

Torrey Pines Community Planning Board
I-5/SR56 Connector Subcommittee
Co-Chairs Barbara Cerny Michael Foster Dennis E. Ridz

Agenda Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 6:30 PM
Del Mar Villas Pool Complex

Call to Order/Introductions – Co-Chair Dennis E. Ridz @ 6:31 PM

Present: Co-Chair Dennis E. Ridz, Carla LaPorte,

Absent: Co-Chair Michael Foster, Co-Chair Barbara Cerny, Bob Lewis, Priscilla Marquiss,

Audience: Janice Barnard, Karen Grant, Dorothy “Muffie” Knox, Gerald Lelais, Coral Cove HOA **Solana Beach residents**: Steve Goetsch, Gloria D Jones, Rob Vickery, Scott Kroll, and Jack Hegenauer

Non-Agenda Item- Review and Discussion of Photo Posters –of SR-56 Connector

ITEM #1 SANDAG –Think before you Build Petition –Lagoon Day

Co-Chair Ridz spoke about the signature gathering at the Del Mar Lagoon Day event. Efforts entailed a lot of one-on-one discussion but posters helped the public envision the scope of the Caltrans project. The members of the audience made the following suggestions:

1. **Urgency of petition** needs to be expressed with a time line. This is missing from the body of the petition.
2. Find a way to have an **online petition**. Review free site **www.Petitiononline.com**
3. Additional photos – with photo **shot looking east to west** –more of the Marsh Preserve- to accompany the other posters.
4. It was felt that it might be easier to hand out **flyers** that reference to **ONLINE** web site and gather signatures in that manner.

ITEM #2 Sandag and the I-5/SR-56 Connectors

Co-Chair Ridz spoke about the importance of having subcommittee member’s start attending the Sandag meetings and going to the City Council meetings in Del Mar, Solana Beach, Encinitas and Carmel Valley.

The members of the audience from Solana Beach spoke at length about their efforts to influence citizens of Solana Beach and their city council.

Mr. Gerald Lelais, a resident of Carmel Valley, stated that most of owners in his Coral Cove Home Owners Association were not told about the SR-56 Interchange project. It appears that the residents of Carmel Valley are just now hearing about the Caltrans project.

ITEM #3 How to raise Public Concerns & involvement of coastal communities

The members of the audience made the following suggestions:

1. Need **compelling** event to raise community involvement and concerns.

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2. Have an **organized march** across the Del Mar Heights Bridge with Banners and **shoot a video** and publish on youtube and other web sites.
3. Attend Sierra Club and other environmental organization's meeting.

ITEM #4 How to prepare for a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Co-Chair Ridz spoke about the meeting with Scott Tillson, a member of the Carmel Valley Board. Mr. Tillson spoke to several members of the TPCPB and interested citizens earlier in the week on how to approach the review of impending draft EIR's. Mr. Tillson made the following suggestions during that meeting.

1. **Raising funds** is critical if a Board or citizen's group wants to provide intelligent, insightful, and perceptive arguments that will prevail and be incorporated in the certified EIR
2. Hire an MBA or law student to **review** a draft EIR, such as I-5/I-805 By-Pass project or the middle portion of the SR-56 project at the Caltrans Library.
3. The student would compare the draft versus the certified EIR and determine what the **changes** were based upon public and municipal input.
4. Determine which areas of the document were most **vulnerable to challenge** such as assumptions related to others road projects, traffic volume, future trends, etc.

The members of the audience made the following suggestions:

- Need to hire consultants that are on par with consultants working for Caltrans.
- Citizen input must be accepted, as part of the EIR process but is easily dismissed and considered irrelevant.

Adjournment: 8:39 PM