

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP

February 1, 2023

Mission Valley Library 2123 Fenton Parkway

Members Present (full meeting):

Steve Abbo, Michele Addington, Ken Callaway, David Doyle, Kaye Durant, Rachel Erwin, Johnathan Frankel, Elizabeth Leventhal, Phil Ouellette, Darshan Patel, Narayanan Perumal, Keith Pittsford, Michael Sherman, Colton Speas, Ryley Webb, Josh Weiselberg.

Members Present (arrival noted in Minutes):

Derek Hulse, Kathy McSherry, and Pete Shearer

Members Absent:

Cory Hazlewood, Andrew Michajlenko, and Mark Radelow

City / Government Staff:

Kathleen Dang and Willow Lance (Congresswoman Jacobs' Office), Jefferey Nguyen (Council President Elo-Rivera's Office), Miles Noel (Councilmember Campillo's Office), Diana Lara (Senator Atkins' Office), Kohta Zaiser (Mayor Gloria's Office)

Guests: See sign-in sheet

A. Call to Order

Johnathan Frankel called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:05 pm

Quorum Verified:

- 16 members in attendance

B. Opening Remarks/Introductions/Report of the Chair

No opening remarks.

C. Approval of June 1, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the **November 2, 2022**, Regular Meeting was made by **Elizabeth Leventhal**, seconded by **Kaye Durant** and approved 14 / 0 (with 2 abstentions)

For: Abbo, Addington, Callaway, Doyle, Durant, Erwin, Frankel, Leventhal, Ouellette, Patel, Sherman, Speas, Webb, and Weiselberg

Against: none

Abstain: Perumal and Pittsford

Members Hulse, McSherry, and Shearer arrived during the following Agenda item.

D. Public Input – Non-Agenda Items but within the authority of the planning group

Kohta Zaiser (Mayor Gloria's Office) - Introduced himself.

Jefferey Nguyen (Council President Elo-Rivera's Office) - Introduced himself.

Kathleen Dang (Congresswoman Jacobs' Office) - Introduced Willow Lance who will be taking over representation for Mission Valley

- Office move – district has shifted north so the Congresswoman's office moved to accommodate.
- Congresswoman Jacobs is now in a leadership role with the New (Junior) Congressional Members.

Miles Noel (Councilmember Campillo's Office) – The Councilmember is now representing Mission Valley in the area north of Fryers Rd.

- There will be a Town Hall at USD @ 6:00 Feb 2nd.

Kathy Lippitt – a community member – concerned resident's voices are not being heard.

- attends meetings to have authentic voices of community members heard.
- appeals to City Council's decisions cost \$
- Marijuana projects will have security to protect the project but wants evidence that the community is not being negatively impacted.

Becky Rapp – a community member and Public Health worker – spoke regarding concerns around the city's efforts to change marijuana ordinances.

- Worried about changes to marijuana locations
- Concerned that locating facilities near minor oriented facilities will normalize marijuana in the lives of youth.
- Encouraging us to speak to city reps to keep the current laws in place / not align with State legislature.

E. Membership Committee – Michele Addington

Michele Addington reported:

- Currently 2 vacancies (taxpayer & resident)

F. Treasurer's Report – Michele Addington

- Current balance of \$1,344.16 - remains unchanged

G. Information Items

1. Councilmember Stephen Whitburn

Description: Mr. Whitburn will give an update on his priorities representing portions of Mission Valley and will take questions.

Councilmember Stephen Whitburn – SD City Council District 3 – introduced himself and provided the following comments:

- Pleased to be here and pleased that his district now includes parts of Mission Valley
- Appreciates the work of MVRPG
- Appreciates members of the public who attend – their commitment to the community.
- Sees Mission Valley's potential – Is looking forward to helping us achieve this
- Challenges:
 - **Homelessness**
 - we are getting people off the streets and into shelter but #s are increasing.

- working closely with Mayor’s office on Ordinance restricting camping on public property (parks, canyons, and riverbed).
- align law enforcement with the problem at hand.
- provide alternative places for people to go (Safe Sleeping Initiative) and expanding existing tent shelters.
- Drug addiction and Mental Health issues
 - proponent of conservatorship through “Care Court”
 - direct individuals to services
 - SD County is stepping up to provide add’l care.

Questions (Q) / Public Comments (C) and Response (A)

Q: Scope of Homeless population - 8K County, 4K in city (1.8K unsheltered in downtown). **A:** Unsheltered are target population for new program.

Q: Will this increase issues Downtown / doesn’t every neighborhood need to do their share? **A:** Downtown is a pilot program and agrees we need more services throughout the city. Looking to prove concept.

Q: Scope of property needed to house 1.8k is large? **A:** Shelter tents can accommodate a few hundred with safe sleeping in large but standard parking lot – will need space but not outrageous

Q: How will you get people there / how long can they stay? **A:** City to provide transport and location will have onsite service providers working to support move to housing. Meals etc. will be included.

C: SDSU West could be a good opportunity to use Graduate Students to support this kind of program. **A:** The city would welcome partnership – this is “all hands-on deck” situation

Q: Is there permanent housing available as ‘next steps’ for this program? **A:** Not yet but that is the goal. Working to add housing in the city as quickly as possible. Takes a long time to get permits approved through the city but the city has opened an additional 44 permit review positions and has contracted with 2 third party plan review companies to improve permitting times.

Thanks extended to councilman Whitburn.

H. Action Items

1. Council Policy 600-24 Reform Update – Michele Addington

Description: Discussion and potential action to take steps necessary to achieve future formal recognition of the MVPG pursuant to the newly adopted Council policy 600-24 related to community planning groups.

Michele Addington outlined required next actions.

- Modify our ballots (2 year becomes permanent)
 - Amend pre-meeting attendance requirements.
- We will be required to take care of our own documents.
 - Using a Website or Facebook (others are doing this)
 - City will still require our Agendas.
- Waiting for templates which are due back in third quarter.
- Need a sub-committee to review template / modifications.
- Present any possible changes to the group for approval.
- 1st quarter 2024 the docs from ALL city CPG will go to the council.
 - Our bylaws are in good shape and should not require much modification.
- March 2024 election will need to follow new rules – advertise throughout our district.

- If you have time / interest to participate please volunteer – we should meet beginning next month.

Discussion:

- Concerns that Facebook opens up Board Member participation in their private lives.
- Businesses like 1-on-1 or Go Daddy can support required documentation but would cost funds to host / maintain.
 - Could include public forums.
- Recommend making a ‘proof of concept’ on options to consider.
- Ask city council persons if they will support us financially.

The discussion resulted in no action being required by the group at this time therefore **no motion was made on the item.**

I. Committee/Community Reports:

1. Subcommittee Reports:

a. Standing Committees:

1) Design Advisory Board – Andrew Michajlenko

- Not aware of anything

b. Ad Hoc Committees

1) Public Health, Safety and Welfare – Elizabeth Leventhal

- Point in time count occurred last week with numbers due in May.
- Hopes Councilman Whitburn’s ideas take a compassionate approach and works closely with SD River foundation etc. on Mission Valley unique needs.
- **C:** Homeless are camping on overpass on CalTrans property.
- **C:** Mayor’s office spoke to the importance of looking at this through a compassionate lens. Anticipate full force push back from Advocates to the program and wants to partner with neighborhoods to develop grass roots support.
- **C:** There are lawsuits on the books regarding homeless issues. **A:** The city is aware and ensuring proposals are not in violation but are also looking to develop new ordinance to address the issues as we know them today.
- **C:** Recommendation on an under used property in Mira Mar – challenges in property ownership however city can look into it.
- **C:** Property developers experience crime element however slow city response requires a stronger hand – this could be one off situation

2) MV Stadium Redevelopment – Kaye Durant

- River park is advancing – no firm date on target yet.
- Stadium is being used for Concerts and Events
- Needs to address traffic issues / signage.
- Looking at proposals for Innovation District – have selected Phase 1 housing developers.

3) Subcommittee on CP 600-24 – Michele Addington

- CPC – end of COVID requires in person meeting for the CPC.
- Capital Improvement Program will need to start in March (annual survey about Capital Improvement Projects).
- Discussed 2021 and 2025 programs.

2. Community Reports

a. Community Planning Chairs (CPC) Meeting – Michele Addington

- Nothing to report.

Chairman's Announcement:

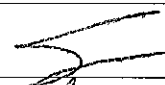
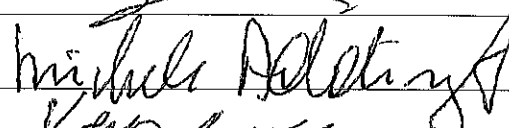
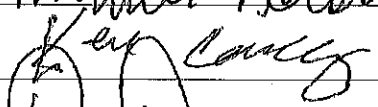

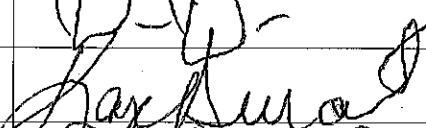
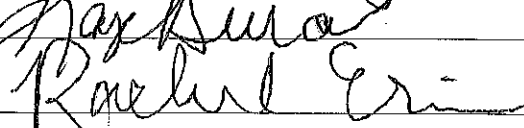
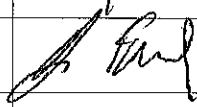
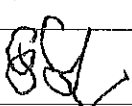
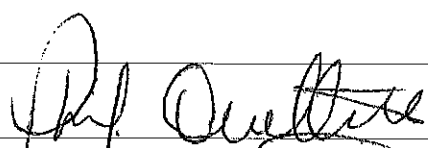
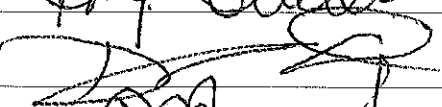
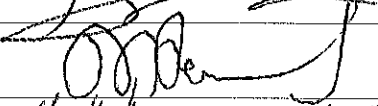
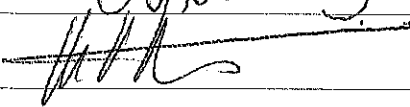
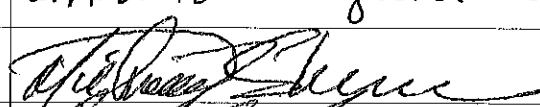
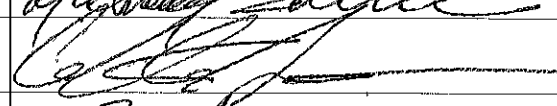
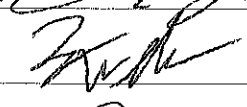
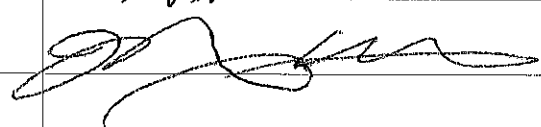
- Jonathan has been appointed to the Planning Commission in La Mesa.
- He has spent 5 years leading this group.
- He will retain his seat on the MVPG to lend his support.
- There will be an Election next month to fill the Chair position / other officers may need to be replaced. Please contact him with your interest.
- Membership Committee is also available for anyone with interest.

J. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm

Next Regular Meeting Date – Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 12PM at the Mission Valley Library.

MVPG MEMBERS SIGN-IN

Meeting Date February 1, 2023

Abbo, Steve	
Addington, Michele	
Callaway, Ken	
Doyle, David	
Durant, Kaye	
Erwin, Rachel	
Feliciano, Marissa ^{no longer} _{on board}	
Frankel, Jonathan	
Hazlewood, Cory	
Hulse, Derek	arrived 12:15 - neglected to sign
Leventhal, Elizabeth	
McSherry, Kathy	arrived 12:07 - neglected to sign
Michajlenko, Andrew	
Ouellette, Philip	
Patel, Darshan	
Perumal, Narayanan	
Pittsford, Keith	
Radelow, Mark	
Shearer, Pete	arrived 12:15 - neglected to sign
Sherman, Michael	
Speas, Colton	
Webb, Ryley	
Weiselberg, Josh	

GOV'T STAFF SIGN-IN

Meeting Date February 1, 2023

	Print Name	Print Affiliation
1	Kathleen Dang	Congresswoman Sara Jacobs
2	Willow Lance	" "
3	Miles Noel	Councilmember Campillo
4	Kohata Zaiser	Mayor Gloria
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GUEST SIGN-IN

Meeting Date February 1, 2023

	Print Name	Print Affiliation
1	Jim Black	Escalante (jimblack@twc.com)
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4	MARCO SESSA	SADBERRY
5	David Nave	Pinata
6	Kathy Lippitt	MPH CCDFC
7	Becley Rapp	
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We have open board positions—please let us know if you wish to volunteer.



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