

# SOUTHEASTERN SAN DIEGO PLANNING GROUP (SSDPG)

Meeting Location: Neighborhood House, 841 S. 41st Street, San Diego, CA 92113

June 11, 2012, 6:00 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.

## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Robert Leif, Maria Riveroll, Reynaldo Pisaño, Andrea Carter, Vincent Noto, Paul Sweeney, Maria Riveroll, Reggie Womack, Liliana Garcia-Rivera, James Lawrence

Absent: Ben Rivera, B. D. Howard

### 2. APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA (ADDITIONS, CHANGES, OR OMISSIONS)

Motion: by Leif, Seconded by Pisaño, MSC (5-0-0)

### 3. APPROVAL OF April , and May 2012 MINUTES

Tabled until B.D. Howard is here to take all the corrections and notations.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

### 5. STAFF REPORTS:

**Martha Zapata- Councilmember David Alvarez (District 8)**: Invited us to a ground-breaking event on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM to 12:00PM, for Comm 22, at Commercial and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets. It is a Project that has been 12 years in the making. Latino Music Festival June 30<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM to 7:00PM, in Sherman Heights, in front of the Sherman Heights Community Center.

**Ricardo Flores- Representative Susan Davis**: Distributed the *Davis Dispatch*. Congressman Davis has been promoting H.R. 4310 – which advocates for Service members and military families; and, H.R. 5647 – which protects pregnant workers. Also, among others Congressman Davis supports, H. R. 3826- affordable student loans avoiding interest hikes. She is also a proud supporter of H.R. 3423 – which allows people with disabilities and their families to set-up tax free accounts to assist with disability-related expenses.

**Bruce Williams- Council President Young (District 4)**: Distributed Councilmember Young's latest newsletter. Council came back today from a 2-week recess. Councilmember Young is advocating that Banks in the community assist families to stay in their homes and not lose them to a foreclosure. Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, there is a new Watering Times Schedule. Even/odd days don't apply. We are all invited to a Ribbon-cutting ceremony that will take place on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Logan Avenue, on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.celebrating the completion of a \$12 million Project.

### 6. CONSENT ITEMS: None

### 7. Action Items:

#### A. **Traffic Controls along Market Street as Proposed by the Community.**

The Sherman Heights Community is seeking stop signs along Market Street. This item will discussion should determine where and why. Councilmember David Alvarez Office has requested this action on behalf of the Community. The Chair will facilitate the discussion.

**Presentation:**

- Eighth District Council Office and the Chair have been contacted regarding the need of traffic controls along Market Street. The problem is focused on the intersection at 26<sup>th</sup> Street and Market, at the 99¢ Store.
- There are 3 Council Policies that address the criteria for traffic controls, i.e., Council Policies 200-06, 200-07 and 200-08. However, the alternative methodology for requesting a stop sign or any other form of traffic control is both archaic and barbaric. They all call for assigning points to certain accidents.
- The Eighth District Council Office will seek a format for a petition to be circulated among the Community.
- Councilmember David Alvarez is supportive, however, he has not been to the Mayor.
- The Chair has brought these Policies to the attention of the Community Planners Committee (CPC) for consideration as they review certain Council Policies for updating since these Policies are based on information in 2005. Market Street traffic has changed a lot since then.
- Traffic Signal would be best, then pedestrian-activated stop lights.
- Concerns were expressed about the false “perception of safety” with crosswalks.
- 2 weeks ago there was a car accident involving this area.
- We must be proactive before a serious accident.

**Motion: PISAÑO: to have a petition drawn and remove this item from the “study” level and go forward with a Petition for a stop sign at 26<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets. LEIF: Amended to request traffic signal. Amendment accepted by PISAÑO. Second by WOMACK. M/S/C 7-0-0**

**B. Ratification of Action Taken by Projects Committee.** Comments were due on June 6<sup>th</sup> regarding the Amendments to the Draft Negative Declaration for the Affordable Housing Parking Amendments. The attached letter was sent to the Development Services Department. Reynaldo PISAÑO, Chair of the Projects Committee will lead the discussion. (Copy of letter attached).

- The Projects Committee answered the Draft Negative Declaration by the June 6<sup>th</sup> due date.
- The parking for affordable housing would be reduced to a lower standard.
- CPC voted not to support it.
- We submitted a letter recommending no support.
- Concern was expressed that the vehicles have been under-counted.
- Glaring proposals: .05 space for staff, therapists, home care, etc.; 25 parking spaces for 15 units.
- In built-out neighborhoods, will be fighting with a major development.
- The process now, is that the parking element can be adjusted in the permitting process.

**Motion: LEIF to ratify the Projects Committee action. Seconded by PISAÑO. M/S/C 7-0-0**

**8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

CPC – PISAÑO – Chamber of Commerce of the City of San Diego questioned the diversity of viewpoint in each Planning Group. CPC voted 25-0-1 (La Jolla). This item was tabled until the new Mayor is in office. Our Planning Groups are all diverse. Regarding the Land Development Code, 32 items were selected for deletion out of 33 items.

**9. PLANNER’S REPORT: none**

**10. CHAIR’S REPORT:**

1. On the Euclid and National Grant, we finished evaluations. Will be meeting to discuss and proceed.
2. Sitting arrangements for tonight’s meeting were changed in an effort to mitigate the noise generated by the air conditioners here at the Neighborhood House.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Jerry Guzman reaffirmed that he would like to return to the Board. He will send me an email so that we will have it in writing.**

**ADJOURNMENT: by 6:51 PM. M.Riveroll**