

**MISSION BEACH PRECISE PLANNING BOARD (“MBPPB”)
Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
Meeting via Zoom (Video) Conference
Minutes of Meeting**

Board Members Present:

Rebecca Abbott	Michelle Baron	Rob Brown	Josh Geller
Gloria Henson	Dennis Lynch	Brian McCarthy	Cindi Stratton
Gernot Trolf	Debbie Watkins	Jenine Whittecar	

Absent: Bob Semenson

OPENING FUNCTIONS

Meeting was called to order by Chair Debbie Watkins at approximately 6:31 PM, and a quorum was confirmed.

Administrative Items

- **Revisions to Agenda**

Copies of the Agenda for the September 20, 2022 Meeting via Zoom Conference were distributed and reviewed. No changes or additions.

- **Approval of Minutes** for July, 2022 Meeting via Zoom Conference

Copies of the draft July 19, 2022 Minutes of Meeting via Zoom Conference were distributed and reviewed. There being no corrections, the July 19, 2022 Minutes were **APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

- **Chair’s Report**

(1) Chair reported that since the Governor has not lifted his emergency order regarding COVID measures and with related cases still in the picture, the plan is to conduct the Board’s October 18, 2022 Meeting via Zoom. Chair asked if there were any objections from Board Members. There being NO objections, the October 18, 2022 meeting will be conducted via Zoom Conference.

(2) Community Planning Group Reforms were approved at September 13th City Council Meeting – one major requirement for CPG’s is to have a dedicated website, which for groups like the MBPPB that do not have a website established, is a financial and technical burden we will have to endure. The City will not help groups with funds to get started. The initial cost to establish the website will be about \$2,000. Since planning groups cannot collect fees or dues, it is up to us to fund this website. Chair will be meeting with a local company to find out what is involved and the cost. We have until the fall of 2023 to meet the requirements. These CPG changes must go to the Coastal Commission for approval for coastal communities.

There was a lengthy discussion from Board members about whether the City Council could mandate costly requirements, such as website development and maintenance, while having rules that do not allow planning groups to charge dues or membership fees, and whether there would be member liability and possible conflict of interest appearance if members were asked to contribute to

the cost of setting up a dedicated website. Chair will send a letter to the City Council regarding this question and asked Rob Brown to draft the letter based on his question. Chair asked Seamus Kennedy, Councilmember Campbell's community representative, if her office could provide funds from the council's discretionary fund to cover the cost to set up the dedicated website. Seamus stated he would look into the matter for us and let us know. Chair noted that the City would provide planning groups \$500 annually for expenses such as paper, photocopies and/or monthly/year website maintenance.

REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

- **Rebecca Smith, Representative, Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3, County of San Diego**

Rebecca Smith came prepared to discuss the County District 3 Supervisor's efforts. She reported that homeless people will be searched out and a list of their names will be compiled to assist in managing and tracking who these 8,000 people are, with the possibility of being able to track what conditions they are in, mentally and physically. She stated that back to school is upon us and many San Diego families cannot find affordable child care centers. Many went out of business during the COVID lockdown – three out of four families in San Diego could not find affordable day care and could not return to work.

The Board and public were given an opportunity to comment and ask questions. Most of the comments from Board members were related to the increased problems with homeless people, people being accosted by homeless individuals, and the lack of police enforcement of existing laws.

- **Seamus Kennedy, Community Representative for District 2 Councilmember Campbell**

Seamus Kennedy commented that the beach community endured a tough time this summer with the sidewalk vending ordinance not being enforced but was thankful no mass shootings occurred. He reported that the Coastal Commission determined they did not have to review the sidewalk vending ordinance but they did have an issue with the push cart wording. As such, the push cart wording will be rewritten, reviewed by City Council, and passed by the Council and Mayor again within the next six to eight weeks for it to be up and ready to enforce by next summer.

Regarding repairs of street lights promised but not delivered yet for Mission Beach, Seamus stated repairs were pushed back to September 26th, and asked for any assistance from all Mission Beach residents to alert him of lighting issues not corrected or not working.

Concerning fire rings, the City agreed that fires outside of authorized City fire rings will be propane, no wood. City fire rings and fires on hotel properties can still burn wood. The new rewritten ordinance will be enforced by police, fire department and park rangers. Board Member Cindi Stratton asked about increasing the authorized number of City fire rings. Seamus said the required number of fire rings has been provided and no further city rings are allowed.

Seamus reported that there is a police officer shortage and the current staff was at approximately 65%. 1,800 new police candidates had passed through training but San Diego Police Department is still being raided by other counties and cities looking for trained officers.

The Board and public were given an opportunity to comment and ask questions. Board Member Gloria Henson asked if the San Diego Police Department had tried hiring highly skilled senior

officers from the counties and cities that are stealing San Diego's trained officers and what reasons were given by police officers who left in their exit interviews.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT – One minute per speaker for issues NOT on the Agenda within the purview of the MBPPB. Comments are subject to time and technological constraints.
None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Action Item:

- **2021 Election of Area Representatives** – Vote of the MBPPB Members to seat current candidates in the areas listed below pursuant to Council Policy 600-24 related to the COVID pandemic term:
Area 1 between San Diego Pl & South side of Capistrano Pl – **Rebecca Abbott**
Area 2 between the North side of Capistrano Place and South side of West Mission Bay Dr and Ventura Pl – **Dennis Lynch**
Area 3 between North side of W. Mission Bay Dr & South side of El Carmel Pl – **Brian McCarthy**
Area 4 between North side of El Carmel Pl and South of San Jose Pl – **Gernot Trolf**

After further discussion, the following motion was duly made:

MOTION #1 was made by Gernot Trolf and seconded by Rob Brown TO APPROVE SEATING CANDIDATES by Board vote for the POSTPONED MARCH 2022 Election of Area Representatives pursuant to revised Council Policy 600-24 due to the Covid-19 pandemic as follows:

- Area 1: Rebecca Abbott**, Property Owner/Resident (3-yr. term ending March 2025)
- Area 2: Dennis Lynch**, Property Owner/Resident (3-yr. term ending March 2025)
- Area 3: Brian McCarthy**, Property Owner/Resident (3-yr. term ending March 2025)
- Area 4: Gernot Trolf**, Property Owner/Resident (3-yr. term ending March 2025)

VOTE: For: 10 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

- **Liaison Update (ANAC)** – Chair Watkins announced the ANAC meeting takes place tomorrow (September 21st) at 4 PM. She stated this will be Gloria Henson's first meeting as our ANAC representative. The public can view the meeting via YouTube and the agenda can be found on the Airport Noise website. Gloria commented that she was looking forward to her experience on ANAC and that she would represent the complete North and South Mission Beach community fairly.

There being no further business, the next MBPPB meeting takes place on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 via Zoom conference at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #2 was made TO ADJOURN the meeting at 7:40 PM by Gernot Trolf and seconded by Josh Geller.

VOTE: For: 10 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Prepared by Debbie Watkins, Secretary