

## **TORREY PINES COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD**

Minutes of meeting: June 14, 2007

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Michael Belch, Don Billings, Barbara Cerny, Faye Detsky-Weil, Cliff Hanna, Janie Killermann, Lawrence Lansdale, Carole Larson, Diana Scheffler, Tom Slipper

**Absent:** Greg Heinzinger, Debbie Mark, Morton Printz, Philip Raphael,

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair, Don Billings at 7:10 p.m.

1. Board Members introduced themselves.
2. Agenda items were rearranged as shown below. The project review consent item was placed on the regular agenda.
3. Vice Chair, Don Billings, read a communication from Chair, Morton Printz who was unable to be present. Mort thanked Don, all Board members and former members for helping him as the newly elected Chair. He singled out Faye Detsky-Weil for special accolades in providing continuity.

Mort also reminded members that the Citywide COW meeting is June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Board members must attend to have legal protection by the City.

### **B. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Minutes of the May 10, 2007 meeting were approved as corrected, 9-0-0 (One member had not yet arrived.)

### **C. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Carole Larson reported the fund balance to be \$1.94.

*Motion:* Carole Larson moved and Don Billings seconded that the Board authorize Carole Larson and Morton Printz to become the signatories on the Board's bank account with the Bank of America, removing Philip Raphael and Bob Lewis from that account. The motion passed, 9 - 0 - 0.

Carole asked what role the Board would define for the Treasurer and there followed a discussion of potential fundraising and community outreach ideas as the Board currently has no income source.

- Chanelle Hawken indicated that accumulated Development Impact Fees (DIF), approximately \$450,000, are currently allocated, as approved by the TPCPB, to the Del Mar Heights Road median. Generally, DIF funds are allocated at the discretion of the City Council.
- Chanelle offered to help with any fundraising and public awareness.
- Michael Belch will investigate possible rates that could be charged for commercial sponsorship of our website. The website itself costs \$120 per year.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**E. STATUS OF CARMEL VALLEY ROAD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT** – Cliff Hanna / Adam Gevanthor

First, Don Billings asked for affirmation from the Board of Adam Gevanthor's role as a public member of the Board's Carmel Valley Task Force.

*Motion:* Diana Scheffler moved and Janie Killermann seconded this motion which passed, 9 – 0 – 0.

Adam distributed copies of his memo to Chanelle Hawken, dated June 14, regarding the Carmel Valley Road Enhancement Project site visit, June 1, 2007. He went over the main points, defining three areas in which he considered action to be needed:

- the maintenance agreement, which limits landscaping possibilities
- the retention of two driveways on Carmel Valley Road, a total of three driveways, to the Carmel Valley Market
- the weed clearing and restoration of the south side of the roadway

Further discussion concerned:

- the premature scraping of the bicycle lane surface in preparation for new surfacing
- the possibility of a phased traffic light at Portofino and Carmel Valley Road to compensate for the lack of a left-turn lane
- a question as to whether sidewalk lighting was part of the project (Answer: No)
- a request for a fiscal report on the project.

*Action items:*

1. Adam will send Chanelle an e-mail regarding the Portofino traffic light.
2. Chanelle will check on the fiscal report for the project as a whole.



F. **PROJECT REVIEW** – Janie Killermann

Janie distributed a report from the Project Review Committee's meeting of June 7, 2007.

*Motion:* Janie Killerman moved to approve TORREY PINES JO#342-7627 Process 2 Substantial Conformance Review to Coastal Development Permit No. 4571 (PTS 2553) to construct a new 3,054 sq. ft. single family residence on a vacant 5,401 sq. ft. site south of 12747 Via Borgia in the RS-1-7 zone of the Torrey Pines Community Plan, Coastal Overlay Zone (non-appealable), Coastal Height Limit, Council District 1 with the following notes:

- Applicant shall use colors, materials and landscaping that fit the flow of the neighborhood and the adjacent native environment.
- Applicant shall use natural rather than artificial stone on the exterior of the structure.
- Three existing mature trees (String Leaf Acacias) shall be preserved if at all possible
- The Board finds that a Torrey pine tree is not appropriate in this setting as the required street tree.
- Exterior light fixtures shall be shielded to avoid nuisance lighting.
- Neighbors state a preference for Melaleuca Quinquenervia as the required street tree.

Discussion followed on the rationale for requiring the use of natural rather than artificial rock. The motion then passed, 9 – 0 – 0.

G. **PUBLIC INFORMATION UPDATES**

1. City Council District 1, Council President Scott Peters' Office– Chanelle Hawken

On behalf of Scott Peters, Chanelle recognized Faye's service as Chair.

She responded to Adam's report on the Carmel Valley Road enhancement, indicating an expected completion date of the end of July and explaining that the contractor had not been able to work as intensively as planned due to restrictions determined by the biologist on the project. After the June 1 site visit meeting, she had identified three issues in need of resolution.

- Undergrounding the utilities: AT&T is required by State law to start in January, and the City Council will try to get it done even earlier. The surfacing will look as it did before.
- Turf in the pop-outs: Chanelle was appalled to hear that the City's desire for appropriate landscaping is not being implemented. The City Attorney

is being very cautious about liability, but she is working with Torrey Pines Reserve and the City's Landscape Architect to achieve some improvement.

- Bike-lane surfacing: Chanelle expects to have answers for the Board on this point.

Chanelle offered help in answering questions about the Del Mar Heights Road MAD and reported progress on the traffic study to be further described by Gary Pence, Traffic Engineer.

2. Mayor Sanders' Office – Stephen Lew

Stephen introduced himself as the outreach representative for the Mayor's office for Districts 1, 5, 6, and 7. He plans to alternate with Jennifer Cordeau, attending the TPCPB meetings every two months. Issues he presented were: the City budget, planning for the U.S. Open golf tournament in 2008, police overtime, and the Charter Review Committee meeting for community input scheduled for June 28.

3. County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price's Office – Erika Black – not present

4. State Senator Kehoe's 39<sup>th</sup> Senate District Office – Andrew Kennerly – not present

5. Assemblyman Garrick's 74<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Office – not represented

6. Congressman Brian Bilbray's District Office – Marc Shaefer – not present

7. San Diego Police department Community Relations Office – Officer Gaylon Sells – not present

8. City of San Diego Planning Department – Jennifer Cordeau – not present

**H STATUS OF MAD CAMPAIGN AND COMMUNITY VOTE**

1. Gary Pence – City of San Diego Transportation Engineer – Traffic calming methods and potential traffic calming approaches on Del Mar Heights Road

Gary began by indicating that many of the traffic calming devices (humps, circles, chokers) are not appropriate for Del Mar Heights Road because of the hills and curves. Other than police enforcement, the only measure suitable and effective would be driver feedback signs which detect the speed and display it for the motorist, comparing it to the posted speed limit (V-calming).

There is a good chance that funding will be available for such signs, provided the Board is prompt in expressing an interest, and recommending locations.

Meanwhile the speed study has been completed. Traffic is moving at over 40 mph between Mango and Crest.

*Motion:* Cliff Hanna moved and Lawrence Lansdale seconded that we pursue the installation of driver feedback signs on Del Mar Heights Road for traffic calming. The motion carried, 9 – 0 – 1. (The 10<sup>th</sup> Board member had arrived.)

*Action items:*

- All Board members will send suggestions to Carole Larson regarding the best positions for two devices; Carole will coordinate the response and send it to Gary Pence.
- The Chair will place the item on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Faye Detsky-Weil will write a letter to the newspapers to solicit public comment.

2 & 3 Review of Board efforts to ensure widespread community vote and Review of Campaign efforts to date

Faye Detsky-Weil thanked those people, Board members and the public, who had helped with the campaign and suggested that with the ballots out and due July 10, it was time to regroup.

*Action items:*

- Mickey Belch will talk to School Board members Anne Easton and Steve McDowell, emphasizing the greater safety for children with the traffic calming effect of the median and landscaping.
- Carole Larson will have the same conversation with School Board member, Katherine White.

## **I ASSIGNMENTS AND NEW BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES**

Don Billings deferred this discussion until the next meeting so that Chair Mort Printz could be present. The subcommittees Mort proposes are listed in item J below with suggested leaders.

## **J SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Project Review – Janie Killermann– no further report
2. Zoning and Overlay – Diana Scheffler

Diana reported that no progress had been made. She suggested that the complex goals of the subcommittee would be encompassed by the long-range planning subcommittee proposed by Mort. Further discussion was deferred until the next meeting when the Chair will be present.

3. Noise – Philip Raphael

In Philip's absence Faye expressed her concern that an opportunity to press our case was being lost. (*Secretary's note:* At the May Board meeting, it had been decided that Philip Raphael would recruit public members for the Subcommittee, arrange a meeting of the Subcommittee with Senator Kehoe, and arrange a meeting of the Subcommittee with Caltrans; Chanelle Hawken was to try to get the results of a completed sound study.)

*Action item:* Lawrence Lansdale will investigate whom best to talk to, potentially someone at a higher level than previously, and arrange a meeting and action plan.

4. Transportation – Cliff Hanna

*Status of local projects:* Cliff Hanna reported that mail boxes are being newly installed on the Carmel Valley Road sidewalk in such a way to block pedestrian passage and cause safety concerns.

*Action item:* Chanelle Hawken will look into the issue.

*Status of the SR56/I-5 Connectors Planning committee –* Barbara Cerny reported discussion of an alternative that would take four or five homes on Portofino by eminent domain to construct a flyover. She was alarmed at this news and suggested a need to alert the community and increase representation of our community at the Connectors Planning Committee. Communities east of I-5 are lobbying in favor of the flyover. The next meeting is August 16.

*Action item:* Faye Detsky-Weil will write a letter to the editor on the issue.

*Signage for Sorrento Valley Road* – Mort Printz by written communication, pointed out that the new signs for the by-pass lanes on I-805 and I-5 north and south fail to indicate that the exit for Carmel Mountain road is also the exit to Sorrento Valley Road, Sorrento Valley, and the Coaster Station. These are major parts of our community and need good access.

*Motion:* Don Billings moved and Faye Detsky-Weil seconded, that the Chair submit a letter to SANDAG, Caltrans, and the City of San Diego Engineering Department requesting that signage be added to assist motorists in finding the most direct access to Sorrento Valley Road, Sorrento Valley, and the Coaster Station via the by-pass lanes and Carmel Mountain Road. The motion passed 10 – 0 – 0.

5. Pedestrian Safety – Mort Printz - no report

6. Transportation Survey – Carole Larson/Michael Belch

*Revised schedule for presentation of the Transportation Survey* – Discussion of this item resulted in agreement that the presentation would best be put off until September when it could be made to a wider public.

*Action item:* The Transportation Committee will invite the appropriate agency representatives to the Board's September meeting, and will prepare notices for the media to encourage public attendance.

7. Web Site – Carole Larson

Carole plans to revise the home page, highlighting some of the larger issues the Board is dealing with.

Michael will put together a pricing proposal that could be given to potential sponsors who would pay for a banner on the web site and provide some income to the Board.

The Chair will write a thank you letter to Del Mar Blue Print for funding the MAD flyer.

8. Telecommunications – Greg Heinzinger – no report

9. Parks & Recreation – no report

10. Long Range Planning – no report

**K REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER REPORTS AS NEEDED**

1. Community Planners Advisory Committee on Transportation (COMPACT)  
– Mort Printz – no report
2. County Service Agency 17 Representative – Barbara Cerny / Tom Slipper  
– no report

**L NEW BUSINESS - None**

**M ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:35 p.m., the meeting be adjourned by unanimous vote. 10, 0, 0

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