



Torrey Pines Community Planning Board

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TPCPB - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM MINUTES

PRESENT Cliff Hanna, Vice-Chair; Diana Scheffler, Secretary; Carole Larson, Treasurer; Faye Detsky-Weil, Past Chair; Barbara Cerny; Janie Killermann; Lawrence Lansdale; Philip Raphael; Tom Slipper, Pat Stewart.

ABSENT: Morton Printz, Chair; Michael Belch; Greg Heinzinger; Debbie Carpenter;

ITEM #1 **CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS** – Vice-Chair Cliff Hanna called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Sherr Lightner, 8551 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, addressed to Board announcing her candidacy for District 1 representative on the City Council.

Matthew Zettumer, 13730 Nob Avenue, Del Mar, addressed the Board on behalf of the “Torrey Pines Concerned Neighbors Group” in opposition to the Conditional Use Permit applied for in the Casa Del Mar project. The project is currently under review by the Project Review Committee.

ITEM #3 **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE-CHAIR** - None

ITEM #4 **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Philip Raphael expressed his concern that although he had requested that the Board take a formal vote on whether it is in favor or against the SR-56 / I-5 connectors and in favor or against widening I-5, the item was not on the agenda. Raphael went on to express his opinion that there should be guidelines as to how agendas are structured. After some discussion, the following motions were made:

Motion: Philip Raphael moved and Faye Detsky-Weil seconded that at the March meeting, the procedure for adding items to the agenda be clearly stated. The motion passed unanimously (9,0,0 Pat Stewart having arrived later in the evening.)

Motion: Philip Raphael moved and Tom Slipper seconded that at the March meeting, the Board vote on whether or not it is in support of the connectors and widening of I-5. Carole Larson suggested amending the motion to separate the two issues for separate votes. The amended motion passed unanimously (9,0,0)

Carole Larson asked to add an informational item to the current agenda regarding the Del Mar Fairgrounds and San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. This was added to Item 10, "Possible Information Reports". (Other items were renumbered to correct duplication and omission of numbers in the agenda.)

Barbara Cerny explained that she had asked that a resolution from STOP be placed on this February agenda for discussion and potential approval, but in fact the item had been placed on the agenda as an informational item, precluding a vote of support from the Board.

Motion: Barbara Cerny moved and Lawrence Lansdale seconded that at the March meeting, the Board discuss and vote on whether or not to support the STOP resolutions. The motion passed unanimously (9,0,0)

ITEM #5 **REVIEW AND MOTION TO APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Motion: Diana Scheffler moved and Janie Killermann seconded that Draft #2 of the January meeting minutes, dated 1-27-08, be adopted. The motion passed (6,0,3, Lawrence Lansdale, Faye Detsky-Weil, and Tom Slipper abstaining because they had been absent from the January meeting.)

ITEM #6 **TREASURER'S REPORT** –Carole Larson reported no change to the treasury. The Board is not eligible for grant funds from the Del Mar Foundation. She will pursue the idea of sponsorship for the website.

ITEM # 7a **PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE INFORMATION UPDATE.** Committee Chair Janie Killermann reported that the Lee Residence Remodel had been approved by the City on the basis that the project did not violate any City guidelines. She announced that the Massas Residence Remodel will be discussed at the March 6 meeting of the Project Review Committee and that the Wallace Residence will be heard at a special meeting of the Committee prior to the regular Board meeting on March 13. This scheduling is due to a conflict for a neighbor and the architect of the project. Cliff Hanna noted that the principle threat in the latter project is the potential of invasive species in the landscape adjacent to the Preserve.

ITEM #6b **PUBLIC INFORMATION UPDATES**
San Diego Police Department Community Relations Office – Officer Gaylon Sells was not present. Member Lawrence Lansdale noted that the police have been active in the community lately with radar guns for traffic control.

City Planning and Community Investment Department - Lesley Henegar was not present.

City Council District 1, Council President Scott Peters Office – Chanelle Hawken was not present, but had sent a message that any concerns of the Board should be forwarded to her. Faye Detsky-Weil suggested that we ask Chanelle to let us know whether Scott Peters has followed up on his assurances at the Board's December meeting that he was against the concept of taking homes. Similarly, she asked for follow up on his aide's assurance, after Councilman Peters had left that meeting, that there would be a correction of a report in the local press that appeared to put him on record as in support of the connectors. A third item of interest is what Councilman Peters' answer might be to a letter sent by Carmel Valley Planning Board Chair Frisco White asking whether it would be legally feasible to make separate decisions regarding the east and west connectors.

Action item: Cliff Hanna will e-mail these three questions to Chanelle Hawken.

Mayor Sanders' Office – Stephen Lew was not present.

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price's Office – Aaron Byzak was not present.

State Senator Kehoe's 39th Senate District Office – Andrew Kennerly was not present.

Assemblyman Garrick's 74th Assembly District Office – no representative was present.

Congressmember Brian Bilbray's District Office – Marc Schaefer was not present/

ITEM #7b

INFORMATION ITEM: Barbara Cerny reported that 50 people had attended an organizational meeting of STOP (Stop Taking Our Property). The organization plans to go to all elected officials for public support and plans to ask for TPCPB support at the March meeting (see motion in Item 4). The first resolution is that no residential property be taken and the second is that immediate action be taken to mitigate freeway noise.

Barbara further indicated that Member Pat Stewart, who had not yet arrived at the Board meeting, was attending the meeting of the Del Mar Mesa Planning Group asking for their support. STOP will be setting up a web site, and going door to door with flyers. STOP has two resolutions they would like the TPCPB to support.

Philip Raphael asked if anyone knew of a way to measure freeway noise and keep a running record. He has a meter. Lawrence Lansdale suggested that the Engineering Department at UCSD or SDSU could help as a student project, implementing proper research standards.

Barbara Cerny noted that a group similar to STOP in Solana Beach has met with Caltrans and made some measurements. It would make sense to work with them.

ITEM # 8

INFORMATION ITEMS: Carole Larson

Caltrans structure on Carmel Valley Road. Carole indicated that Caltrans would send someone to the March meeting and suggested that a presentation could be an agenda item. The facility on Carmel Valley Road will, for the next 5 years, house engineers associated with the bypass widening project and administering the possible future Mira Mesa interchange project. The building is temporary but has parking spots, a parking lot light, sewer and water hookups. No notification was required to the Board because of the temporary status. Caltrans will look into the possibility of landscaping.

Action item: Chair consider placing a presentation on this issue on the March agenda.

Verizon radome proposed for the intersection of Del Mar Heights Road and Mercado. Carol is interested in when this project would be reviewed. She has no objection to the Project Review Committee hearing it first and bringing a recommendation to the full Board as is usual practice.

Board members variously noted that the lot in question is a substandard lot, City land, formerly occupied by the fire station; that it is becoming an ugly utility lot; that some sort of park use would be good. Note was made of postcards received by some community members as well as by a La Jolla resident in the audience, from an unidentified group campaigning against "... the invasion of the ugly AT&T boxes". It was suggested that as a City issue, the question could be addressed to Chanelle Hawken, that since the lot is City land, could it not be landscaped with the utility boxes camouflaged toward the interior of the lot.

Action item: Add this one to other questions identified for Chanelle Hawken in Item 6b. (Cliff Hanna)

ITEM #9

REPORT OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:

Cliff Hanna, Chair of the Elections Committee, explained that next month, we need to fill several open positions on the Board. He invited people in the audience to consider running and if interested, to leave their names with him. He emphasized the difficulty we seem to have in finding business representatives to fill positions designated for them and encouraged the audience to contact anyone who might be interested and qualified.

Faye Detsky-Weil requested that the Committee make an effort to restore the staggering of terms of office so that we would not experience so many vacancies simultaneously. She will use her extensive e-mail list to generate interest in the election. The issue will also be put on our web site.

Action item: Faye to use her e-mail list to seek candidates; Carole to publish a notice on the web site.

ITEM #10

POSSIBLE INFORMATION REPORTS

Carole Larson had two items to report on:

1. Members will remember a presentation made by Ann Gardner at the October, 2007 Board meeting in which she pointed out that a position is designated on the San Dieguito River Park Citizens' Advisory Committee for a TPCPB member, but that no one has been designated to that position. Carole Larson indicated her interest at the time but has not been able to attend the meetings, about 8 times a year, consistently. If someone else is interested, they should let Ann Gardner know.
2. The Fairground (Agricultural District) is developing a master plan. The Del Mar Lagoon Committee and San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy would like to have the TPCPB join with them to monitor these efforts.

Status of the Del Mar Heights Road Median Project - Cliff Hanna suggested that this is another area where Chanelle Hawken could give us an update.

Action item: Add to questions for Chanelle Hawken identified in Item 6b (Cliff Hanna)

Noise and Urban Environment – Philip Raphael pointed out that truck traffic at night is an issue.

SR56 / I-5 Connectors – Barbara Cerny noted the scheduled meeting of the Steering Committee next week.

Pedestrian & School Safety – Faye Detsky-Weil, Tom Slipper – no report. Faye encouraged people to contact her with any concerns. This launched a wide range of comments including:

- Graffiti on the south side of Del Mar Heights Road (Residents should call the City)
- Sand on the sidewalk (When this was investigated before it was found that residents are responsible for maintaining and clearing the adjoining sidewalks)
- Torrey Pines State Park trail closures, (specifically the one leading from the elementary school that joins major trails to the beach) and failure to return a washed out bridge to service. Cliff Hanna, as a member of the Torrey Pines Association volunteered to relay information about our concerns to the Association.

Railroads & Mass Transit – no report

Web Site – Cliff Hanna noted that it is a tremendous resource and challenged Board members and audience members to open it up (<http://www.torrey-pines-community.org/>)

Telecommunications in an Urban Setting – Greg Heinzinger was not present.

Parks & Recreation – Faye Detsky-Weil volunteered to contact Torrey Pines State Park Chief Ranger Jody Kummer about the closure of trails.

COMPACT –Morton Printz was not present.

County Service Agency 17 Representative – Barbara Cerny reported her recent election to Vice Chair of the Agency. She noted some changes in ambulance placement which has caused her to monitor response times. Vehicles are distributed based on population and number of calls. Rancho Santa Fe with a large back-county area, is assigned 3 of the 6 ambulance.

Carmel Valley Road enhancement project – Cliff Hanna indicated that apart from some loose ends, the project is finished. He is working with the Torrey Pines Association to work out a scheme for planting native plants; lighting, initially the wrong color, is to be replaced; telephone poles are to come down with undergrounding. He suggested that Chanelle Hawken could give us some news on this item also.

Action item: Add this issue to the list of questions for Chanelle Hawken begun in Item 6b.

“Bulk & Scale” – Diana Scheffler explained that the Project Review Committee is working on the codification of its goals, objectives, and procedures. Ultimately it is expected that this activity will result in ideas for amendment of the Community Plan. A better definition of “bulk and scale” could be part of this effort. Experience shows that without a tight definition, approved by the City in a revised Community Plan, we may not be able to count on City support of our efforts to keep new development within the scale of its existing neighborhood.

ITEM #11

NEW BUSINESS

Member Pat Stewart attended this meeting after giving a presentation to the Del Mar Mesa Planning Board for STOP. He reported that the DMMPB will put the issue on their next agenda and expect to endorse STOP’s position against the taking of homes. They will not vote on the noise issue, seeing it as local to the Torrey Pines Community.

ITEM #12

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Faye Detsky-Weil moved and Carole Larson seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (10,0,0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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