

**Southeastern San Diego Planning Committee
Board Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2006
Minutes**

I. Call to Order and Self-introductions.

A Moment of Silence in Memory of the Victims of 9/11.

Vice Chairperson Reynaldo PISAÑO brought the meeting to order. Self-introductions followed. Board Members in attendance: Reynaldo PISAÑO, Vice Chair, Maria G. Riveroll, Secretary, James Justus, Treasurer, Pilar Arballo, Ivette Vela, Vincent Noto, Mary Kelly, and Robert Leif. Arrived later: Joshua Von Wolfolk, Chairperson Steve Veach and Louise Torio. Absent: Reginald Womack and Margaret Walter. Staff: Myles Pomeroy.

Summary of the Projects Meeting held on July 25, 2006, was distributed.

II. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion: Robert Leif, Second, Mary Kelly

MSC 8-0-0

To approve the agenda as presented.

III. Public Comments: none.

IV. Staff Reports:

Council District 4: Petrina Burnham distributed the “*Weekly Update*”, Fourth District Newsletter. Petrina also distributed information regarding the flyers for the SAT Prep Month workshops that will be held at the Malcolm X Library, and for the 2nd Annual Filipino Heritage Festival. Robert Leif asked if the Councilman had taken a position on Prop. 90 re: Eminent Domain. No, however, Burnham will bring it up to the Council President Pro Tem.

Council District 8: B.D. Howard indicated that : 1) The Downtown Community Plan Committee will commence meetings on September 28, 2006, Mary Kelly is our Representative on the Committee. We are to direct our concerns to her. Presently, they are addressing the homeless issue between the 8th District and Downtown, 2) the renovation and cleanup of 3060 Island Avenue may be delayed due to the fact that the Alpha Project may not be funded; and, 2) Beardsley Street Truck Traffic – the signage approved by the City Council in July, are in the works. It takes 10 days for the Mayor’s review, and the rest is time taken by the production and installation. James Justus expressed his concern about the intersection of 28th & National Ave. The new median seems to deter the use of the ramp for 18-wheelers. Myles indicated that perhaps it serves as a mitigation for the new mall. Robert Leif asked if the Councilman had taken a position on Prop. 90 re: Eminent Domain. No – none yet.

Planning Department Report: Myles Pomeroy:

1. Bill Anderson, the new Department Director, will come to one of our meetings some time during the year to introduce himself and familiarize himself with some of our issues.
2. Nancy Graham, CCDC President, will attend the 9/21 meeting of the Sherman Heights/Grant Hill Revitalization Committee.
3. Development Services is holding a “What to Know When Reviewing a Project” Meeting on 9/28, at 6:00PM, at 9192 Topaz, the Waste Water Offices.
4. A Mini COW will be held at the same location on 10/26 from 6-8:00PM – please RSVP for both events to 235-5200.
5. Island Avenue Rowhouses were approved on consent. Our concerns were included in the Planning

Department's Report. 6. The Board asked Steve to contact the City Attorney to clarify the issue of indemnification for the Planning Group.

V. Consent Items:

Striping Change on Market Street between 25th and 30th Streets 39 reported traffic accidents along this stretch in the past three years. The Community requests the removal of one through lane in each direction, installation of a bike lane in each direction, and installation of edge lines on both sides of the street.

Committee Concerns:

Members of the Board raised objections and concerns to this re-striping. It has been the experience of the Members who use Market Street frequently that:

1. There is a significant amount of traffic on that street during the rush hours.
2. The topography of Market Street does not lend itself to this realignment. It is hilly, and the visibility is not the best. One of the members mentioned how a friend of hers was struck by an auto crossing the street.
3. City buses have been observed to race down the bicycle lanes in the Mt Hope area. Such a move in this low-visibility area could be disastrous.
4. It was suggested that photocell speed control signs be installed along this area (est. price \$7,000 each) and also signage warning of people crossing illegally. Many people with children jay-walk on Market Street, in the most obscure areas.
5. It was suggested that the middle left-turn lane be removed and replaced with left-turn pockets.

Chairperson Veach asked for a motion to remove this item off the consent agenda.

Motion: Reynaldo PISAÑO, Second: Robert Leif MSC 11-0-0

To remove the item off the Consent Agenda and add it to Action Items.

(The discussion continued after the next item).

VI. Action Items:

A. Change in Traffic Flow for North/Southbound South 31st Street at Oceanview

At the corner of 31st and Oceanview, northbound lane will be able to only make a right onto Oceanview. Community requested this. The Planning Group had requested more information. Dayue Zhang 619-533-3093 discussed this proposal.

Presentation:

- The traffic count does not warrant a traffic signal at that intersection.
- There will be a double yellow line, with a porkchop island.
- Traffic averages 35 mph on Oceanview. 31st Street is a minor street, no count has been taken there.

Committee Concerns:

1. Need visual aids, good graphics, illustrating this situation.
2. Cannot visualize traffic flow.
3. Simulation should be done; at least a structured walk-through.

Motion: Mary Kelly, Second, Robert Leif MSC 11-0-0

Presentation not clear as to the traffic flow. There was no appropriate analysis of the traffic flow, it was an inadequate presentation and there is a lack of data on the traffic counts. Also, we need a projection of the probability of future accidents.

B. Striping Change on Market Street between 25th and 30th Streets

Discussion continued.

Motion: Robert Leif, Second, Louise Torio MSC 11-0-0

To continue this item until the Engineering Department can give us more information as to the impact on the traffic flow and address the concerns expressed above.

C. Approval of the July 10, 2006 Minutes

Motion: Louise Torio, Second, Reynaldo Pisaño MSC 9-0-2

To approve the Minutes with the following correction on page 4: under "Board Member Comments" Louise Torio "The Villa Montezuma" should read "Friends of the Villa Montezuma".

VII. Info Items:

A. Enterprise Zone Tax Incentive

Presenter, Ples Felix, City of San Diego Economic Development Division. No show.

B. City of San Diego Water Feasibility Study Ground Test

Alma Rife, Bob McCullough, and Presenter, Surraya J. Rashid, P.E. from the Water Policy & Strategic Planning Division, City of San Diego Water Department.

Presentation:

- Will be applying for a grant to obtain \$400,000-\$500,00 to complete the study.
- All water is imported into the City. In case of a disaster, perhaps we can count on our well water locally.
- Studies are being done in other basins. We are part of the San Diego Formation, rich in artesian wells.
- Core and water samples will be taken. Drilling will be 800-1200 ft. deep.
- Where to drill was determined by a geology study and seismic information.
- Planning on making all the data available to the Public.
- Sweetwater Water District uses 25% well water. We use 0.

Committee Concerns:

1. Involve the educational institutions in your analysis. (Accepted as good idea).
2. Committee emphasized that when development projects come before us that involve wells, they should be referred to this Department for review.

VIII. Board Member Comments:

Pilar Arballo: The Bronze Triangle, 2950 Imperial Avenue, will be offering free food on September 15th at 6:00PM.

James Justus: Announced that Teddy Cruz, Architect has been elected to the CCDC Board. James accompanied the Soap Box Derby winners to Akron Ohio at the end of July. They had a great time and gave the competition a run for their money. The Fiesta Del Sol, a street fair that was held on Imperial Avenue, between 20th and 25th on Sat. and Sun. 50,000 in attendance.

Robert Leif: The CCDRC web page is available for community outreach. Send him notices of events. The CCDRC's budget is going before the City Council tomorrow for a vote.

IX. Subcommittee Reports and Announcements:

Louise Torio: Día De Los Muertos will be celebrated in Sherman Heights with outdoor altars exhibit at different houses on Oct. 28th and 29th. The Community Center will display their exhibits from Oct. 28th to Nov. 7th (indoors). Louise distributed two flyers regarding the celebration.

Reynaldo Pisaño: CPC held a special meeting in Aug., no minutes are available. CPC did not approve the Housing Element of the General Plan. Many concerns were expressed. One of the main concerns is that the City is growing beyond its capabilities. Growth is not what the push is. Myles said that after a five-hour hearing on the Housing Element, it was continued to Nov. 2nd. CPC will discuss the airport next month.

X. Adjournment

Next meeting, Projects Committee, September 25, 2006. Board Meeting Oct. 9th, both on Mondays at 6:30 PM.