



# Pacific Beach Planning Group

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**Pacific Beach Taylor Library**  
**4275 Cass Street, San Diego, CA 92109**  
**Wednesday, June 24, 2015: 6:30-8:30 pm**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

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Item 1 - 6:33

**Call to Order, Seating New Members, Quorum**

Those in attendance: Brian Curry, Pat Dobson, Eve Anderson, Scott Chipman, Deborah Conca, Harry Couch, Paula Ferraco, Amy Gordon, Elizabeth Knowles, James Krokee, Marcia Nordstrom, Chris Olson, Karen Sumek, Baylor Triplett, Joe Wilding

Item 2

**Current Agenda - Modifications and Approval** - approved; unanimous

Consent Item: Verizon Wireless at 3833 Ingraham Street  
Elizabeth 1st, Debbie 2nd to approve. Unanimous consent.

Item 3

**May 27, 2015 Minutes - Modifications and Approval**

Change header; Elizabeth 1st, Debbie 2nd to approve. 12-0-1

Item 4 – 6:40

**PBPG Vacancies (Possible Action Item)**

Presenter: Debbie Conca - Tony Franco turned all the paperwork in for the open commercial seat. Tabled discussion until Tony arrived. (Tony did not attend meeting.)

Item 5 – 6:50

**Chair's Report**

Presenter: Brian J. Curry

PBPG Letter of Support for Vision Zero (Action Item)

- Development Services will be clarifying guidelines for **vacation rentals**. After that, planning groups will post recommendations publicly. CPC at Kearney will take in all comments.
- The Palisades Park lifeguard station - wants feedback.
- Deco Bikes still trying to finalize locations. They wanted 3 additional locations on the boardwalk. The community is not in favor of the placements, but says the one by the hotel is okay. We need 1 more in North Pacific Beach. It is a work in progress.
- The \$210 PBPG table banner was paid by the city.
- \$155 of the \$50 budget has been spent. We have \$345 left to spend this year.
- "Vision Zero" - amend the letter to show PB on the map for publication. Chris 1st, Elizabeth 2nd. 13-0-0

Item 6 – 6:55

**Non-Agenda Public Comments** (Note: 2 minutes maximum per speaker)

Issues *not* on Agenda and within the jurisdiction of Pacific Beach Planning Group.

Doris Penman: The restrooms near Law Street are a big problem. Transients are sleeping there (1 death). Due to the problems at night, a request to close the restrooms at night. She has been chased by a guy with pepper spray. Feels it is dangerous.

Lynn Crossley: The Palisades Park restrooms upgrade has aesthetic value. Now that no alcohol is allowed, the beach is much better. However, now the restrooms have become a safe haven for the homeless. They lock the restroom doors from the inside!

Scott Chipman: We should put this restroom problem on the agenda and pick a recommendation. (Close the building at 8 or 9 p.m.? Lock the doors at 9 p.m. during the summer & at 7 p.m. the rest of the year?) **The Mission Bay Gateway project** has been granted \$500,000. Thanks to Lori Zapf.

Kristen Victor: Beautiful PB update - 2 great weeks. The Urban Land Institute has 4 grants for

sustainability practices. Can find them at the Library. Also, 3 grants for 3 more murals - connecting PB Pathways. Granted \$440,000 for a feasibility study.

Chris Olson: It is our responsibility to be stewards for our district. A letter of commitment was signed 1 year ago. 8 areas of focus. Keep educating ourselves.

Don Gross: We need to contact the supervisor about signs & dumpsters being moved on West Oliver. South PB Drive update: A sign has disappeared. Construction documents need to be completed.

#### Item 7 – 7:10 **Government Offices Report**

Presenter: Liezl Mangoonan

- Newsletters are published the first of every month. Nonprofit events are highlighted.
- Deco Bikes will be in the community in the next 2 weeks.
- Vacation Rentals: Development Services will send out a draft proposal next Wednesday.
- Lori Zapf will attend July 28 CPC (Community Planners) meeting, as well as other meetings.
- Bathrooms: community relations will beef up its presence; locking is a problem (?).
- De Anza: close to hiring consultants. Robin Shiffelin is the point person. All vetting is taking place at the Mission Bay Park Committee meetings. PBPG concerns: poor venue - microphones are needed. The focus is just on De Anza. We need to get all planners together so we can plan as an entire community, not just for one place (De Anza).
- Paul Robinson: we need to publish/reissue a formal statement. There should be a way to keep us informed - links to different projects & updates.
- Liezl continued: request for a formalized plan regarding the Northern Division sweeps (a heads-up?).

#### Item 8 – 7:20 **City of San Diego Climate Action Plan**

Presenter: Nicole (Climate Action Campaign)

- Climate Action Plan campaign (nonprofit) is a Watchdog Organization & is legally binding. A plan needs to be passed regarding reduction of our carbon “footprint” by 50%. 15 Planning Groups have written letters in support of this plan/campaign. CO2 concentration has been studied for 50 years! We are in the midst of the 6th mass extinction in the world!
- Statewide water restrictions are causing a dangerous situation.
- Transportation - 87% are single drivers who commute. We need protected infrastructure for bicycles.
- Goal: 100% clean energy by 2035. Dirty energy in California is natural gas. Community Choice Energy: solar, wind, geothermal, hydro. In Marin & Sonoma Counties the community has a choice of energy, which results in lower rates for all. We need a nonprofit agency overseeing choice of power. (SDG&E delivers the energy + other utilities.) Green structure builds resiliency.
- Urban tree planting needed. Permeable surfaces replenish ground water & capture run-off. We need to develop a local water supply. The City Council will vote on this plan this fall.
- SANDAG - telecommuting is 1 of the core strategies (Qualcomm has the highest % of electric cars with plug-in stations for its employees).
- Reclaimed water - “purple pipes” are expensive.

#### Item 9 – 7:53 **Development Subcommittee (Information & Action Items)**

Presenter: Chris Olson

- The EcoDistrict checklist is still under review. Every month more revisions are made. Plan to approve it at the July meeting. Goal: the city will utilize this checklist.
- Paul Falcone: projects that don't fit in the community should be rejected.
- The Developmental Subcommittee will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month here in the library.

1. 1141 Felspar – Felspar Townhomes - Project No. 415165 (Action Item)  
CDP to demolish existing structures and construct two, 3-story duplex buildings with four 2-bedroom units and eight off-street parking spaces on RM-2-5 zoned lot.  
*Subcommittee recommends motion to approve subject to meeting certain conditions.*

- The developer is not present. There is a total of 4 units. The #1 item is that this

project is not compliant to 2008 guidelines. "Community connectivity" is important - all entrances to the 4 units are on the sides - no front entrances. The trash enclosures need to be expanded. Where is the drainage going?

2. Replacement subcommittee chair for 2016 (Information Item)

- Karen Sumek volunteered to be the Development Subcommittee chair after Chris' term expires.

Item 10 – 8:10 **Traffic & Parking (Action Item)**

Presenter: Michael Beltran

1. Trader Joe's Traffic Calming for Pedestrians (Action Item)

Owner proposing an ADA compliant raised pedestrian crossing.

*Subcommittee recommends motion to approve.*

- 1200 block of Garnet. A large, traffic calming "speed bump"/crossing is proposed. There will be a trench grate for run-off water. Michael 1st, Joe 2nd - motion to approve the raised pedestrian crossing/calming plan. Unanimous 14-0

Item 11 – 8:17 **North Pacific Beach Lifeguard Station Ad-Hoc Subcommittee**

Presenter: Scott Chipman

- Need to reconvene ad-hoc committee to review latest design.

- The City Council proposed as low & small a profile as possible. This is an opportunity for the end of the boardwalk. The architects have no authority or responsibility for the surrounding area. July 10 or 17 - meet re North PB Lifeguard Tour. Make the low roof useful; bike racks; planting, etc.

Item 12 - 8:23 **Other Subcommittees and Reports (Time Permitting)**

Special Events: Debbie Conca

- Beach Fest approved 4-1. Polish Festival approved. Brazil Festival NOT approved (5-2).

Code Compliance: Henish Punickal (not in attendance)

Communications Subcommittee: Baylor Triplett

- Baylor: Website went down. Host got wiped. New alias: [info@pbplanning.org](mailto:info@pbplanning.org)

- Brian to Eve: the bylaws need to be updated.

- More/new census tracts have been added for PB.

Item 13 – 8:30 **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 6:30-8:30 pm (General Meeting)