

NORTH BAY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Minutes for the Meeting of May 19, 2010
San Diego Sports Arena
3500 Sports Arena Blvd. San Diego CA 92110
Club 3500

ATTENDANCE:

Members present:

Walter Anderson, Tod Howarth, Joe Mannino, Melanie Nickel, Phil Pace, Chuck Pretto, Kurt Sullivan, Kristy Swanston, Mike Swanston.
A quorum was present.

Members excused: William Kenton

Members not present: Mike Drogin, Anthony Lombardi

Government Representatives:

Melissa Devine, City Planning
Matt Awbrey, Council District 2

Guests:

Celeste Grant and Sal Flores, San Diego Sports Arena
Donna Kaup, Peninsula Community Planning Board
Diane Ang, Perfection Auto Body
Lyle Butler, Past Member
Michelle Martin, Western Towing

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Melanie Nickel called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.
Introductions were made of all present

MINUTES - Minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2010 were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY REPORTS

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Melanie Nickel reported:

The Rock and Roll Marathon will no longer be going through our area. The footprint has changed.

City Sewer Main Rehab/Replacement project in 2011 will impact only the Barnett avenue area. No other information was requested. Joe Mannino commented on the importance of the BID (when formed) participating in involvement of capital improvements pertaining to priority.

A Bridge project is in the works over San Diego River.

The Rosecrans study completed on Sports Arena to Midway Drive.

Point Loma Pump Station will have (2) renovations done.

Melanie Nickel attended the COW workshop. Phil Pace needs to attend. 600-24 Guidelines and Bylaws are available if needed.

SPORTS ARENA IMPROVEMENTS-

Celeste Grant reported that the Improvements have been completed with funds from their Los Angeles office. The 3500 Club was gutted and redone. It is now also rented out for private events. Other improvements include: new lower seats, lighting and signage upgrades. A mixer is planned for 5/19 from 5-7pm for event planners and all board members were extended an invite. Although the club is by membership, some events will be open to the public. Melanie Nickel commented on price of parking at Arena (\$20) being outrageous compared to other venues, ie: Civic Center (\$10) other board members commented that parking not out of line with other private venues such as Petco (\$15) and Qualcomm (\$12)

NORTH BAY REDEVELOPMENT PAC

Kurt Sullivan-Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE

Melanie Nickel reported that the April meeting was mainly concerned with the rCity cleaning out the drainage channels. CPC preliminarily approved drainage plan with additional feedback expected.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Bill Kenton was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Sports Arena Blvd-

Gary Pence sent letter regarding angled parking being a good option. He will present drawings next month. Melanie noted that "no camping" signs will also be looked into next month. Walter Anderson questioned measurements to be able to do angled parking. Melanie Nickel commented that there as 1 tent and 19 motor homes present when she drove by this month. The estimate of cost for signs and participation of funds and the fact that this issue was being discussed back in 2007 was also raised.

Michelle Martin from Western Towing lent that they would also participate in funding of "no camping" signs. Kurt Sullivan will inquire about potential funding for signs from redevelopment fund. He will report back. Joe Mannino commented on making case for signs and having fund available. Tod Howarth commented that issue with campers is getting worse and will start in his area as well if moved off of Sports Arena Blvd.

Michelle Martin of Western Towing also reported that prostitution has started along this street as well. Joe Mannino commented that 20 years ago prostitution was a huge issue on Midway Drive. He asked that Matt Awbrey for help with this issue. Matt will speak with representative Faulconer and Captain Vasquez of SDPD and report back. Melanie Nickel will also follow up.

BID-

Kurt Sullivan opened discussion. The consensus was that this is not the right time to move forward with BID based on economic conditions. Asks that Joe Scaglione and Chuck Pretto comment. Walter Anderson raised question that there should be money available in the till for BID. Kurt commented that there is in excess of \$100,000.

MOTION: Moved by Joe Mannino, seconded by Kurt Sullivan, to “support exploration of basis of BID to be formed and Motion supported by North Bay Community Planning Group.”

Vote was 9-0-0. Motion PASSES.

Bylaws- Melanie Nickel wrote letter requesting Bylaw change. Insert letter. At this time board decided to not move forward with Bylaw change. We will continue to keep excused and unexcused absences for our own purposes and under “New Business” and propose to re-elect after (3) continuous absences.

NEW BUSINESS

None to report.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 19, 2009, at 3:00 PM at the San Diego Sports Arena, using the North entrance.

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

reported by Kristy Swanston, Secretary