

Serra Mesa Planning Group

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Minutes of Serra Mesa Planning Group Regular Meeting

In person and via zoom

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Catharine Stempel (Chair) at 7:00pm

Members Present: Deborah Burns, Kira Finkerberg (Secretary), Joe Ippolito (Arrived 7:03pm Left 8:32pm), Sharon Kramer, Carey Longley, Cindy Moore, Chris Rosemond (Vice Chair) (7:01), Catharine Stempel (Chair)

Members Not Present: Rochelle Freeman-Zuniga

Approval of Agenda: Modifications made to the agenda was to add Member Carey Longley to the Agenda as a member of the SMPG. Cindy Moore made a motion to approve the Agenda, Cat Stempel seconded, vote 7-0-0.

Approval of June Minutes: Deborah Burns made motion to approve, Sharone Kramer seconded, vote 8-0-0.

Community Forum and Announcements:

Kathleen Lippitt has concerns over the shops that may be able to do business on multi-unit housing that the city is putting forward. Liquor stores or Cannabis stores on the first floor of multi-unit housing when there is very little parking for the tenants, may lead to further use of weed and liquor due to lack of transportation and other healthy resources for the tenants.

A community member wanted to introduce Larry Turner for Mayor and encourages the community to go to his website where his agenda and plan for San Diego is posted. Larryturnerformayor.com.

Career Lawyer Heather Ferbert's husband spoke on behalf of City Attorney candidate Heather Ferbert.

Cesar Purita is a community volunteer and spoke to the SMPG on concerns of the hazards of a ceramics business and the poisoning of the people in the community of zip code 92105, in the council district 9, Sean Elo-Rivera. This business has been around since 1984. He firmly opposes the hazards from the ceramic industrial business that is potentially poisoning the air and the left-over trash disposal.

Representatives:

1. Miles Noel, Staff District Representative, Councilmember Raul Campillo, District 7
 - a. Coffee with Campillo will be happening at the SMKM Library on 9/14/24 at 9am.
 - b. Input on Trash and Recycling Services will sponsor a meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 5:30pm – 7:pm. SMKM Library.
2. Corey Funk, Long Range Planning Office – NOT PRESENT
3. Korral – Mayor Gloria office – NOT PRESENT
4. Sarah Jacobs office – NOT PRESENT
5. Toni Atkins office – NOT PRESENT
6. Joel Andersons office – NOT PRESENT
7. Diana / SDSU West – NOT PRESENT
8. Michael Bravo – Chris Wards office – 78th District Summer end legislation is happening now go to a78.asmdc.org for details.

Information and Action items:

- 1 **Action Item:** Stephanie Green of SD Parks & Rec seeks a vote from the SMPG on the Jones Elementary Joint Use Park. More trees were added to the park and the community appreciated this. Chris Rosemond made a motion to approve the project, Deborah Burns seconded, vote 8-0-0.
- 2 **Action Item:** Stephen J. Swiecicki from Community Housing Works (CHW), presents the potential project at the former SM Library at 3440 Sandrock Ave. The affordable housing project would include 60 units, 56 units will be 1 bedroom, 4 remaining units are 2 bedroom apartments. This will be at least 5 stories high and will include 22 parking spaces. 30 of the 60 units will be homeless Veterans. 30 of the remaining units will be affordable units however the details on the income needed to rent these units is not confirmed. This would be a ground lease from the City of SD with no details on the amount CHW would pay to the city. After hearing from the community and the board, Chris Rosemond made a motion to support the affordable housing project with the requirement that setbacks in the building height are incorporated, size and scale are reduced, and more parking is included. Cindy Moore seconded the motion. The vote 2-5-0 did not pass.

Phillip Macintosh from Horizon Christian Fellowship presented Horizon's Vision for the former library site. Horizon Christian Fellowship would like to rehabilitate the current building and use it for a youth center for the community. They have been working with Taft Middle School's youth and it has been a tremendous success. Chris Rosemond made a motion to support Horizon Christian Fellowship's proposal to rehabilitate the existing building for a youth center using exclusively private funding. Deborah Burns seconded with a vote of 6-0-1. Kira Finkenberg abstained as she was unable to hear the proposal.

3. **Action Item:** Vote on the Capital Improvement Priority List in SM. Supporting materials are at <https://www.serramesa.org/smpg/smpg-documents/>. Cindy Moore makes a motion to approve the CIP list, Carey Longley seconded, vote 7-0-0.
4. **Action Item:** Elections 2024 for the SMPG. There are 4 openings. Jason Scheiner, Philip Macintosh, and Wayne Harris were voted by the PG and will be the 3 new members of the SMPG.

Historical Buildings, Guild Building: No update

Park & Recreation: No update

Chair Report: No update

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm. Next meeting scheduled for September 19, 2024