

Community Planners Committee

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APPROVED CPC MINUTES FOR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nick Reed, Clairemont Mesa (CM)
Tom Silva, College Area (CA)
Bob Link, Downtown (DT)
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area (EA)
Marcellus Anderson, City Heights (CH)
David Moty, Kensington-Talmadge (KT)
Felicity Senoski, Linda Vista (LV)
Bill Crooks, Miramar Ranch North (MRN)
Michele Addington, Mission Valley (MV)
Paul Coogan, Normal Heights (NH)

Lynn Elliot, North Park (NP)
Andrea Schlageter, Chair, Ocean Beach (OB)
Mark Freed, Otay Mesa (OM)
Korla Equinta, Peninsula (PEN)
Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
Victoria LaBruzzo, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Catharine Stempel, Serra Mesa (SM)
Guy Preuss, Skyline-Paradise Hills (SPH)
Chris Nielsen, University (UNIV)
Matt Wahlstrom, Uptown (UP)

VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:

None.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:18 upon reaching quorum and roll call was conducted.

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Non-agenda public comment included: An announcement by Daniel Smiechowski who is running for Mayor, information on seeking interest for joining the San Diego County Grand Jury, an update on recent member absences on the CPC and an inquiry on the status of the letter sent to the City Planning Department on dealing with complaints.

3. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2023 MEETING MINUTES:

Continued to allow CPC members to review.

4. APPROVAL OF NON-ELECTED CPG BOARDS:

Discussion was held regarding writing a letter to the City recommending against recognition of groups that have not had an election for their members.

CPC member comment included:

- City Planning will propose amendments to Council Policy 600-24.
- Current timeframe for recognition does not permit enough time for elections, meaning unelected members will be on a group based the group's recognition application.
- Concern expressed about whether groups would be able to act between recognition and their elections.
- Other comments included concerns over the transfer of power.
- An amendment to the letter requiring elections within a certain number of days of recognition was proposed. CPC expressed desire to reach an agreement on the exact number of days permitted.

Public comments included:

- CPC should remain firm on ensuring that there is no approval of groups who have not held elections.
- Competing groups should also hold elections in the current recognition period, to ensure they have elected members if they are recognized.
- State law and Council Policy may need to be further investigated in order to address potential CPG vacancies caused by the changes to the recognition process.

Vote: Postponed.

5. BALBOA PARK CULTURAL DISTRICT EXPERIENCE PLAN:

Peter Comiskey briefed the CPC on the Balboa Park Cultural District Experience Plan. The Plan aims to reinvigorate Balboa Park's cultural and touristic value through a series of proposals.

Members in attendance provided some feedback on desired improvements to the area such as improved mobility, further cultural development, and museum access.

CPC Members were offered an opportunity to have Peter present at their community planning groups as well.

6. REPORTS TO CPC:

Staff Report

- City staff announced that translation services are now available through the City for CPG purposes.
- Meeting agendas from CPGs are also being posted by City Planning as a courtesy. Requirements to have agendas posted were also announced.

Chair's Report

- An update on the Grand Jury letter was provided. The letter will be submitted as one package. It was submitted to the City's Development Service Department and will be submitted to the City Planning Department shortly.
- The Land Development Code matrix was released. A meeting to discuss this update was announced, with venue and timeframe to be announced in the next few days.

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 27, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M. to next regular meeting on February 27, 2024.