

# PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

3701 Voltaire St., Point Loma Library

June 18, 2015

## APPROVED MINUTES

**Present:** Patricia Clark, Bruce Coons, David Dick, Robert Goldyn, James Hare, Mark Krencik, Jon Linney, Peter Nystrom, Jarvis Ross, Don Sevens, Jay Shumaker and Paul Webb.

**Absent:** Amanda Behnke, Nicole Burgess, Julia Quinn.

Called to order at 6:32 p.m.

## PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS

1. Approval of agenda. Motion by Shumaker, second by Clark. Approved by unanimous vote.
2. Approval of April 2015 minutes. Motion by Shumaker, second by Jarvis. Approved 11-0-1. (Webb abstaining – not present).
3. Approval of May 2015 minutes. Motion by Shumaker, second by Jarvis. Approved 8-0-3. (Coons, Hare, Nystrom abstaining – not present)
4. Secretary's Report – Don Sevens. No report, will present minor tweaks in the process at July meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report – Patricia Clark. Described finances as going "very well" with a balance of \$431.88. One check and one invoice are pending.
6. Chair Report – David Dick acting for Julia Quinn: "She's having a good time."

## NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

**MIKE WEST.** Expressed concerns that FAA is about to implement changes in flight patterns but is only giving public from June 22 to July 10 to comment. Asked if board would request an extension to give public 30 days to comment.

**NORM ALLENBY.** Former board member said his understanding is that the planning board will have some involvement in Sunset Cliffs Natural Park improvements and asked board to coordinate with activists about erosion and discharge of untreated water into the ocean.

**CRAIG BARILOTTI.** Recapped past issues involving erosion at the park and described his understanding of city approval process going forward.

## **GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**Council District 2** – Acting Chair David Dick reported for Conrad Wear who had a conflict. In the May budget revise – dealing with unanticipated improvements in tax revenues --Council Member Lorie Zapf was able to gain \$62,500 for police for “quality of life” improvements on the Point, proclaimed June 10 Dia de Portugal Day in perpetuity and secured park rangers for shoreline portions of the district, especially Sunset Cliffs.

**City Planning** – Associate city planner Tony Kempton was absent.

## **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

1. **None.**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Ocean Beach Planning Board update** – Valerie Paz reported that the board referred the deteriorating condition of the dog park at Robb Field to Park and Recreation Department. The Ocean Beach Community Plan is not at the Coastal Commission yet because of staff issues. The board is doing a bylaw review and comparing it to the city model. O.B. is forming a liaison committee on the 30-foot height limit and wants to coordinate with PCPB.  
**Sevrens:** Has there been any reply from the city on the well-researched letter by Paul Webb on loopholes being used to exceed 30 feet? Answer: No.  
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2. **Catalina/Canon Intersection Changes** – City traffic representative Phil Rust ([prust@sandiego.gov](mailto:prust@sandiego.gov)). (Moved up on the agenda to facilitate media in attendance.) Rust said a pedestrian-operated stoplight for the northbound right turn lane from Catalina to Canon was close to being installed and that crews already had done preliminary work. He said that instead of angled striping ending a second northbound lane along Fresh & Easy, a short stretch of bike lane would be in place. The bike lane would start somewhere near Jennings, cross what some consider to be a dangerous right turn lane and end abruptly at a midway point along the Fresh & Easy building.

In response to questions, he said a long-term solution at the accident scene depends on gaining community support first and that the short stretch of bike lane was substituted for striping because of aesthetic concerns.

When asked if the city had contacted the Navy about traffic flow and possible changes on Catalina, Rust said he is not aware of any contact.

Several persons expressed concern about the bike lane creating new problems and inviting another accident. Robert Goldyn said the long-term goal is to create a bike lane network and that he is comfortable with the short stretch as a place marker. Don Sevens suggested the frontage road on the west side of Catalina be considered as a long-term two-way bike lane.

David Dick asked Rust to find out the timetable on long-term solutions. Jay Shumaker suggested that Peter Nystrom and the Transportation subcommittee keep pressing for answers on long-term solutions.

3. **Walk-in park status update.** Jon Linney. He introduced Carl Silva, president of United Portuguese S.E.S., then made a major announcement: The organization has agreed to be the nonprofit sponsor of the park-organizing effort and also to be the financial custodian for donations. The agreement brings the support of a leading community organization to the community-based effort, makes donations eligible for tax deductions and eliminates any need for administrative fees so that 100 percent of all donations will go to the park. The park site is at the upper end of Avenida de Portugal, on two-thirds of an acre owned by the city and designated as a park site. The street has been the heart of the Portuguese community since 1880.

Silva said he is proud to represent the Portuguese community in this effort. He said that one of the board's goals under his leadership is to be more visible and reach out to the community.

Don Sevens, acting like Linney as a community activist in organizing the park, fielded questions. He said two public workshops under formal city rules and the supervision of the Point Loma Recreation Council will be scheduled, probably later this year. The meetings will be widely publicized and the public input given will determine the park features. Rather than take up meeting time, Sevens invited resident Mary Harder to a coffee to explain again the park creation process.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**FAA new guidelines.** Paul Webb. (Because of the unanticipated request for public input and a July 10 deadline, the board took the matter up as an emergency matter. Webb said there was only one flight path change that might impact Point Loma. He said the FAA had been

considering the matter since 2003 but there was no easily accessible way for the public to review 800-plus pages of documents.

The board asked for a motion to request the FAA to extend the public input period. Paul Webb would draft a letter to be signed by David Dick. Motion by Ross, second by Webb. Approved 11-0.

**(At 7:59 p.m., acting chair David Dick had to leave because of an unanticipated development and Second Vice Chair Jon Linney presided over the remainder of the meeting.)**

**Soto Street Residence CDP, Project No. 402328, 2260 Soto Street, Zone RM-1-1. CDP to construct 2,655 (LATER CORRECTED TO 2,094 sf) sf residence on 3001 sf site.** Coastal (nonappealable) overlay zone. Applicant: Scott Frontis.

The applicant was not present and there may have been confusion about the scheduling. Residents in opposition were present and there was a discussion but no motion. Mark Krencik, chair of the Project Review subcommittee, said it voted unanimously against the proposed project, feeling it was out of character and there were reservations about height considerations, the roof line, parking in the front yard and the narrowness of the 30-foot-wide lot.

Resident Robert Mitchell said neighbors believe the adjacent new building by the same developer had encroached and that the proposed building would be in violation of code. They have filed a complaint with Code Enforcement.

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

(The secretary has requested that subcommittee chairs send an email of current members and typical meeting date and location – or whether the panel is in liaison mode. The secretary will update as they arrive.)

**Form Base/Long Range Planning** -- Jay Shumaker. The subcommittee will consider hypothetical changes to two intersections: Rosecrans and Canon, and Voltaire and Wabaska.

**Liberty Station** – Patricia Clark. Asked if the board wanted a drought presentation and whether a building on Rosecrans next to the Dolphin Motel was in compliance as a billboard had not been removed as agreed to in obtaining a building permit. Acting chair Linney asked Clark to take the lead in contacting Cecilia Carrick of the Point Loma Association to gain more information and report back.

**Park** – Don Sevens. He said that the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council had been seeking a ranger for years and that Council Member Lorie Zapf deserved praise for finally gaining one or more. He said the planning board would be asked to support spending money for design improvements and eventually to recommend going forward on construction of erosion prevention measures. He said his understanding, at least, was that the Sunset Cliff council's role had not changed.

**Transportation** – Peter Nystrom. He talked about possible July agenda items. He recalled that the board had given direction for an ad hoc committee on the Voltaire Street bridge and surrounding area but no one was aware whether any members had been chosen for that role.

**North Bay** – Jarvis Ross. He said the exterior of the coming rental car center will be a form of public art. Black and white images will be projected onto the façade of the building and will change slowly. The center is tentatively scheduled to open in January 2016. Shuttles are expected to use an interior airport road, reducing traffic on Harbor Drive.

Adjourned at 8:25 p.m. to Thursday, July 16.