

MINUTES OF PACIFIC BEACH PLANNING GROUP
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008
EARL AND BIRDIE TAYLOR LIBRARY

6:30p Call to Order, Quorum established. Attendees: John Shannon, Chris Olson, Marcie Beckett, Jim Krokee, Paul Thackrey, Kevin Szepe, Scott Chipman (Scott left at 7:40p), Jeton Prince, Barry Schneider, Gary Foster, Patrick O'Neill, Jim Morrison (Jim arrived at 7:00p), and Barbara Williams

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda made by Chris Olson, Marcie Beckett seconded the motion. Motion passed 11-0-0

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes with suggested changes made by Chris Olson and seconded by Marcie Beckett. Motion carried 10-0-1.

Chair's Report: (John Shannon) John reported that the Special Emergency number for repairs by the City is efficient and allows for a quick response. City Planning Commission announced the September 30, 2008 Advanced Project Review Workshop. Reservation number is 619 – 235-5200.

Non-Agenda Public Comment – Don Gross gave an update on the Crown Point Sidewalk and the Crown Point sewer line trunk. Scott Chipman gave a presentation on Yes on D proposition.

Kevin Szepe reported that there is an increase in vandalism in Pacific Beach.

Mac Larson submitted a report on Mission Boulevard at Pacific Beach Drive project saying that the approved construction documents do not meet City Code and he asks for the committee's help in getting the City to investigate.

Government Office Reports:

Mayor Sander's Office (Ron Lacey) – Ron reported the alcohol ban at the beaches is on the ballot. He said the Mayor is discussing the water shortage on October 2, 2008 at 6:00p at the Point Loma Library. We are in a Stage 1 alert right now. Ron reported that San Diego is back into the Bond Market which allows San Diego's improvements to begin. Mayor is aware of the Granny flats problem, the City staff has been looking into it. The Mayor is also addressing the water bill increases.

Council District 2: (Thyme Curtis) – Van Nuys intersection voted for lighted sidewalk; the La Jolla subcommittee will be hearing issue tomorrow (9/25/08). Thyme reported that there will be a second hearing for the oversized vehicle ordinance on 10/28/08.

Concern exists over staffing because the personnel to enforce the ordinance do not work after 10:00pm.

Long Range Planner (Lesley Henegar) – Lesley brought the land use maps so that our PBPG can use them for review projects.

Action Items:

Gary Pence – SD Traffic Engineer – Riviera Drive Traffic Calming Measures. Gary reported that we already have a "V comm." in along Riviera Drive for driver feedback and it does not improve reducing speed that much. Traffic engineer is not in favor of putting in stop signs at corners of Roosevelt and Fortuna. Nicole Larsen said they have been working on getting stop signs for two years. Tom Abel asked if the Traffic Dept. kept data? Laurence Right stated that Pence presented studies but that the Traffic Dept. should be looking at the whole neighborhood situation. Licia Barnett felt that the traffic would be calmed, and less property damage if stop signs were installed. Jim Morrison wanted PBPG to generate another letter to Faulconer concerning our position to support the stop signs at La Playa and Fortuna.

Jim Morrison made a motion to reaffirm our support for stop signs at La Playa and Fortuna on Riviera Drive. Marcie Beckett seconded the motion.

Discussion: Scott Chipman asked if there is a rule for putting stop signs on feeder streets. If trouble develops on other neighboring streets can we remove the signs. Gary Foster wanted to amend the motion to include the City perform a follow-up study to evaluate effectiveness of stop signs.

Motion carried 12-0-0

Marcie Beckett – City Work Plan for PB Community Plan Amendments – original memo to the city asked for amendments in work plan but what we got were amendments on mixed use (Marcie may clarify this); other issues couldn't be handled by the Community Plan. Exception was we will get design guidelines. She stated Kathy Mateer had proposed that we consider code changes. Lesley Henegar recommended more deeper level of evaluation because some things we want changed are part of our Community Plan and some things are Municipal Code. Marcie Beckett had a concern about the proposed PDO not applying to Coastal Area..Marcie asked for action item to be continued to the October meeting.

Jim Krokee – Guest Quarter Conversions to Duplexes Lack of Code Compliance Enforcement – Jim is asking for a letter to Councilman Faulconer and the Mayor to get a strict enforcement of Municipal Code and some way for implantation of a penalty for repeat offenders. Let's move forward in interpreting the code and enforcing it. Define exactly what is a kitchen. Jim wants a strict code compliance. Clear definition of a kitchen would help inspectors as well. Jim Krokee and Gary Foster want definition clear so inspectors can know when there is a violation. Presently, neighbors are complaining and they see nothing being done about people breaking Neighborhood Code Compliance. Thyme said Councilman Faulconer will help however a letter requesting code enforcement changes should go through NCC, it is their job. Information on NCC can be directed to Gene Mavis at 619 236 5577.

Jim Krokee made a motion to send a letter requesting a clear definition of a kitchen and strict code enforcement to include penalties for people who repeatedly offend the code. Marcie Beckett seconded the motion.

Discussion: add to motion to put in vote count in body of the letter. (Scott Chipman left at 7:38p)

Motion carried 11-0-0

Informational Items:

Jim Hutselman – Port of San Diego and San Diego Bay's Working Waterfront – Jim handed out literature on Proposition B and showed a presentation of how our vote will effect the SD Port

Levy Le – CalTrans – signal modification project at the intersection of West Mission Bay/Midway Drive and I-8 (westbound off-ramp) Le gave a presentation of present situation and how it will be changed, but nothing will begin until 2010

Subcommittee Reports:

Residential/Mixed Use/Commercial Subcommittee Action Items (Chris Olson)

Chris Olson reported that the City wants our motions carefully constructed so we don't lose credibility. Example is we should be approving projects based on papers that are in front of us, not what could happen to the project (ie. A den becoming a bedroom) Chris also announced the next subcommittee project review meeting October 10, 2008 at 3:00pm at the library.

820 Opal Street - #127158 Robert Bateman applicant present. CDP Map waiver application to waive requirements of a tentative map and undergrounding overhead utilities to convert 2 existing residential units to condominiums in the RM -1-1 zone Applicant said they will add more parking space adjacent to garage. At present there is a workshop on the garage. Jim feels there is a third living unit in the workshop. He requested photos of the garage unit.

Chris Olson made a motion to approve the project with the condition that prior to project approval there is an inspection of workshop above the garage to verify there is not a 3rd unit on the property. Barry Schneider seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0-3

Subcommittee Reports:

Election Committee and Vacancy Report: (Jeton Prince) Marshall Peden has retired from PBPG leaving the following vacancies: 79.03, 79.04, 83.01, 77.0 and one commercial vacancy.

Traffic and Parking, PB Parking District: (Jim Morrison) No report

ByLaws Committee No report

Community Plan Amendments and Design Guidelines: (Marcie Beckett) Marcie announced that the next meeting will be October 10, 2008 at 2:00p at the library.

Mission Bay Parks: (Jeton Prince) Dredging the bay an issue. We won't see it soon due to money and environmentalists studies.

Neighborhood Code Compliance: (Scott Chipman) No report

Special Events (Barbara Williams) Marcie announced the post event review for the Brazilian Fest will be at Discover PB on October 20, 2008. The community is invited.

Airport Issues/San Diego Regional Airport Authority: (Jim Krokee) Jim has had difficulty contacting the Airports for information.

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Submitted by Barbara Williams, Secretary