

# Community Planners Committee

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## **CPC DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2018**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Russ Connelly, City Heights (CH)

Naveen Waney, Clairemont (CL)

Jose Reynoso, College, (COL)

Kristen Hurst, Eastern (EAS)

David Swarens, Greater Golden Hill (GH)

David Moty, Kensington/Talmadge (KT)

Noli Zosa, Linda Vista (LV)

Cathy Kenton, Midway (MW)

Jeffrey L. Stevens, Mira Mesa (MM)

John Nugent, Mission Valley, (MV)

Lorayne Burley, Miramar Ranch North (MRN)

Gary Weber, Normal Heights (NH)

Rene Vidales, North Park (NP)

Andrea Schlageter, Ocean Beach (OB)

Mark Freed, Otay Mesa (OM)

Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)

Wally Wulfeck, Scripps Ranch (SR)

Emily Whittemore Tierrasanta (TIRSN)

Joann Selleck, University (UN)

Leo Wilson, Uptown (UT)

**VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:** Barrio Logan, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Del Mar Mesa, East Elliot, Chollas Valley (Encanto), Kearny Mesa, Midway, Miramar Ranch North, Ocean Beach, Old Town, Otay Mesa Nestor, San Pasqual/Lake Hodges, San Ysidro, Southeastern, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, University.

**Guests:** Michele Addington, Ellen Bevier, Sandy Wetzel-Smith, Barbara Gordon

**City Staff/Representatives:** Lisa Lind, Tony Kempton, Patricia Duenas, Alfonso Gastelum

**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:**

Chair David Moty called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and proceeded with roll call.

### **2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** 2 minutes per issue.

Barbara Gordon, community member, spoke on communities' concerns about marijuana facilities having environmental reviews done before the planning groups vote on them. She also said that, although San Diego has authorized 40 marijuana production facilities, each permit can allow three different types of facilities: production, cultivation and distribution.

### **3. MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

With no objections, chair Moty approved the agenda.

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2018:**

Moty proposed a correction to Item 8, listing Noli Zosa as added to the Parking Advisory Board, should read, will remain on the Parking Advisory Board. Motion to approve CL, second CH. Ayes: CL, RB, GH, OM, CH, NP, UT, EAST, SR, MV. Abstaining: COL, NH, KT, MRN, TIRSN-

**5. PLANNING DEPARTMENT WORK PROGRAM – Information Item**

Mike Hansen, Planning Department Director discussed the departmental work program for the coming fiscal year and requested feedback from CPC members. The direction of the work program is set by the Mayor, but partially determined through the budget process at City Council, as limited funds determine how much the department can do. He said that this was not a new program so much as a continuation of what had been prepared the year before. Mike said a difference between this program and the previous is that this program goes into more detail on the factors determining which community plans will be updated and in what order.

Mike commented that there is still time for planning groups to send in a letter to the department offering their thoughts on how to respond to the Grand Jury report.

Mike described department structure consisting of three divisions: Long Range Planning, Financial/Administrative and Environmental/Mobility. Reporting to Mike is Tom Tomlinson, Assistant Director. Reporting to Tom are Laura Black, Deputy Director of Long Range Planning, Alyssa Muto, Deputy Director of Environmental/Mobility and Marco Camacho, Program Manager for Financial/Administrative. Project categories the department is working on include: community plan updates and General Plan amendments, citywide planning and policy initiatives, development impact fee plan updates, special study area and TOD projects, parks and recreation plans/policies.

Mike described the factors that the Planning Department takes into consideration regarding community plan updates. The factors include a legal mandate, perhaps from the state, mayoral/council direction, age of the community plan, population/employment growth opportunity, transit priority areas and Climate Action Plan implementation, park equity and grant availability to fund the update.

He explained that the focus of the department for fiscal year 2018/19 will be on community plan updates, housing and Climate Action Plan initiatives. Some of the accomplishments of Planning include: companion unit incentives, streamlining of CEQA 15183 checklist, affordable/infill and sustainable expedite program, 2017 land development code update, housing inventory annual report, and the live/work ordinance. The following are projects in progress: development fee impact calculations, the Parks Master Plan, Transit Priority Area standards, mobility and VMT thresholds, mixed use zoning, 2018 Land Development Code update, and ongoing community plan updates.

Public Comment: None

Committee Comment:

Committee members commented that there was interest and concern over the community plan update process, amendments, density and housing, and transit investments. Their questions ranged from whether SANDAG grants could be precursors to updates to newly updated plans requiring almost immediate amendments. Mike Hansen said grants could be precursors. Regarding amendments to updated community plans, Mike said that the Planning Department must balance different inputs, locally and City-wide, such as implementing CAP goals. Mike agreed that older community plans are likely to require amendments, and the Planning Department current output of two updates a year represents progress in turning around updated plans.

The Committee members had disagreement over focus on transit, as transit ridership has dropped and already dense communities with more than adequate transit are still requested to accept more density. Mike said that the focus on added density and supportive transit in denser urban areas is consistent with the General Plan's City of Villages concept. Mike also said it is the most efficient use of City resources to ensure that the denser parts of the City are connected, and that it is SANDAG and MTS with authority over where investment in transit is directed. Mike said that the City's planned land use is not always in perfect sync with SANDAG transportation investments, but that the City is striving for continuity.

A member asked how increased use of social media, particularly regarding outreach by CPG members, but also for workshops and with historic districts, fits in with Planning Department policy. Mike acknowledged the role of social media and indicated the use of social media is being considered. In response to a question about the trend toward more ministerial development review, Mike advocated for developers to work with the community on ministerial projects, as building good relationships is a basis for future success.

**6. REPORTS TO CPC:**

- Staff Report: Lisa Lind said that new name tags on card stock should be available for the next CPC meeting.
- Subcommittee Report: None
- Chair Report: None
- CPC Member Comments: None

**ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING: SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair David Moty at 8:42 PM