

Pacific Beach Planning Group

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Pacific Beach Taylor Library

4275 Cass Street, San Diego, CA 92109

Wednesday, January 28, 2015: 6:30-8:30 pm

AGENDA (REVISED)

Item 1 - 6:30 **Call to Order, Quorum**

6:35 call to order. Henish temp secretary. Kathy assisted with public comments and vote tally. Attendees: Brian Curry, Eve Anderson, Michael Beltran, Scott Chipman, Kathy Combs, Deborah Conca, Patricia Dobson, Paul Falcone, Don Gross, Imelda McClendon, Chris Olson, Henish Pulickal, William Ramirez, Baylor Triplett, Joe Wilding.

Item 2 **Current Agenda - Modifications and Approval**

Sign in at back. Summary of 2014 letter in back of room.

Consent Items: World Gym AT&T Wireless (replace equipment) – Will not change façade, will look the same. Would like to pass by consent. Passes by consent. No objection, so it passes by consent.

Motion to pass agenda. Eve 1st, Mike Beltran 2nd. Passed 13-0-0

Item 3 **December 2, 2014 Minutes - Modifications and Approval**

Motion to approve the minutes: 1st: Scott Chipman 2nd: Mike Beltran Abstain: Paul and Baylor since they missed the meeting. Passes. 11-0-2

Item 4 **Chair's Report**

Presenter: Brian J. Curry

Officer Vacancies (Possible Action Item) Lost Vice Chair/Development Chair and Secretary. Both business positions. Need to fill them. Chris Olson to fill in as Development Chair for another month. Vice chair fills in for Chair when necessary. Also privileges to attend the community planners committee meeting on 4th Tuesday of the month. Motion to make Henish appointed to vice chair. Brian - makes motion. 2nd Chris Olson. Passes 14-0-0 (*Someone came late*)

Pat Dobson volunteers/motions to be Secretary starting next month. 2nd Deborah Conca. Passed. 14-0-0. Henish to share secretary info with her.

Year-End 2014 Report (Action Item) Copies are in back. Don't have time to read it.

Accomplished a lot in 2014:

1. PB EcoDistrict: approved framework and declaration of collaboration. Shows we're committed to this.
2. Reviewed 29 projects. Hats off to Curtis. Also help to Chris, Don and Henish.
3. Code enforcement had the PROW walk with some success.
4. Letter being sent to many important people throughout the city. Mayor, council member.
5. Vote to send out letter. 1st: Pat 2nd: Beltran. 13-0-1 Don abstains (not enough time to explain why).

CPC – code has been rewritten for 9th time.

SDUSD: MB High School. PB Middle School. Barnard Elementary, Asian Pacific Language Academy – RFP for possible public private partnership. BC prefers pure public. Having presentation in February for all 3 items.

Vacation Rentals – 3 meetings so far. 4th meeting this Saturday 10-12 at Library.

Subcommittee will bring their recommendations then BC will have a special meeting to discuss vacation rentals.

Bylaws need to be updated. Eve is working with Betsy in the city. EA: a lot to review, technical changes, and “seriously boring.” Mostly cleanup work/revisions.
\$500 budget: We haven’t spent a nickel. BC at Town Council meeting, made a small placard. Wants to make up a banner to put on a table at special events. He’ll pay for it and then get reimbursed. Billy Ramirez: Suggests custom table cloth. He’ll take care of it. Audience member: Has a person that can make it for nothing.

Item 5 – 6:50 Non-Agenda Public Comments (Note: 2 minutes maximum per speaker)

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

Rebecca Schwartz: San Diego Audubon – Fully funded with \$480k. Wants to present regarding the Mission Bay wetlands. More details soon.

Paul Falcone: Blighted two lots at the end of his street. He talked to the owner. Lives in Carlsbad and hadn’t been to PB in 10 years. He came to visit and was shocked and cleaned it all up. His point: talk to owners directly to solve your problems. At Kendall and Lamont
Micaela Porte – 1. Represents Marsh Group. Has an event next Saturday, clean up event. Informs and educates public. 2. Artificial turf is a terrible problem. Serious cancer causing issue, especially for children. Potential class action suits. Wants support to pass Prop 47 to prevent installation of artificial turf. 3. Shoes bought at CVS has cancer warnings. Old shoes are used to make turf.

Billy Paul: Lives in Clairemont. Involved in community. Last time he was here was a year ago and wasn’t allowed to speak. He should be allowed to speak. Was a Marine, went to Vietnam. Helped broaden the sidewalk. Helped enforce 30’ height limit. Helped write OB community plan. Involved with Clairemont, Trolley, Rose Creek. Helped get rid of the homeless people. He didn’t appreciate that the chair didn’t allow him to speak.

Jim Morrison: Past member of planning committee. Wants to run again for the planning group.

His issue: traffic and how it impacts pedestrian. Wants PB to be more pedestrian friendly

Scott Chipman: Flooding issue at MB High School. Worked on for 4 year. City is supposed to give a report – it does not look good. 4 major agencies need to cooperate. City needs to buy the remediation land. He’s putting all agencies in a room and making it a public process. He was at Rose Creek and needs a lot of work to clean it up. Would need 400 people just to get the trash out.

Imelda: re: Elections – sign in at back.

Eve Anderson: Wants the group to correct a mistake. Trolley line is La Jolla, Clairemont, Linda Vista. Only called the Clairemont stop. Why isn’t it called Pacific Beach? Proposes that the stop is called the Clairemont/Pacific Beach Stop.

Don Gross: Arc of San Diego and missing \$1M. Being sold to a private bidder. It’s the area where they are growing plants and the area to the north. Wants someone on the planning group to know about it. Missing \$1M: bicycle paths, etc. PB doesn’t have one penny. The people of PB deserve something better.

Chris Olson: Shout out to Hillary Lowe and Curtis Patterson. Been on the board for years. Hillary worked on the PB parks and secretary. Curtis: Development subcommittee for 3.5 years. Was very respectful. Scott Chipman: Can we send a thank you? BC: will send a thank you.

Item 6 – 7:05 Government Office Reports (Information Item)

Presenter: Liezl Mangonon (Rep - City Councilmember Zapf) lmangonon@sandiego.gov

All the staff broken in. Projects moving forward.

Councilmember will remain chair of smart use and growth committee. Chair of Infrastructure. MTS Board. Sandag 1st alternate to mayor. Lori Zapf coming to February meeting of PB town council: February 18th, at Crown Point Music Academy. Priorities for PB. Wants to hear from the public too. If you want 1 on 1 time, they are setting up coffee hours. 2-3 hours in the morning, with set up appointments to talk about whatever you want. Starting late February or early

March. Big ticket items: vacation rentals. Getting calls daily from all communities. Spoke with Jim Krokee. Meeting with Mayor's office to work on the issue. MB Gateway project also a big deal. Newsletter: not started yet. Lori knows only a little Spanish

Item 7 – 7:15 **Rose Creek Coastal Connection (Action Item)**

Presenters: Ann Van Leer and/or Kelly Makley

Motion: PBPG write a letter in support of the Rose Creek Coastal Connection and urging the City to include the project in the City's CIP to build the project.

Rose Creek runs into De Anza cove. Has a document to improve the watershed. Not many safe or legal crossings of the railroad track. With the mid-coast trolley, it will be even tougher to cross. Wants to put in bridges. Under the 5 and 52. Gives the opportunity for people to walk or ride bike to and from PB.

Kirk: Represents bicycle coalition. Has a PPT. Rose Creek Bicycle path has up to 1,000 riders/day. People use trails from University City and Clairemont but have to cross the tracks. Very dangerous. Will get more dangerous as trolley comes in. Three options for bridges: North, Center, South. Feasibility study to figure out optimum location for cost, avoiding environmental impact and user ease. Center Bridge is best option. Draft plans 95% complete. Steel truss Pedestrian Bridge. 200' long. 26' high. Cost is \$3M. Trying to find money now. Putting together an aesthetics report. Put some artistic touch to the bridge.

Chris Olson: Rides this route monthly. Location is ideal. He's all for it.

BC: Trails and connectors all at once?

Kirk: Yes

Baylor: Re: Aesthetics. Lots of beams vs. no beams like Michael Gotch bridge.

Kirk: span is too big and this option is most economical

Paul Falcone: Cost is biggest factor? What area?

Kirk: SEQA approval and cost. Technically University City.

Public: Improve Santa Fe portion of the path?

Kirk: SANDAG has a project, Rose Creek Bikeway. Remove some parking on Santa Fe and have protected parking

Public: Can you use existing bridges?

Kirk: Technically, no.

Public - Billy: Is location a done deal? Choice of bicycle coalition? Least steep slope to cross?

Kirk: Not a done deal. No SEQA approval. Slopes are similar.

Public: When a railroad cuts off a committee, the railroad can be part of the solution?

Ann: Railroad doesn't have to provide crossing as mitigation for blocked access. Budget is too tight.

BC: Will also push better access

Public – Karen: Friends of Rose Creek. Trolley will make traffic worse. Asked to make better bike trails but they refused.

BC: Better access from Santa Fe.

Public: Bridge over Lake Hodges – must have been more expensive.

Anne: Will look into it. San Dieguito.

Public – Jim: Bridge vs tunnel? Time to build?

Kirk: Bridge is better based on topography. Bridge made offsite, then assembled onsite. Using cranes, lower onto concrete abutments – 4-5 months.

Mike Beltran: Use tolls?

Kirk: No

Chris Olson: Mike Gotch Bridge. Need to be fiscally responsible, but needs to look good too.

Anne: Loves Vermont St. Bridge. Has a designer looking into it. Not easy, and it's expensive.

Scott Chipman: Supports it. Connects the community. Supervisor Greg Cox supports this.

Maybe get funds from County?

Eve: Mike Gotch Bridge has been in plans for 30 years. Embarrass Caltrans. Rename Trolley Stop.

Public: Offer to name the bridge Ron Roberts (county supervisor).

Scott Chipman: Mid coast trolley has an obligation to fund this.

1st: Michael. 2nd Scott Chipman. approved 14 – 0- 0

Item 8 – 7:35 **Development Subcommittee (Information Item)**

Presenter: Chris Olson

New venue and time: Crown Point Jr. Music Academy, right before PBTC. 7 PBPG members.

Noon time isn't as good. 5:30PM is a better time. 3rd Wednesday of Month.

Mission Blvd and Hornblend project: Single story retail info item. Include public art. Put in solar panels. Make sure there's enough parking.

High Occupancy Permits: re: Houses with more than 5 unrelated adults.

PB Middle School/YMCA – joint occupancy agreement. Moving forward, developing gravel lot.

Need approval from state board of education. Community engagement regarding details of the design. Karen Sumek is liaison to education department. Going through development for right now.

Barnard Asian Pacific – joint occupancy, accepting proposals in February. BC: they've gone out for proposals. Potentially retail at that. Not committed to joint venture. Planning Group needs to stay involved. Ball fields there. Memory facility there. Public property should remain for public use.

Public: Barnard has longest waiting list of any school in the district. May expand to accommodate more schools. District doesn't have enough funds to pay for it.

ARC of San Diego: (Association for retarded citizens) selling entire block between Roosevelt and Shasta. We need to stay in front of it. Complaints that tall skinny homes were ruining the neighborhood. On the market privately. 3 bidders all at \$16m. Zoned to build 48-50 row homes. Alley between Jewell and Shasta.

De Anza/MB Gateway/Audubon Society Grant,

PB EcoDistrict/SD Climate Action Plan – names PBPG as cooperating to improved environment and conditions for biking and walking. Needs someone to handle.

Balboa Transit TOD & SP - \$900k grant to plan area around station. Henish will handle that.

Project Design Self-Assessment tool evaluation – need to give more guidelines to development presenters.

Item 9 – 8:00 **Code Enforcement (Action and Information Items)**

Presenter: Henish Pulickal

1. California Beachnuts - Neighborhood Use Permit (Action Item)

Presenters: Andrew Christensen and Ryan Ream

Toilets? In contact with local business owners.

Trash: No spoons, and straws as options. Using top of coconut for spoon to scoop fruit out.

Option to brand coconut and/or save as souvenir. Not sure on length of NUP permit – maybe 5 years? Permit only for that specific location. Sell off the boardwalk to prevent traffic. If coconut doesn't work, can you make burgers? No – permit is only for coconuts. Selling anything else would need reapproval of permit.

- **Motion** to approve a neighborhood use permit for the California Beachnuts at Reed Ave and Boardwalk. 1st – Henish 2nd – Imelda . Approved. 14-0-0

Don Gross:

2. 4104-4110 Jewell Street: dumpster issue (possible action item)

Dumpster is removed. **Motion** to put in a standard concrete sidewalk at 4104-4110 Jewell Street and evaluate the remaining missing sidewalk to the North. 1st. Henish 2nd – Mike Beltran. Passed 14 – 0 - 0

3. South Quincy / PB Drive & Olney: tree removals (possible action item)

MB High School wants these trees removed. Light post hidden in tree – and homeless/drug dealers can hide in that area. Mexican Fans. Eucalyptus tree on PB Drive by Campland – should not be there. **Motion** to remove the two Mexican Palm trees on South Quincy and remove the Eucalyptus tree and PB Drive and Olney. 1st: Don 2nd: Scott Chipman. 12-1-1 Mike Beltran –opposed wants to trim trees. Imelda – Abstain – missed half the presentation.

4. Oliver Street: remove wall, street restoration w/o fencing (possible action item)

Motion: To remove the wall at the end of Oliver St. and not to build a fence as originally planned. 1st: Don Gross 2nd: Scott Chipman 14 – 0- 0

Item 10 – 8:20 **Mission Bay Gateway update (Information Item)**

Presenter: Scott Chipman

De Anza Mobile Park will be leaving February 2016. City Attorney hasn't wanted to discuss because of litigation. Now litigation is over and we can discuss. See

www.missionbaygateway.org for details. Time to implement the MB park master plan.

Motion to extend meeting by ½ hour. 1st: Paul 2nd: Don. approved 14-0-0

Part of Campland is in PB, so we are a legitimate stakeholder.

Item 11 **Other Subcommittees and Reports (Time Permitting)**

Elections: Imelda McClendon – election is March 25th. Packets are due March 11. No secrets in planning group – you can always find out who is running, just ask Eve.

Communications Subcommittee: Baylor Triplett – New vacation rental subcommittee page on the website. If meeting time is changing, inform Baylor to update website calendar.

Special Events: Eve Anderson – New chair: Deb Conca VP: Ryan Dickerd, Secretary: Pat W. Approved Car Show in August.

Traffic and Parking: Michael Beltran – Need to have PB pathways on the agenda every month.

Item 12 – 8:37 **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2015