so we don't choose projects that can't be done.

- **NCPI Election Sub-Committee by Brian Gile** – A date was set to meet and plan the next election.

### **Community Group Reports:**

-**San Carlos Community** by Tamar Caspi – Voice of Del Cerro, Allied Gardens / Grantville Community Council, and the San Carlos Community will each send their own representatives to an upcoming meeting to help form a new Navajo Town Council.

**-Allied Gardens Grantville Community Council** by Shain Haug -. On February 03, there will be a town hall meeting at the Benjamin Library regarding transportation issues for seniors and the disabled. In March there will be a meeting regarding homelessness in our committee.

**-Mission Trails Regional Park Advisory Board** by Marilyn Reed - There are three new park rangers and there is one open position. There are different grades of e-bikes. The e-bikes that have pedals, are permitted on designated biking trails. There is a 53-acre parcel that is being purchased to add to the park. Refurbishing the visitor center will be done to give the visitor center more flexibility. A coffee bar and more seating and more exhibits will be added to the Visitor Center. The exterior may have more parking and more shade. Trees and other ideas are being considered. Adequate bathrooms need to be added to the plan. Non pedal e-bikes are not permitted in the park and can be ticketed by the City. Pipe repairs are upcoming that will result in temporary loss of parking and use of some roads and trails.

**Adjournment.** At 8:19 pm by Chairperson Brian Gile.

**The next meeting** will be on February 12, 2025.

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**Meeting Calendar for 2025:** January 08<sup>th</sup> , February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, August – no meeting unless needed, September 10<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, December – no meeting unless needed.