

**Serra Mesa Planning Group**

**Post Office Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193**

**Minutes of Serra Mesa Planning Group Regular Meeting**

**In person and via zoom**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Catharine Stempel (Chair) at 7:00pm.

**Members Present:** Deborah Burns, Rochelle Freeman-Zuniga, Tony Guerra, Joe Ippolito (7:04pm), Sharon Kramer, Ken Maguire, Cindy Moore, Catharine Stempel (Chair).

**Members Not Present:** Chris Rosemond (Vice-Chair), Ian Clampett, Kira Finkenberg (Secretary).

**Approval of Agenda:** no changes

**Approval of Minutes:** Deborah made a motion to approve the October Minutes, Cindy Moore seconded, Vote 7-0-1, Tony Guerra abstained due to not being present at the October meeting.

**Community Forum and Announcements:**

Civita residents oppose the Franklin Ridge Rd extension voicing the concerns that Crime will rise, homelessness will increase in the area, and traffic will be worse for both Civita and Serra Mesa. They would like to find out what else residents can do to prevent this Road extension from happening.

The Yield sign that was at the Friars Rd on ramp to Mission Village Dr has been removed and there is no clear direction for the merge with respect to right of way. Chair Cat Stempel to reach out to traffic engineering to get more information.

Bike lanes on Mission Village Dr. are clogging up traffic especially when there are Snapdragon events and with more development coming down the hill from SDSU West it will only get worse. House off of Success Dr has 6 units on 1 property with no parking.

Alley way at Glenhaven and Sandrock is a dumping zone for many residents and causes not only eyesores but can be dangerous. The apartments in the area were told it was ok to dump their trash there.

Kathleen Lippit voices concerns over the Cannabis extension and doubling of the Cannabis outlets. There is a push for more outlets under the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program and would adhere to the CA State laws with regards to distance from Schools and parks. Lara Gates is the contact for the City Planning Department.

### **Representatives:**

1. Miles Noel / Raul Campillo's office
  - a. Member meetings can be set up through Miles [mnoel@sandiego.gov](mailto:mnoel@sandiego.gov)
  - b. Community Housing Works purchase of the old SM Library on Sandrock Rd. No representative available to present the plan but it is slated to be a 60 unit several stories affordable housing complex to be purchased from the city of San Diego for \$15,000.
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2. Corey Funk, Long Range Planning Office – The Land Development Code (LDC) will be updated and amended. City Planning staff is currently reviewing the updates and amendments. For any submissions that are open until April 30, 2024 visit the code update request page on the City of SD website.
3. Korral Taylor, Mayor Gloria's office – Not present.
4. Mikaela was present from Sara Jacobs office.

### **Information and Action items:**

- 1 **Into Item:** Sanna Loando, Director of Policy presented the budgeting for the Capital Improvement Project Process. The step-by-step presentation was educational for the SM residents. This gave little hope of getting a Serra Mesa Recreation Center renovation as the budget is not only difficult but has to go many processes to be considered.
- 2 **Action Item:** SMPG response letter to the sale of 3440 Sandrock Road for development of 60 affordable units. The former Serra Mesa Library site has an offer to purchase the property for \$15,000 from Community Housing Works. The concerns of our community are the height of the project with little parking, how the price of the sale is so low at \$15,000, and how the city bid this property for sale. SMPG made a motion to send a letter to the City Council and Mayor to voice our concerns of the proposed sale at the old SM library. Cindy Moore made a motion to draft a letter and allow the Planning Group Officers approve since there will be no meeting in December for review. Cat Stempel seconded the motion and vote was 7-1-0 where Joe Ippolito opposed due to the request to have all members review.

**Historical Buildings:** No update

**Park & Recreation:** No update

**Chair Report:** No update

**Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.**

**Next meeting scheduled for January 18, 2024**