



**TORREY PINES**  
COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, **6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.**

In-Person at Del Mar Hills Academy Multi-Use Room: 14085 Mango Drive, Del Mar, 92014

1. Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:32 pm  
9 Board members present at start. 3 additional Board members arrived shortly after. So 12 Board Members present. 12/15 = 80%  
Present: Adam, Greg (acting Secretary), Brad, Deb, Evan, Ian, Dennis, Christy, Jonathan, Dee, Liz, Mike (12)  
Absent: Sandip, Duncan, Lisa (3)  
Vacant Seat: (1)
2. Motion by Adam to approve Agenda, with slight change, Officer Briggs moved to top. Liz seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Officer John Briggs Report:  
Discussed recent stolen car incident near Mango apartments on 9/17 and resulting police action, including helicopter making loudspeaker announcements.  
eBikes are still an issue. Writing more citations.  
Held Skate Jam at Pacific Highlands Ranch, very successful, 400 people attended.  
No recent home burglaries in our area. However, a few commercial burglaries in Mira Mesa.  
In answer to a question from the public, said that mailbox theft in our community is very low.  
In answer to Dennis's question, said that shoplifting is hard to prosecute, especially since stores often don't report it, and they want to protect employees from confrontations.  
Additional questions, email Officer Briggs: [jbriggs@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:jbriggs@pd.sandiego.gov)
4. Motion by Adam to defer approval of June minutes until after Adam adds back one deleted paragraph from Jeff's minutes and receives and reviews Deb's requested edits, and recirculates revised minutes for Board review. Greg seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Public Forum – 3 speakers
  - a) Jim Smith (former Board member) – Community Forestry Advisory Board (CFAB) has an opening, he encouraged people to consider applying. They meet once per month. <https://www.sandiego.gov/trees/cfab>
  - b) Felicity (didn't catch last name) – Was against the Mercado traffic signal, but will hold her comments until Joe LaCava's presentation.
  - c) David Yonivitz (sp?) – LOSSAN track alignment questions, we said there is an agenda item where this will be discussed.
6. Proposed Undercrossing from North Beach Parking lot to Beach –  
Adam presented slides we were sent by project team; good discussion. Ian asked if there is going to be an accommodation for pedestrians to get from the parking lot to the beach and back during the early to Spring 2024 construction period; Greg will send question to project team.
7. Infrastructure Goals/Priorities  
Adam reviewed the 5 CIP projects that he, Dennis and Greg proposed. Motion by Adam to postpone further discussion and voting until this can be turned into an Action item and properly noticed, and discussed at a to-be-scheduled Special Meeting, along with Planning Group Recognition Process that Deb is working on. Deb seconded, motion approved unanimous

Chair; Adam Gevanthor; Vice Chair, Greg Jabin, Deborah Currier, Treasurer; Jonathan Parot, Secretary; Brad Remy; Dennis Ridz; Ian Galton, Lisa Coles, Sandip Patel, Evan White, Duncan Agnew, Dee Rich, Liz Shopes, Christy Herold, Michael Halpern

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8. Meet and Greet with Joe LaCava. Joe’s presentation covered (and questions from Board and public addressed):

- a) Budget numbers are now submitted twice a year instead of just once (September and January);
- b) Redistricting – District 1 lost University City but gained Pacific Beach, so even more Coastal focus than before. Good mix of older neighborhoods (Pacific Beach, Del Mar, La Jolla) with newer.
- c) Repaved the east/west streets north of Del Mar Heights Road; north/south streets in the works.
- d) Water rate meeting was just before our meeting. 19% increase was approved, this difficult decision had been avoided by previous councils, they finally addressed the problem. Rates were going to increase 10.2% in December, Joe got this down to 5%. Three tranches total over the next 2+ years totaling the 19% increase, better than all at once.
- e) LOSSAN Rail realignment – Joe will make sure that our voice is heard. He doesn’t want to come out with a strong opinion yet (“Del Mar route” vs. “Del Mar Heights route”) because then he will be viewed as no longer being open minded, so he’s keeping his opinions to himself for now. (Note: Joe was referring to the “West alignment” and “East alignment”, respectively.)
- f) Sidewalk privatization – actually a state law, San Diego is unique in offering to pay for half the cost to reimburse homeowner’s cost of installing new sidewalks. Very controversial.
- g) Get it Done app is a big help in addressing deferred repairs and maintenance. Allowed the City to see the full scope of the problem, especially with potholes and street light outages. It was a wake-up call. We should all use this app.
- h) He understands that Sorrento Valley Road is in terrible condition and needs repairs badly; this will be addressed.
- i) DIF transfers from one community group’s budget to another. “Buckets” will be honored going forward; DIF paid by developers for Fire, Schools, Parks, etc , will now be required to be used for these categories going forward. He knows that 17 acres of parks are designated for our Torrey Pines community, but we actually have zero acres.
- j) Mercado Drive traffic signal – Numerous questions from the public, still a divisive issue.

9. Committee & Misc. Updates:

CPC – Brad said there was nothing to report.

Treasurer Report – Brad made motion for Deb to be Treasurer, Ian seconded, motion approved unanimously. (Deb had agreed to be Treasurer at the July meeting, this made it official.)

Planning Group Recognition Process – as noted above, Special Meeting will be scheduled to discuss, this is turning out to be more complicated than Deb had first envisioned.

Undergrounding – Adam reported that Del Mar Terrace is scheduled to have work continue in 2024.

Rail Subcommittee – Ian gave an update on rail realignment study and status. The TPCPB’s input was cited in the lengthy SANDAG report issued in August as to why the “I-5 Knoll” portal located near Pump Station 65 is now being considered as an option if an Eastern alignment is ultimately selected. A Rail Subcommittee Zoom call is scheduled for Wednesday 9/20 at 7:00 pm.

At 8:30 pm, Greg made a motion to extend meeting by 5 minutes, seconded by Dennis, motion approved unanimously.

10. UPDATES

Grant Ruroede introduced himself as our new Planning Department Representative and explained how he can assist our Board. Grant replaces Alex Frost, who has been promoted to Project Manager. Spoke about HAP 2.0, Land Use and Housing Meeting on Thursday, impending General Plan Update, Five Housing Acceleration Grants totaling \$4.8 million.

Juaquin Quintero (Joe LaCava’s Representative) gave an update on the Digital Customer

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Experience Survey and an upcoming Listening Session. The City would like to enhance its digital presence and ease of use to the community, so they are soliciting feedback.

On October 7<sup>th</sup> there will be an Environmental Services presentation to help explain the City's recycling programs in order to obtain greater compliance. There will be flyers sent out the last week of September promoting this program; Juaquin left a flyer for the Board to review.

11. MISC.

Adam made an appeal for someone to be TPCPB Secretary, and Jonathan Parot stepped forward and volunteered ! Yay ! (I was so excited I didn't catch who then made and who seconded the motion, but needless to say, the motion was approved unanimous.