

# Annual report of the Serra Mesa Planning Group

March 2020-March 2021

## Section I. Introduction

The Serra Mesa Planning Group Chair Bryce Niceswanger, Vice-Chair Bob Crider, Secretary Catherine Stempel.

Change of Positions March 2021 Chair Catherine Stempel, Vice-Chair David Sims, Secretary Kira Finkenberg.

Tree Planting subcommittee, no action taken.

## Section II. Administrative Matters

4 meetings held, dark March, April, May, June, July, August, December 2020 and February 2021 due to Covid-19 Pandemic, All Meeting held via Microsoft Teams. Membership changes: Resignation due to area change: Bob Crider left September 2020. Termed out Bryce Niceswanger, Bob McDowell and Nicole Johnson March 2021.

New members: Cindy Moore elected September 2020, Chris Rosemond elected October 2020, David Sims elected November 2020 and Kira Finkenberg 13/15 members. No revisions to the planning group's bylaws, procedures and/or policies.

## Section III. Members Summary

Number of members in bylaws and seated; 14:15. Two open seats. Elections: All members not resigned as well as new member- reelected unanimously.

## Section IV. Community Plan Preparation, Plan Amendments, and Implementation

Provide a chronology of participation on a plan update or amendments, ordinance preparation/ amendments and rezones, public facilities financing plan, etc. Include, if possible, specifics on key actions taken (dates and results of votes):

- **Thursday, September 17, 2020. Action Item: Everett Hauser, (erhauser@sandiego.gov) presents from the Mobility Program Manager of City of San Diego.** Upcoming resurfacing Ruffin Rd between Aero Dr and Gramercy Drive. Asking for recommendation from the group. Option to add parallel parking and protected bike lanes and limit to 1 lane on each side with a middle-shared turning lane or continue to have 2 lanes on each side. Chris Castillo motioned to keep current configuration of option 1 to evaluate at a later date with more community input. As the community it most affected was not even enough time to have input in the process affecting their area. Cat Stempel to 2nd. Vote 8 – 2 in support of keeping current configuration #1 and gathering more input.
- **Thursday, October 15, 2020. INFO ITEM: Update from Everett Hauser on the resurfacing Ruffin Rd between Aero Dr and Gramercy it will be a 4 lane parallel parking with a bike lane.** Cindy Moore was able to reach out to the residents on Ruffin Rd and they have given their feedback on the previous bike lane suggestions.

- **Thursday, September 17, 2020. COMPLETE COMMUNITIES: PLAY EVERYWHERE – PARKS MASTER PLAN AND GENERAL PLAN RECREATION ELEMENT AMENDMENT-Discussed, no action taken.**
- **Thursday, January 21, 2021. Parks and Recreation Coalition (PARC) (Action Item): [PDF Parks component of Complete Communities](#) (Parks Master Plan, General Plan Recreation Element, and Citywide Park Development Impact Fee) PARC includes professional city planners, park advocates and community planners from around the city. The group's letter (attached) to the City Council in November requesting revisions to the Parks component of Complete Communities was signed by 8 organizations and 34 individuals, and asked that the City Council delay adoption. The City Council declined to approve the Parks component at its November 9 meeting. PARC has been working on a specific list of revisions, and has begun meeting with public officials including City Councilmembers and the Mayor's office to lobby in support of these sensible and significant improvements. Susan Baldwin presented a proposal to review the proposal for new Parks and Rec where there are many concerns if approved without certain criteria that is crucial to proper planning. Concerns are efficient acreage for the future population of San Diego, replacement park systems, and allocation of park funds, among other concerns. Cindy Moore motioned to "Support the improvements to the Parks Master Plan and Recreation Element recommended by PARC and send a letter of support to the Mayor and City Council requesting that city staff be directed to work with the Community Planning Groups, Recreational Advisory Groups, and PARC for input." Sandra Stahl 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with a vote of 12-0-0.**
- **Thursday, January 21, 2021. Council Policy 600-24 (Action Item): Discussion to bring to CPCP, concerns with requirement for renter to be on the Planning Board, no action taken on recommendations or changes to the [Legal Analysis document](#).**

## **Section VI. Special Projects**

Document any special projects discussed and voted on by the planning group. Include specifics on any actions taken. Projects could include policy items, City or regional task forces, General Plan meetings, or political candidate as well as ballot forums:

- **Thursday, October 15, 2020. INFO ITEM: The Kate Sessions Team has launched a website [www.katesessionstrees.org](http://www.katesessionstrees.org) where they offer presentations and consultations for planting trees in the community, including where to get them, how much they cost, how to get the city involved.**

## **Section VII. Overall Summary of Project Review & Community Development**

Document the planning group's review and/or actions taken on major discretionary projects. List this information by project name and location if possible. Discretionary projects include variances, street vacations, planned development permits and coastal development permits:

- **Thursday, October 15, 2020. INFO ITEM: Juvenile Hall Renovations Marc Regier gave updates to the construction. Vista Hill and Meadow Lark will get a new traffic signal. Driveways that are currently or previously used will change dramatically. Projected finish date is in May, 2022.**
- **Thursday, November 19, 2020. INFO Item: Gregg Zoli and Tim Smith both of Sharp Hospital presented the 2030 Seismic Compliance Strategy update for Sharp Hospital. Construction to**

begin Nov 2021 and take approximately 2 years. A new parking structure will be assigned and they do not foresee any traffic impact issues during construction.

- **Thursday, January 21, 2021. Rachel Gregg, SDSU West Mission Valley Stadium site.** There are still several more months for final demo of the stadium. Cement will be going down soon for the new stadium location. The bike route near the area will be more safe coming up during the construction.

- **Thursday, March 18, 2021. Rady Children's Hospital Campus Master Plan** (Action Item): presented by Dr. Patrick Frias, President and CEO, Dr. Nicolas Holmes, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. —No Action Taken

- **Thursday, March 18, 2021. T-Mobile is applying for a permit to install a cell tower at Mission Village Church (2650 Melbourne Dr)** (Action Item): Chris Vuong Site Acquisition and Zoning J5 Infrastructure Partners Mobile: 858.205.4150 [cvuong@J5IP.com](mailto:cvuong@J5IP.com)

Dr. Chris Vuong presented the planning group visuals on what the tower would look like and where it is to be located at. The planning group voted to draw up a letter to approve the cell tower at Mission Village Church 2650 Melbourne Dr with the addendum that the Serra Mesa community be able to beautify the base part of the cell tower with artistic decorations or for it to be more aesthetically appealing to match the top part of the tower. Denise Davidson motioned to approve the letter; Jim Antoshak seconded the motion with a vote of 13-0-0.

#### **Section VIII. Activities of Associated Community Organizations**

Include any associations with groups such as BIDs or CDCs that the community planning group participates in or partners with.—NONE