



# Torrey Pines Community Planning Board

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008

## Meeting Minutes

*Present:* Barbara Cerny, Faye Detsky-Weil, Michael Foster, Cliff Hanna, Greg Heinzinger, Kenneth Jenkins, Janie Killermann, Carole Larson, Morton Printz, Dennis Ridz, Diana Scheffler, Pat Stewart, Pat Whitt.

*Absent:* Michael Belch, Philip Raphael

**CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS** – Chairman Printz called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

### **A. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Jeff Harasha of 14194 Mango Drive presented a petition of about 12 neighbors requesting a stop sign on Mango Drive at Lozana. City Transportation has evaluated the intersection and concluded that no stop sign is warranted. A petition of more, perhaps 50 or 60 neighbors, might be successful in overcoming this decision. The Chair asked Mr. Harasha to return to the Board in December, when the issue will be put on the agenda. This will give time to gather more signatures.
2. Carla La Porte of Del Mar Villas asked for follow-up on the July request for Noel Spaid to be appointed to the Cal-trans connectors Steering Committee. The Chair reported that the appointment has been deferred for the decision of the newly elected Council person who takes office December 12.

### **B. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

The Chair presented Board Member Michael Foster with a copy of Roberts' Rules of Order. Mr. Foster had agreed to be the Board's parliamentarian.

### **C. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

An attachment for Item 7a was distributed.

*Motion:* Mort Printz moved and Pat Whitt seconded the addition of her report on the San Dieguito River Park to Item 9.

### **D. REVIEW AND MOTION TO APPROVE PAST MEETING MINUTES**

Approval of the Minutes for July 3, 2008 was deferred.

*Motion:* Pat Stewart moved and Diana Scheffler seconded approval of the minutes for August 26. The motion passed (9, 0, 1), three members having not yet arrived, and Faye Detsky-Weill abstaining because she was not present at the August meeting.

*Motion:* Pat Stewart moved and Michael Foster seconded approval of the minutes for September 11. The motion passed (8, 0, 3), two members having not yet arrived; Faye Detsky-Weill, Janie Killermann, and Diana Scheffler abstained because they were not present at the September meeting.

**E. REPORT BY TREASURER** – Treasurer Carole Larson reported that Dennis Ridz had contributed \$50 to the Board, bringing the current total balance to \$143.77.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** - None

**G. INFORMATION UPDATES**

Chair Morton Printz offered congratulations to Sherri Lightner on her election to the City Council for the first District.

**San Diego Police Department** – Officer Gaylon Sells reported on the opening of the Carmel Valley skateboard park and commented on traffic problems in the vicinity of the three high schools. He once again asked that residents report solicitors if they appear illegitimate and answered questions about the curfew law and noise regulations. He responded to questions about crime in the area, saying that there has been no obvious increase, but encouraged residents to report trouble spots so that they can be patrolled.

**City Planning and Community Investment Department** - Lesley Henegar was present for agenda item 7, regarding view corridors.

**City Council District 1, Council President Scott Peters Office** – Chanelle Hawken regretted that Scott Peters had not been able to attend; she indicated that all outstanding questions will be forwarded to Sherri Lightner’s office, and expressed her appreciation to the Board. The Chair thanked her for her service.

**Mayor Sanders’ Office** Stephen Lew was not present.

**County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price’s Office** Aaron Byzak was not present.

**State Senator Kehoe’s 39<sup>th</sup> Senate District Office** Andrew Kennerly was not present.

**Congress member Brian Bilbray’s District Office** Marc Schaefer was not present.

**ITEM #1 Proposed sale of vacant lot at Mercado & Del Mar Heights Road.**

James Barwick, Real Estate Assets Director for the Office of the Mayor, presented the case for the sale of the vacant lot. It is not needed by the City and is not generating any revenue. It was originally acquired for road widening which did not occur. It is a legal lot and is expected to sell for its appraised value of \$.5 million. The site is not suited for a park as there is parkland within a block at Crest Canyon.

There followed some discussion regarding the suitability of the lot for development because of its narrow shape, and regarding the possibility of having the proceeds used for community enhancement.

*Motion:* Dennis Ridz moved and Pat Stewart seconded that the Board express no objection to the City’s sale of the lot. A friendly amendment by Diana Scheffler to request that the proceeds be used within the community was rejected by Mr. Ridz. He accepted an amendment by Cliff Hanna to express the Board’s appreciation for having been given the opportunity to review the issue. An amendment by Faye Detsky-Weil to request landscaping camouflage for the many utility boxes in the public right of way was rejected as probably unnecessary. The motion as amended carried (12, 1, 0) with Morton Printz voting nay.

**ITEM #2 Board presentation on the project on Long Boat Way to Hearing Officer on October 29, 2008** – Diana Scheffler reported on her presentation at the Hearing Officer Hearing for the Wallace Project. The Hearing Officer granted two of the conditions we sought, the planting of three Torrey Pine trees and the reduction of the number of Palm trees. Subsequent to the Hearing, Diana worked with the architect and City staff to determine how the conditions would be enforced. They will be noted on the final permitted landscape plans which are available for public review. Diana noted that the exercise was important not just for the concessions gained, but for the experience gained in the City's decision process.

**ITEM #3 Operating Guidelines for the Development Project Review Subcommittee** The guidelines, further developed since the last meeting, were discussed and various opinions expressed: there needs to be a mechanism to ensure that follow up is possible; noticing neighbors is important but sometimes the 300 foot radius does not reach those most affected; recording the discussion at Project Review meetings can be problematic. The answer to a question of why we need guidelines beyond those published by the City was that it was necessary for consistency and thoroughness and for training new subcommittee members. Nothing in the guidelines would be in conflict with City expectations. No vote was taken.

**ITEM #4 BOARD-SPONSORED GARAGE SALE** Janie Killermann proposed that the next sale be Sunday March 29. This gives sufficient lead time for organization and could also provide visibility for the Board at election time. Janie will need help in publicizing the sale at which homeowners would be asked to donate 10% of the proceeds to either the Board, or to local school PTA's. Morton Printz volunteered to help. Janie will be in touch with members as she needs their help.

**ITEM #5 DEL MAR HEIGHTS ROAD AESTHETICS SUBCOMMITTEE** – Carole Larson asked whether there had been any past effort to beautify Del Mar Heights Road beyond basic maintenance. Apart from the effort to pass a Maintenance Assessment District for a landscaped median, no examples were offered. Faye Detsky-Weil thought she might be able to provide Carole with the names of some people who could be helpful in such an effort. The Chair appointed Carole Larson Chair of the new committee.

**ITEM #6 SR-56/I-5 CONNECTOR SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2008.** Dennis Ridz summarized the information from the meeting. The subcommittee sees Sandag as the driving force for the connectors project, and consequently feels strongly that there should be someone representing the Torrey Pines Community on the Sandag board. Sherri Lightner was suggested as that person.

**ITEM #7 CONCEPT OF VIEW PROTECTION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY PLAN** Morton Printz introduced the issue by pointing out that our community has no provision for view protection. While legal protection may not be possible, we could at least foster a neighborly approach to the issue, encouraging neighbors to communicate and compromise. Lesley Henegar, Senior Planner for the City of San Diego, indicated that public view corridors could be part of a Community Plan Update and referred to the La Jolla Community Plan as an example. Sherri Lightner had been part of the effort to achieve these provisions in the La Jolla Community Plan and indicated that it was a herculean effort. Morton

Printz noted that the update to the Torrey Pines Community Plan is ten to fifteen years away. Professional environmental analysis, for which there will be no funding prior to the updating of the Community Plan, will be required for any such amendment.

**ITEM #8 CHANGE IN WESTERN BORDERS OF THE TORREY PINES COMMUNITY**

Morton Printz reported that the University Community Planning Group Chair is receptive to transferring to us the area west of Sorrento Valley from the intersection of North Torrey Pines Road and Genesee Avenue north to the City of Del Mar. That Community has a lot of development while the Torrey Pines Community is built out and consequently generates no significant funds for improvement projects. Some hesitation was expressed on the part of our Board members, and no vote was taken.

**ITEM #9 INFORMATION REPORTS**

**County Service Agency 17** Barbara Cerny reported that there had been some response time problems in the Del Mar Terrace area. The ambulance service has made an effort to correct this by familiarizing staff with the streets there. Barbara asked Board members to let her know if they become aware of any problems.

**Transportation Committee** Cliff Hanna reported that the phone lines along Carmel Valley Road are now underground. Weed control and re-seeding will continue.

**Telecommunications in an Urban Setting** Greg Heinzinger indicated that there will be more cell sites coming to us for advice. CPC will request that the NextG contract be re-examined.

**Web Site** Carole Larson is looking for someone to re-design the site, making it more user-friendly.

**COMPACT** Morton Printz indicated that there is a motion to place COMPACT under the CPC

**Noise and Urban Environment** Dennis Ridz reminded the Board that a national study of the impact of noise was distributed at the Connectors Subcommittee meeting.

**San Dieguito River Park** Pat Whitt is the Board's representative to the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the River Park. She alerted us to an interesting slide show on the park within our Community and asked if the Board would appreciate the opportunity to see such a presentation. Morton Printz asked Pat to pursue that possibility for the January agenda. He suggested a 20 minute presentation followed by a 10 minute discussion.

**Parks & Recreation; Pedestrian & School Safety** – Faye Detsky-Weil reported that graffiti has reappeared on the south sound wall. She will look into how to get it removed, with help from Morton and Dennis.

**ITEM #10 NON-AGENDA ITEMS CONSTITUTING NEW OR FUTURE BUSINESS –**

none

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion:* Cliff Hanna moved and Pat Stewart seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (13, 0, 0) and the meeting concluded at 9:15 pm.