

PACIFIC BEACH PLANNING GROUP MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2009 EARL AND BIRDIE LIBRARY

Meeting called to order at 6:30p. Quorum established. Attendees: Barry Schneider, Gary Foster, Jim Morrison, Dean Eades, Kevin Szepe, Robert Citrano, Chris Olson, Scott Chipman, Marcie Beckett, Jim Krokee, John Shannon, Jeton Prince, Paul Thackrey and Barbara Williams.

Motion to approve Feb. 09 minutes made by Marcie Beckett with change in wording for Action Item on PB Bike Sharing. Chris Olson seconded motion, motion carried 12-0-1. Abstain due to absence from meeting.

**Chair's Report:** Several articles in Beach and bay Press regarding guns on boardwalk, Kate Sessions drop off for students and bicycle sharing in PB. We need to adhere to Brown Act so in the future the minutes will be posted in glass window area at the entrance to the library. John mentioned a program on Fox channel 6 called SD Live In.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:** Melanie Menders spoke and requested that vacation rentals be placed on our agenda for next month's meeting.

**Informational Items:** Don Gross gave an update on the sewers and storm drains situation at the end of PB Drive and Crown Pt. Drive

**Government Office Reports:** Council District 2 - Thyme Curtis. She announced Kevin Faulconer's State of the District address on 4/27/09. He will be addressing his district's issues. For information [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov). Faulconer is the vice chair of budget committee and chair of audit committee. They are looking for information and ideas to save money, email him with ideas, [kfaulconer@sandiego.gov](mailto:kfaulconer@sandiego.gov). Thyme reported that Crystal Pier is open and repaired. Neighborhood Code Compliance personnel cutbacks in this department so priorities have changed, but not for granny flats issues. NCC will be enforcing the news racks issue. Issues not be enforced can be found on [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov), look at NCC list. Thyme also gave film commission information. Al Strohlein asked if Kevin Faulconer will address the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance at the State of the District. Jim Morrison asked if Kevin Faulconer's District is getting any state money.

Mayor Sander's Office - Ron Lacey not present

Long Range Planner - Lesley Henegar not present

**Action Items:** Mini dorms issue (Jim Krokee) Jim discussed the mini dorm issue at 1372 Opal Street. He said that it doesn't appear that PB is being treated the same as the college district. Some projects are complying with PB's Community Plan. City is not paying attention to bulk and scale. We need to request a City Ordinance to stop mini dorms in PB. Rick Roads, Asst. Deputy Director of Development Services said that single family house exempt from review if less than 10,000 sf, 6 bedroom limit with four parking spaces on hardscape, 2 spaces in garage. Project at 1372 Opal not in the Coastal Impact Zone. He said that the owner will need to get a RHO, Residential High Occupancy permit. Thyme Curtis will set up meeting with commission member and our panel for this building project. Kevin Szepe made a motion to set up ad hoc subcommittee to tackle mini dorm issues in Pacific Beach. Marcie Beckett seconded the motion. **Motion carried 13-0-0**

Community Alcohol Advisory Board (Scott Chipman) It was suggested by Scott chipman that a community alcohol board be sponsored by the PBPG to provide input to the police vice squad and Discover PB. Presently the vice squad has been suggesting that alcohol license applicants get community input and applicants have gone to the PBTC. Chris Olson seconded the motion. **Motion carried 12-0-1.**

PBPG Meeting Timing of Agenda Items and Meeting Length (Scott Chipman) Scott wants us to balance our meeting time to discuss issues in Pacific Beach. Balance would allow more time for action items and other subcommittees to present information. Marcie Beckett felt if we have an end point we will try to adhere to a time limit. Jim Krokee felt that a limit might not work because some projects require more time to discuss. Gary Foster felt that residential subcommittee tends to dominate the meetings and there are other issues to be heard.

Kevin Szepe made a motion to table the discussion to next month. Paul Thackrey seconded the motion. **Motion carried 13-0-0.**

San Diego Housing Commission - (Lisa Wolf) Lisa Wolf gave information about the San Diego Affordable Housing Fund. She is looking for information and public comment on how to spend the funds.

PayDay Lenders/Check Cashers - (Judy O'Boyle from North Park Planning Group and Paulina Levic from Reinv Taskforce San Diego) Presentation on stopping predatory payday lending. They said that payday lenders/check cashers create a blight in the community, the practice is predatory often against military personnel, and it creates a cycle of debt which harms a community. Kevin Szepe made a motion for PBPG to support the campaign against payday lenders/check cashers. Barry Schneider seconded the motion. **Motion carried 13-0-0**

**Subcommittee Reports:**

Residential/Mixed Use/Commercial Subcommittee Action Items -

Next subcommittee meeting, PB Library April 10th at 3:00p

**1141 Garnet Avenue #131201** CDP to develop a 3,473 sf self storage facility on a 3,125 sf site zoned CC-4-2. The existing 1st floor store front commercial use will remain and the 2nd floor apartment will be changed to non-use as it is non-conforming for living space or storage. 2 parking spaces are provided off the rear alley.

Chris Olson made a motion we approve the project with the condition that the upper portion of the front of the building never be used as a living space. Jeton Prince seconded the motion.

Discussion: This is the fourth time this project has come before PBPG. Jim Krokee does not want trash pick up to be out front of the building. Barry Schneider felt there is a safety issue with the building. Marcie Beckett noted there are no City issues, but questioned if project conformed to our Community Plan?

**Motion did not pass: 5-8-0.** Objections include having access to the rear of the building from the front, structure is a fire hazard, project needs to be improved now, not in the future.

**Election Committee and Vacancy Report:** (Jeton Prince) Jim Morrison, Marcie Beckett, Robert Citrano, Kevin Szepe, and Jeton Prince were re-elected. Vacancies occur in 79.03, 79.04, 83.01 and 2 commercial positions.

**Traffic and Parking, PB Parking District** (Jim Morrison) No subcommittee report. Disclosure code went to the City Attorney who will rewrite it and then send it to the City Council. May meeting parking impact to be discussed.

**Mission Bay Parks Committee:** (Jeton Prince) No report.

**Neighborhood Code Compliance:** (Scott Chipman) Consideration for a preliminary review committee. Barbara Williams reported on an incomplete project on Archer Street. NCC notified.

**Special Events:** (Marcie Beckett) Meetings are third Tuesday of the month at 6:00p at Discover PB on Garnet Avenue. Public encouraged to attend. September 13th the Brazilian Group wants to have fest again on Garnet Avenue. Indemnification Ordinance voted and approved by the City Council to include subcommittee members.

**Airport Issues/San Diego Regional Airport Authority:** (Jim Krokee) No report.

Meeting adjourned 8:55p

Barbara Williams

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