



**Environmental Ad-hoc Committee August 20, 2019 Draft Minutes**  
**(Pending approval at October meeting)**

Peninsula Community Planning Board  
Environmental Ad-hoc Committee  
August 20, 2019 meeting

Park Point Loma Clubhouse, 2390 Caminito Agrado, San Diego, CA 92107

**General**

Meeting called to order by Eva Schmitt at 6:03 pm

Present:

Eva Schmitt (Environmental Committee co-chair)

Mandy Havlik (Environmental Committee co-chair)

Ruth Hargrove (Community Committee Member), Cameron Havlik

Don Sevrens, Lucky Morrison: PCPB Board Members

Members of the Community: 30+

Approval of the agenda- motion by Mandy Havlik, second by Ruth Hargrove. unanimous

Approval of ad-hoc meeting and interval schedule- every other month, next scheduled 10/23/19 at Park Pt Loma clubhouse

**Non-agenda Public Comment**

- Lucky Morrison announced next PCPB meeting

## **Board-Initiated Informational Items/Discussion**

Ruth Hargrove was introduced as ad-hoc Committee Community Member

Cameron Havlik gave overview of #428/Famosa feasibility study

- Community asked questions re role of housing commission, cost of remediating wetland area, possibility of selling lot to commercial developer, specifics of property map, who owns eucalyptus grove (City or Sea Colony?)
- community overwhelmingly wants to preserve the existing property as undeveloped open space or re-wilding the area.

The feasibility study pertaining to proposed development #428/Famosa was reviewed, specifically as it pertains to environmental concerns. Specific concerns identified were

- Existing wetland and remediation/land swap options discussed in the feasibility study. Proposed “swap” would be wetland area in Escondido and not local
- Impact development could have on migratory species, specifically wetland bird populations
- Impact development could have on monarch population. The biologist site survey occurred during 1 day in May. No monarchs were seen. However, monarchs over-winter in San Diego during December to March
- Community questions what the site would be like without existing City drain pipe. Would it naturally return to wetland character?
- Possibility of an educational organization/university/Audubon Society/ or City Council with philanthropy grant purchasing site was discussed

The committee makes the following recommendations to be considered by the Famosa ad-hoc committee and by the PCPB Board:

- Observational study over several days/weeks by a biologist to inventory existing wildlife during the usual bird and butterfly (Monarch) migratory times. There was overwhelming community support for this request
- The committee would like to see preservation of the existing wetland and re-wilding of that portion of the property rather than a wetland “swap”. A biologic survey re fluctuations in water level of wetland area through the year should be done to assess for possibility of wetland restoration as well as to assess for contamination of wetland area due to existing drain pipe.
- The proposed development could and should serve as a model for green building techniques (rain water collection mechanism, eco-friendly materials, eco- friendly insulation techniques, etc)

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:57pm**