

NAVAJO COMMUNITY PLANNERS, INC.

Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2012

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jones

Board Members Present: Allen Jones, Anthony Wagner, Lynn Murray, Richard Burg, Sherry Kelly, Mat Kostrinsky (arrived at 7:55 p.m.), Doug Livingston (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Cindy Martin, Michael McSweeney, Mary Miller, Dale Peterson, Marilyn Reed, Jay Wilson.

Board Members Absent: Matt Adams, Dan Smith, Daron Teemsma

- Pledge of Allegiance: due to lack of a flag, the Pledge was not conducted
- Modifications to Agenda: none

Approval of the April 16, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Following a motion and second by McSweeney and Wilson the minutes were approved 12-0.

Officers' Reports:

- Chair's Report:
 - Chairman Jones reported that the G&M Oil project located at 8780 Lake Murray Blvd. is under construction. The issue to be heard on June 18 by NCPI is whether or not beer and wine sales should be permitted.
 - Informational items on the Quail Brush (Cogentrix) project and the Sycamore Landfill Master Plan will be heard on June 18.
 - The Riverbend/Shawnee will not be heard on June 18 and may be heard on July 16.
 - NCPI Bylaws Article II, Section 4 provides that elected NCPI members shall not take part in or lend their influence in the election of any candidate for political office, and shall not identify affiliation with a planning group when endorsing candidates for public office.
 - NCPI Bylaws Article VI Section 1 provides that it is the duty of a planning group as a whole and of each individual member to refrain from conduct that is detrimental to the planning group or its purposes under Council Policy 600-24. Jones advised that NCPI's credibility could be diminished by members taking advocacy positions in advance of receiving all information on a project. The Chairman urged that if NCPI meet as individuals with project developers that that information be shared with the entire NCPI Board.
 - It was confirmed that NCPI generally does not meet in August unless pressing business requires.
- Vice Chair's Report:

- Anthony Wagner stated that the developer of the Riverbend/Shawnee project had reached out to him on several occasions and requested to meet. Mr. Wagner reported that he had written an Op-Ed piece regarding the Riverbend/Shawnee project for Sunday's U-T; and Channel 7 also picked up story. Voice of San Diego also posted the piece.
- Mr. Wagner met with Matt Adams of BIA and NCPI and Rob Hutsel of the San Diego River Park Foundation about detrimental impacts the Riverbend/Shawnee project could cause to the San Diego River. Mr. Wagner discussed with Mr. Hutsel some of the activity that this particular project could have on the San Diego River.
- Treasurer's Report: Lynn Murray reported that NCPI's checking account was closed on May 1, 2012. Murray added \$0.30 to bring the balance to an even \$65.00. She repaid Allen \$20.00 he had advanced earlier to pay an NCPI filing fee.

Elected Officials' Reports:

- Marisa Berumen, Field Representative for Councilwoman Marti Emerald: Ms. Berumen was not present and thus did not offer a report.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes each):

- Officer Ed Zwibel of the San Diego Police Department provided a brief report on crime issues and statistics in the community. Crime (residential burglaries) has increased; he advised to padlock gates and minimize side yard access which is a common mode of access for burglaries, often occurring in the middle of the day. Officer Zwibel will be leaving his current assignment to work for the Assistant Chief to role out new programs including new grant programs. A new officer will be assuming his current position and thus this is his last meeting with us. Chair Allen thanked Officer Zwibel for his service.
- Michael McSweeney addressed Mr. Wagner's Op Ed, saying he was troubled by anyone meeting solo with applicants and feels it crosses a line. Such meetings should be the job of all of NCPI.
- Cindy Martin reminded all to take the COW workshop to be indemnified.
- Jay Wilson received a call about SDGE water trucks.
- George Jancyn publishes a water blog.
- John Pilch stated that Lake Murray July 4 fireworks would not to be held due to concerns over potential litigation. He stated that he has filed complaints against four NCPI board members: Mr. Kostrinsky for referencing NCPI on a campaign mailer. Another mailed distributed at Spring Fest mailer listed Burg, Peterson, and Wagner as supporters with NCPI listed after their names.
- Mr. McSweeney expressed concern about Mr. Kostrinsky listing NCPI members as endorsers on mailers and felt that should not have been done.

- Judy Summers thanked NCPI for its vote last month against the Village at Zion project.

Informational Presentations:

- **San Diego County Water Authority:** Presentation regarding upcoming improvement projects along Jackson Drive and at Lake Murray. Greg Malven, public information officer from CWA, described the proposed improvements.
- Karen Henry and Brent Fontaine are project managers for the Lake Murray Pipeline. Lake Murray Control Valve preliminary design and CEQA review will start this summer. Start of construction is anticipated for in late 2014 with completion in early-mid 2016. Visual impacts need to be investigated.
- Brent Fontaine described relining of 82.5 miles of pipeline within the system. The pipe has a concrete core with wire around the exterior. A new steel line will be placed inside the existing line. This is less costly and easier than constructing a replacement line. The gap between the concrete and steel pipes is filled with mortar. Work will be performed in winter during low flows. No relining will be done between Portals 1 and 2. Ms. Miller expressed concern about water pressure changes in peoples' homes. Brent assured that it would not be a problem. Jay Wilson asked about access on Jackson Drive into Keil's shopping center. Brent was not sure how long this impact will last.

Action Items:

- **NCPI Subcommittees:**
- Appointment of Members to Subcommittees
- Discussion of and Possible Revision to Service Requirements
- Role of Community Members vs. NCPI Members
- Other Such Matters as May Be Considered

Chairman Jones likes subcommittees. Sherry questioned whether community members should have voting rights on sub-committees and felt participation in subcommittees should not be mandatory. She was concerned that some people come with agendas and biases. Jay Wilson stated that he thought both Board member and community members could serve together as long as Board members outnumber community members. Marilyn stated that community members need to be vetted by NCPI and the City before attending meetings. Allen stated that other planning groups approve the appointment of community members, who are then given voting authority, although Board members have a majority of votes. McSweeney stated that the Planning Department needs to be notified and members need to go through COW training, which raises potential issues. It adds another layer of hoops to jump through. Cindy understands subcommittees perform an advisory role only and everything comes back to NCPI for approval. Wagner stated that allowing non-board members on committees puts NCPI in a precarious position. He also felt that to require mandatory service may require amendments to the NCPI bylaws.

Martin moved/Wilson seconded: "Board members are strongly encouraged to serve on subcommittees. The motion passed 10-2 with Kostrinsky and McSweeney opposed.

Kelly moved/McSweeney seconded: “Subcommittees should consists of NCPI Board members but community members can attend and participate with voting rights given to NCPI Board members only. The motion passed 9-3 with Kostrinsky, Burg, and Wilson opposed.

- ✚ Jones moved/Wagner seconded: “Chairs of individual subcommittees should be ratified by the NCPI Board”. The motion passed unanimously.
- ✚ Jones moved/Wagner seconded: “the second bullet on the March 12, 2012 NCPI Subcommittee Formation Ad Hoc Committee summary should be revised to say ‘Subcommittee may review an issue prior to being brought before the Navajo Community Planners...’ rather than ‘Subcommittee will review an issue ...’” issue ...). The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

- Report from the Committee on Subcommittee Development (Mat Kostrinsky)
 - No further report
- Report on the NCPI Website (Jay Wilson)
 - The website keeps expanding, it is getting hits and working well thanks to George. It is a great way to get information out to the community.
- Report on Community Planners Committee activities (Dan Smith)
 - Dan was absent and not able to report.
- Report from the Parks Subcommittee (Cindy Martin and Jay Wilson)
 - Met a month or so ago and tried to prioritize available open space.

Community Groups Reports:

- Grantville Stakeholders Group –Allen Jones
 - No stakeholders meeting will be scheduled in May and likely not in June either.
- Allied Gardens Community Council – Marilyn Reed
 - On May 29 Congressman Filner and Council member DeMaio will speak. Allan Hunter passed away.
- Del Cerro Action Council – Jay Wilson
 - Met in April and discussed the Balboa Park Prado project.
- San Carlos Area Council – to be determined
 - John Pilch will continue to serve as spokesperson. No June or July meeting. Investigating how 7/11 is going in at Jackson Drive and Navajo Rd. It was apparently not noticed by the City.

Old Business:

Wagner asked about a document given to Allen Jones this evening. Allen stated it is not a public document until he reads it and determines that it is public. Wagner requested for the record that when it is determined to be public that it be disseminated to the entire NCPI Board. Jones stated that he will follow by-laws and Council Policy 600-24.

Kostrinsky expressed disappointment about the Board being used for political purposes. Kelly asked Wagner about Fast Break liquor. Martin stated that Sherry did a great job with Spring Fest.

New Business:

None

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned in Allan Hunter's memory at 8:49 p.m.