

Serra Mesa Planning Group

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Minutes of Serra Mesa Planning Group Regular Meeting

In person and via zoom

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Catharine Stempel (Chair) at 7:07 pm

Members Present: Deborah Burns, Kira Finkenberg, Wayne Harris, Joe Ippolito, Sharon Kramer, Cindy Moore, Catharine Stempel (Chair)

Members Not Present: Rochelle Freeman-Zuniga, Carey Longley, Phillip Macintosh, Chris Rosemond (Vice Chair), Jason Schneider

Approval of Agenda: No modifications were made to the Agenda.

Approval of January Minutes: Deborah Burns made a motion to approve the January Minutes, Sharon Kramer seconded, vote 6-0-1. Kira Abstained due to being absent at the January Meeting.

Community Forum and Announcements:

Linda Watts is a concerned resident of SM and voiced her concern with the density of housing on Aero Dr and all over the SM community. Traffic, parking, and quality of life are jeopardized as there is a lack of effort to update infrastructure. She would like the PG to send a letter to the Mayor and City Council on behalf of SM residents and possibly send a joint letter with the Linda Vista PG. This will be put on the next agenda to vote for in March 2025.

A Birdland resident is opposing a large 81 unit residential complex on San Diego City School property. The lack of any traffic mitigation and infrastructure is a key issue as the Hospitals have expanded and there already is plenty of traffic and congestion in this area of Serra Mesa.

A resident on Macawa is asking the PG to support the alley street that has no name to be named after a family member. We had asked this resident to come in March and we will add it to the agenda to vote on.

The Uprise building that is for sale on Aero Dr may have toxic chemicals and needs an environmental study prior to building or developing this land.

Afton Rd has a speed limit sign that is blocked by a tree. We had asked this resident to put it on Get It Done.

There was a request for Pickle ball courts to be put at the SM Rec Center. The ones at Taft are often filled up and their 2 courts are too close together and don't fit the specifications where the fences are too close.

Representatives:

1. Miles Noel, Staff District Representative, Councilmember Raul Campillo, District 7- not present.
2. Corey Funk, Long Range Planning Office – The Historic Resources Board and City of SD is seeking nominations to recognize any individuals who have outstanding commitments to Historical preservations by 2/28/25. The city is beginning outreach for the Child and Teen Friendly Initiative which aims at providing a roadmap that encourages public spaces that support outdoor play, physical activity, and social interaction. More info can be found at the city website.
3. Michaela Castagnola, Community Representative, Congresswoman Sara Jacobs office – Sara Jacob's office will move from the Kearny Mesa area to Mission Valley. Approximately 1400 people have received some type of Federal Assistance from Sara Jacob's office. Michaela explained the community projects funding process.
4. Michael Bravo – Chris Ward's office - AB253 has been supported and approved by Chris Ward. There is a webinar for Senior scams. For more info go to the Chris Ward website.
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Information and Action items:

- 1 **Action Item:** Ronda and Mission Village Dr Traffic calming update. There is no funding for the approved traffic light so the proposed motion was to support moving the U-turn up a street from Ronda and MV Dr to Shawn and MV Dr. This might be a safer area with more room to make the U turn. Cat made a motion in support, Deborah Burns seconded vote 7-0-0.
- 2 **Action Item:** Amend SMPG Bylaws to include Hybrid Meetings. Wayne made a motion to support the changed Bylaws, Kira seconded, vote 7-0-0.
- 3 **Action Item:** Update from the Subcommittee for 3440 Sandrock Rd. There are 3 motions to vote on for this update. 1st motion was made by Cindy, Cat seconded, vote 7-0-0. The second motion was made by Cindy, Wayne seconded, vote 7-0-0. The third motion was made by Cindy, Deborah seconded, vote 7-0-0. Motions are as followed:

1st Motion: Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) supports housing for veterans, affordable housing, and the original proposal of 30 units multi-family housing and with at least 22 parking spaces at 3440 Sandrock Road.

2nd Motion: Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) authorizes the 3440 Sandrock Subcommittee to evaluate, make comments, and ask questions regarding the development agreement/lease and financing documents for 3440 Sandrock Rd if any City Council related hearing is scheduled prior to the next scheduled SMPG meeting.

3rd Motion: Serra Mesa Planning Group send a letter to the City Council's Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee urging them to deny a City Bridge to Home NOFA of \$3.5 million if any unanswered questions and concerns regarding the development agreement/lease and financing have not been addressed and resolved. The questions and concerns include, but are not limited to (possibility of additional concerns/questions when the development agreement/lease becomes available for review):

- 4 Into Item:** 2025 SMPG Elections will take place prior to the March 2025 meeting. All board officers are open and there are 4 open board positions.

Historical Buildings, Guild Building: No update

Park & Recreation: No update

Chair Report: No update

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm. Next meeting scheduled for March 20, 2025