



Torrey Pines Community Planning Board

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BOARD MEMBERS: Morton Printz, Chair, tpcpb1@hotmail.com; Diana Scheffler, Secretary; Carole Larson, Treasurer; Faye Detsky-Weil, Past Chair; Michael Belch; Debbie Carpenter; Barbara Cerny; Cliff Hanna; Greg Heinzinger; Janie Killermann; Lawrence Lansdale; Philip Raphael; Tom Slipper; Patrick Stewart.

TPCPB - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Morton Printz, Diana Scheffler, Carole Larson, Barbara Cerny, Cliff Hanna, Greg Heinzinger, Janie Killermann, Philip Raphael, Patrick Stewart

ABSENT: Faye Detsky-Weil, Michael Belch, Debbie Carpenter, Lawrence Lansdale, Tom Slipper

ITEM #1 Chair Morton Printz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He noted that the absence of Board members Faye Detsky-Weil, Michael Belch, and Debbie Carpenter was excused.

ITEM #2 **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Foster of 12923 Biscayne Cove, Del Mar spoke of his concern regarding the SR 56 / I-5 connectors issue. He sees the issue creating discord in the community, overshadowing all other issues. He plans to draft and circulate a petition requesting very specific action and will give the Board a copy. He plans to attend meetings of the connectors Steering Committee.

Anna Cotton of 13133 Caminito Pointe Del Mar, Del Mar, representing the Point Del Mar Home Owners Association, asked for advice as to how to be influential in the connectors planning process. (The Chair indicated that the issue was on the agenda as Item 8, and could be moved up to accommodate people who were in the audience for the connectors issue.)

A third member of the audience (unidentified) asked about the City Council decision to continue the study of the connectors project with Caltrans and Sandag. Chanelle Hawken, Representative for Council President, Scott Peters, explained that the motion was a pro-forma extension of the existing agreement.

ITEM #3 **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

Chair Printz reported that he had attended the Carmel Valley Community Planning Board meeting on the connectors issue, noted the presence of other Board members including Philip Raphael, Faye Detsky-Weil and Cliff Hanna, and stated he was also disturbed by some of the comments made. He observed that the decision process would likely take years.

Chanelle Hawken confirmed that the Durango stop sign would be installed within 30 working days.

Philip Raphael expressed concern that his vote on the Connectors item at the last meeting had been called into question because of the possibility that he had a conflict of interest.

The Chair moved ahead with the agenda so that this issue could be discussed.

ITEM #4

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion: Cliff Hanna moved and Carole Larson seconded that Item 10 (mistakenly labeled Item 8 in the Agenda), Actions and involvement of the Board in providing information to the Community (on the Connectors issue), be moved up to precede Item 6. The motion carried (8, 0, and 1 with Greg Heinzinger abstaining because he had just arrived and had missed the discussion).

ITEM #5

REVIEW AND MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF December 13, 2007

Secretary Diana Scheffler indicated that the minutes as distributed to the Board ahead of the meeting contained two points in need of clarification: whether Pat Stewart, appointed as member to the Board during the course of the meeting, was entitled to vote on subsequent motions; and whether Philip Raphael, as a resident of the affected area, had a conflict of interest in the Connectors issue and should have abstained from voting.

The Chair suggested, and Board members did not object, that in the first case, since the election of Pat Stewart was not part of the normal election process where members take their seats at the following meeting, he was entitled to vote.

In the case of Philip Raphael, the Chair read the opinion offered by the City Attorney's Office that if 10% or more of the residents of an area are affected by an issue, then an affected individual does not have a conflict of interest in the matter and may fully participate in discussion and voting.

Further discussion on approval of the Minutes was deferred due to the following motion related to Member Raphael's participation in the December 13, 2007 discussion on the Connector.

Motion: Cliff Hanna moved and Diana Scheffler seconded that the Board take the position that at least 10% of Area 2, the Area represented by Philip Raphael, is affected by the connectors issue and he could thus participate fully. The motion carried (8, 0, and 1 with Philip Raphael abstaining).

Following approval of the status of Member Raphael, the motion to approve the minutes was presented as follows:

Motion: Janie Killermann moved and Carole Larson seconded that the minutes of the December 13, 2007 be approved, corrected to show Pat Stewart's vote after his appointment, and to retain the record of Philip Raphael's vote. The motion carried (9, 0, and 0).

ITEM # 10

ACTIONS AND INVOLVEMENT OF THE BOARD IN PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY

Cliff Hanna stated that he is compiling a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for the Community on the Connectors issue. He invited those interested to send him an e-mail to cshanna@sbcglobal.net. This will enable him to develop a mailing list for the FAQ.

Pat Stewart announced the formation of an organization called Stop Taking Our Property (STOP). The goal of the organization is to focus on the position that no homes be affected and not to discuss the pros and cons of the Connectors plans. Secondly, STOP will insist that measures be taken immediately to ameliorate the noise from the I-5 freeway. There will be five subcommittees, each focusing on a different political entity: the Mayor's office, Councilman Peters' office, SANDAG, the County, and the State. There will be an organizational meeting

January 28. The venue will be announced. Those interested in being notified were asked to leave with Pat their name, e-mail address, and phone number.

In the context of involving the Community in discussion of this issue, Philip Raphael expressed his feeling that it was inappropriate of the Board at the December meeting to have interrupted the discussion of the Connectors issue to resume the agenda. The Board came back to the discussion later, but by that time most members of the public had left the meeting. The Chair noted Phil's point.

Morton Printz brought up the matter of Board representation on the connectors issue Steering Committee, noting that the Carmel Valley planning group has two representatives. Barbara Cerny and Cliff Hanna are representatives for the TPCPB. Morton and Philip will attend when they can.

Morton noted that Route 56, although newly completed, appears not to have any sound walls. While it can be understood why older freeways have no provisions against the sound that has grown over time, it seems unconscionable that new freeways cutting through residential areas should not be required to provide sound walls. Philip remarked that the current methodology used for sound walls is ineffective.

ITEM #6 **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Carole Larson reported that she is pursuing a grant from the Del Mar Foundation.

ITEM #7 **PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE.** - Janie Killermann reported that the Project Review Committee had met prior to this evening's meeting to consider the granting of a Conditional Use Permit for the enlargement of a residential care facility on Nob Avenue (Casa Del Mar). There is great interest and much concern, short and long-term, expressed in the neighborhood on this issue, and the Project Review Committee has many questions to answer before any recommendation can be made.

ITEM #8 **SELECTION OF NEW VICE-CHAIR:** Nominations and Ballot of Board for replacement of Don Billings as Vice-Chair of the Community Planning Board. (As per Bylaws Article IV, Section 4) Carole Larson nominated Cliff Hanna. Janie Killermann nominated Pat Stewart. Both candidates agreed to run. A member of the audience asked to have the role of Vice-Chair defined. Morton Printz indicated that essentially the Vice Chair runs the Board meeting in the absence of the Chair, may attend the City's monthly Community Planners Committee, and may, but is not required to succeed as Chair at the end of the Chair's term.

A vote was taken by secret ballot. Janie Killermann counted the votes and later in the meeting, announced Cliff Hanna to be the winner.

ITEM #9 **BOARD POSITION ON ROOMING HOUSE ORDINANCE:** Deputy City Attorney Ms. Marianne Greene, has asked if the Board has a formal position on the proposed San Diego City Rooming House Ordinance, or if it has a recommendation for modification. Morton Printz asked if Board members felt ready to take a position. There was some discussion indicating that members are still confused as to the implications of the proposed ordinance and that in fact it is likely to have an impact on our Community. No position was taken.

Action: The Project Review Committee will develop an understanding of the implications of the Housing Ordinance, and other recent measures considered by the City, and report back to the Board with a recommendation.

ITEM #11

CREATION OF A NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: Chair Printz described how the Community is divided into three geographical areas, each with its own elected member representation on the Board while business interests are represented separately. Areas 1 and 3 each have one vacancy. Area 2 has four vacancies, and the term of our one business representative is expiring. The Chair appointed an Elections Committee composed of Barbara Cerny, Cliff Hanna, and Carole Larson. Three public members are also required. One person in the audience, Mark Heine of 2785 Las Palmas Cove, Del Mar, volunteered and Michael Foster of 12923 Biscayne Cove, Del Mar also expressed interest in standing for election. The election is March 13.

Action: Cliff Hanna will identify two more public members for the Elections Committee. The members will select a Committee Chair and manage the election process.

ITEM #12

PUBLIC INFORMATION UPDATES (Presentations as presenter is present)
City Planning and Community Investment Department - Lesley Henegar – not present
City Council District 1, Council President Scott Peters Office

Chanelle Hawken indicated that she will attend all Connectors meetings and invited questions that she might clarify.

Mark Heine in the audience asked about traffic studies. His perception was that such studies have not been done, and if done could show that the connectors are not warranted. He also pointed out the disconnect between planning for highways for increased population without also planning for the water and energy shortages we face. Another audience member pointed out that the main traffic flow from SR 56 is to the south and that there is never a back up of traffic travelling south on 5 and then east on 56. Chanelle Hawken and Cliff Hanna responded that the studies project for a 2030 population, but might well be based on flawed assumptions.

An audience member asked about the trailers newly parked on land adjacent to Carmel Valley Road and Interstate 5. Apparently the trailers will house Caltrans offices. As Cliff Hanna lives a short distance away, he volunteered to get more information.

Philip Raphael pointed out a discrepancy between how Scott Peters represented his position on the Connectors at the TPCPB December meeting, and how local newspapers reported that position. Chanelle answered that the newspaper article was misleading and a correction will be requested.

In answer to a question from the audience as to who the decision makers are in the Connectors issue, it was explained that Caltrans has the lead, but that SANDAG controls the funding and appears to make the final decisions. Chanelle urged those interested to pay attention to the election process as Scott Peters is completing his term as our representative on the City Council.

Mayor Sanders' Office – Stephen Lew – not present

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price's Office

Mark Olson stood in for Aaron Byzak. He reported on the efforts of the County to increase the numbers of fire engines and helicopters, to upgrade building codes in rural fire prone areas, and to assist in post-fire debris removal. There was criticism from a member of the audience, supported by Board members, about the lack of public education offered about the hazards of debris removal.

Cliff Hanna asked for clarification of the \$17.2 million planned for freeway improvement for the 4S Ranch development. Mr. Olson undertook to provide information.

State Senator Kehoe's 39th Senate District Office – Andrew Kennerly – not present
Assemblyman Garrick's 74th Assembly District Office – no representative present
Congress member Brian Bilbray's District Office – Marc Schaefer – not present
San Diego Police Department Community Relations Office – Officer Gaylon Sells – not present

ITEM #13

POSSIBLE INFORMATION REPORTS

Noise and Urban Environment – Philip Raphael – no further report
SR56 / I-5 Connectors– Barbara Cerny – no further report
Pedestrian & School Safety – Faye Detsky-Weil, Tom Slipper – both absent
Railroads & Mass Transit – no report
Web Site – Carole Larson – no report
Telecommunications in an Urban Setting – Greg Heinzinger – no report
Parks & Recreation – Faye Detsky-Weil - absent
COMPACT –Morton Printz – no report
County Service Agency 17 Representative – Barbara Cerny / Tom Slipper – no report
Carmel Valley Road Enhancement Project

Cliff Hanna indicated that the agreements for maintenance of the pop-out planters by residents are still not complete.

He also read a proposed letter written by Faye Detsky-Weil to the Chair of the Carmel Valley Community Planning Board. In the letter, she thanks the CVCPB for hosting a presentation of the connectors issue and asks that the two groups, TPCPG and CVCPB, continue to work together. Chair Morton Printz commented that there must be negotiation to find common ground between the two planning groups and suggested that Faye's letter be sent as an expression of her own opinion.

“Bulk & Scale” – Diana Scheffler – no report

ITEM #14

NEW BUSINESS – A tentative schedule of next year's meetings had been distributed with the agenda for comment by Board members.

ITEM #15

ADJOURNMENT – Cliff Hanna moved and Janie Killermann seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous, (9, 0, 0) and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.