

Community Planner Committee

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CPC DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Edelman, Carmel Mtn. Rnch. (CMR)
Barry Schultz, Carmel Valley (CV)
Mary Young, Chollas Valley (CVE)
Naveen Waney, Clairemont (CLMT)
Russ Connelly, City Heights (CH)
Tom Silva, College Area (COL)
Shital Parikh, Del Mar Mesa (DMM)
Mario Ingrassi, Eastern (EAS)
Bob Link, Downtown (DNTN)
Paul Schumacher, Golden Hill (GH)
Diane Kane, La Jolla (LJ)
David Moty, Ken-Tal (KT)
Howard Wayne, Linda Vista, (LV)
Dike Anyiwo, Midway (MW)
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa (MM)
Bill Crooks, Miramar Rnch. North (MRN)
Brian Gile, Navajo (NAV)
Michele Addington, Mission Valley (MV)

Deborah Watkins, Mission Beach (MB)
Jim Baross, Normal Heights (NH)
Aria Pounaki, North Park (NP)
Andrea Schlageter, Ocean Beach (OB)
Linda Acuna, Old Town (OT)
Jason Legros, Pacific Beach (PB)
Korla Eaquina, Peninsula (PEN)
Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
Jon Becker, Rancho Penasquitos (RP)
Rudy Lopez, San Ysidro (SY)
Wally Wulfeck, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Marc Lindshield, San Pasqual/Lake
Hodges (SP/LHJ)
Catherine Stempel, Serra Mesa (SM)
Myron Taylor, Southeastern (SE)
Brad Remy, Torrey Pines (TP)
Chris Nielsen, University (UN)
Tom Mullaney, Uptown

Guests: Sandy Wetzel-Smith, Joe La Cava, Kathleen Ferrier, and Tommy Hough

NOTE: *The sign-in sheets provided at the entrance to the meeting are used to list CPC Representatives, guest speakers, and staff present at the meeting.*

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:

Chair Wally Wulfeck called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll Call: CMR, CV, CVE, CH, CLMT, COL, DMM, DNTN, GH, KT, LJ, LV, MW, MM, MRN, MB, MV, NAV, NH, NP, OB, OT, PB, PEN, RB, RP, SY, SM, SE, TP, UN and UT

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

- An owner of a marijuana facility said he is working with cannabis outlets for responsible permitting to address the perception of industry deep pocket influence

- The following comments were expressed regarding the issue of Council member Whitburn's cannabis proposal:
 - The proposal would take community input out of the process and would remove distance requirement for cannabis facilities
 - The 1K ft. distance requirement being reduced to 600 f is a bad idea, allowing pot shops next to residential communities and negatively impacting public health
 - Proposed changes will remove distance requirements jeopardizing public safety

3. MINUTES APPROVAL FOR 12-14-21 TO BE CONTINUED, APPROVAL OF THE

MINUTES OF November 30, 2021: Ayes: CMR CV, CVE, CH, CLMT, COL, DMM, DNWTN, EAS, GH, KT, LJ, LV, MW, MM, MB, MV, NAV, NH, NP, OB, PB, PEN, RB, RP, SM, TP, UN, and UT Nays: 0, Abstain: MRN, OT, SY, and SE. Passed 29-0-4

4. MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Approved without modification.

5. PLANNING DEPARTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES: (INFORMATION ITEM)

(Sameera Rao, Development Project Manager III, Planning Department). Rao presented a quick introduction to upcoming initiatives. Rao said investment will go to areas with greatest needs. Part of the effort is to update the regional transportation program. A webpage will go live this week. Staff will work with students in an after-school program. A virtual workshop is scheduled for March. Rao plans for a return to CPC in February with a more in-depth presentation. The infrastructure initiatives are scheduled to go to City Council in late spring.

6. COUNCIL POLICY 600-24 on COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS, AND COUNCIL POLICY 600-9 on the COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE: (ACTION ITEM):

(Councilmember Joe La Cava) Discussion of draft revisions to Council Policies 600-24 and 600-9. The Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed changes. LaCava said he has discussed the changes at CPG meetings. Several proposals are part of the draft changes, including: 2-year break in service, which many CPC members feel is punitive and diminishes institutional/community knowledge, indemnification, \$500 stipend (which will be included in the 023 budget) and a new stipend for CPC, staff will support the CPC and city space will be available for CPG meetings, templates for participation/candidacy will be made available, the MADs will be recognized, voting requirements will be drafted, Brown Act posting requirements will remain but as a CPG responsibility, training for CPG's is to remain, records retention is to remain electronically, a planner is to be assigned to each community, City may terminate a CPG on City website, the restriction of only one household member being allowed on a CPG will be removed, no requirement for pro rata seats.

Some items require further discussion and are pending. These include: attendance requirements for candidates, necessity of CPG's having a bank account, no fee appeal. LaCava plans to go to LU&H in March of 2022 and fall for City Council. A red line strikeout/underline version of CP 600-24 will be avail on LaCava's website.

Board Comment:

- Comment was varied
- Question was raised what would happen to a CPG that refused to abide by any of the proposals to revise CP-600-24. LaCava said the CPG would be dissolved
- Chair suggested a common site for agendas and minutes to simplify searching for these items among 42 CPG's
- A member advocated for a no-cost appeal, as an appeal costs \$1,000. If an appeal of a Process 4 decision gets denied and the appellant wished to pursue it they would be required to pay another \$1,000 for the Process 5 appeal, something not many CPG's could afford. It was thought this could also encourage participation
- CPG's are often unrepresentative of a community per one member. To counter this LaCava said members should be elected locally and not appointed
- A member said the ability to post agendas and minutes makes it easy for the public to attend. Removing that service would handicap the CPG's. But LaCava said it may not be possible to preserve the City doing posting of agendas and minutes
- Member asked if a CPG with 10 members would still be recognized under proposed changes. LaCava responded yes
- Chair said termed out members should be allowed to be voted back in by the CPG
- Question was posed how a CPG would transition to the changes. LaCava said a template would be prepared with hard dates for CPG's to comply with
- Member asked what the function of the CPG's would be under the new rules. LaCava said it would not change, in that it would review projects and remain a venue for new infrastructure such as stop signs, potholes, etc. just less staff support
- Member said Zoom meetings have led to increased participation in his group and advocated their continued use
- Member said some communities don't have town councils, so planning groups are necessary to maintain community engagement
- LaCava said he would fight to have City maintain websites for CPG's
- Planning department should continue to facilitate translation services More than just Spanish is needed with growing diversity of communities
- How is Brown Act affected by changes? LaCava said he would preserve standard of BA as well as indemnification
- Chair said attendance at Zoom meeting has been much higher than with in person meetings

- How will CPG hear of development if applicants are not required to appear at CPG? LaCava said a sign on a property/CPG would serve as notice
- Chair reported he will not be on CPC after March 2022. Barry Schultz will preside over April, May meetings. Chair urged members to consider chairmanship of either CPC or a CPG.

REPORTS TO CPC: None

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Wulfeck at 8:27 p.m.