

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

FINAL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014 – 6:30 PM

Members present: Wyatt Allen, George Barnard, Julie Bugbee, Lynn Carlson, Laura Cyphert (chair), Milt Cyphert, Glenn Inverso, Tom Medvitz, Kristen Mitten, Paul Sprecco, Linda Strom, Bob Turner.

Members Absent: Jeff Brust (work), and Mark Baker (personal), Chad Enniss (resigned)

Public present: Approximately 15

OPEN HOUSE: 6:00pm – 6:30pm

1. Call to Order: 6:33 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

4. Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2013 were amended by K. Mitten to add that during the public comment for Item #8B (Lake Jennings Park Rd Subdivision Tentative Map TM-5578) community member Steve Hogue stated that he was speaking on behalf of the neighbors that live next to the project, but were not noticed. *The minutes were approved as amended by a motion made by G. Barnard, seconded by M. Cyphert. Passed (11-0-0-4, T. Medvitz was out of the room)*

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Audio Recording – Notification is hereby provided that the LCPG meeting may be audio recorded for purposes of preparation of the meeting minutes.

B. Member Resignation - L. Cyphert read Mr. Chad Enniss' Letter of Resignation (see Attachment). We will be placing a vacancy notice in the next agenda. Applications will be due to the LCPG by the March meeting. If there is only one application we can take action at the March meeting, otherwise we will vote on the applications at the April meeting. This term will expire January 2015. More information is available on the LCPG website www.lcpg.weebly.com

C. Potential upcoming projects scheduled for future meetings – A list of projects and presentations tentatively scheduled for upcoming meetings is provided as an attachment to this agenda. L. Cyphert announced that she wanted everyone to know that there are two items that will be on the February agenda, that are not listed as a future projects on the attachment to tonight's agenda.

1. Tentative Map from Lakeside Land for a Major Subdivision - east & west Sides of Marathon Parkway, subdivide two lots of 86 acres into nine (9) lots and one (1) open space lot.

2. Administrative Permit for the Orgega Garage Addition at 9872 Quail Cubby Lane in El Cajon

D. Agenda Changes – Item #9C2 will be removed from the agenda in light of C. Enniss' resignation. Also, we will move up Item #10C The Trails Subcommittee report per request of the subcommittee chair, so that his co-chair can present the report before she needs to leave.

6. OPEN FORUM:

A. Mary Allison announced that in celebration of her 80th birthday, she brought treats for everyone to share.

B. Maine Avenue Utilities Undergrounding Lawrence Hirsch, DPW Utilities Coordinator, provided an update on the Maine Avenue construction and stated that SDG&E and their contractor are requesting from the County the ability to extend their work hours from 9am-3:30pm to 7:30am to 4:00pm, based on feedback received from the local businesses along Maine Ave. Due to the amount of prep and breakdown time, they currently only have 4.5 hours for actual work time. They estimate it will add six months to a year to complete the project, beyond the original estimate. On Monday, they met with a group of 6-7 Maine Avenue business owners that unanimously supported the proposed longer work hours. The County Traffic would like to have the support of the Lakeside CPG prior to approving the change in hours. M. Cyphert stated that businesses along Maine have made it known to the Chamber that they are being impacted and that the sooner the construction on Maine Avenue can be completed, the better. L. Cyphert reminded the LCPG that we could not discuss this item as it has not yet been

noticed and is only an announcement.

Emergency Motion to Discuss Maine Ave. Construction Work Hours Extension – *J. Bugbee made an emergency motion, seconded by G. Barnard, to discuss the proposed Maine Avenue construction work hours extension. T. Medvitz suggested we discuss this only after noticing it for next month's agenda so that the community may speak on this issue. (Motion Approved; 8-4-0-3; P. Sprecco, L. Cyphert, K. Mitten and T. Medvitz dissented)*

- G. Barnard suggested the contractor get a variance to work at night like they do in Santee on Mission Gorge Road. (Lawrence stated that it is County policy to prohibit night construction to protect the community.)
- Patt Bixby confirmed that the business owners at the Monday meeting did want construction to start earlier.
- Several members were concerned about a lack of business owner presence at the LCPG meeting.
- Kathy Kassell stated that there was a larger number of business members present at the Monday meeting than previous meeting, and all who signed in checked the box signifying support of longer construction work hours.
- M. Cyphert recommended to table further discussion of this Item to the end of the meeting until Don Parent, the SDG&E Project Manager, can bring a copy of the Monday meeting sign-in sheet. **(Unanimous Support)**

Item#6B continued at 8:10pm, after Don Parent arrived:

- Don Parent stated they distributed ~40 invitations to the Maine Ave. business owners for a meeting last Monday night and 7 owners attended to ask questions. He stated their main concerns were how long the project was going to take? (end of 2014 for trenching) and why it was going to take so long (length of business hours 9a-3:30p). The business owners asked SDG&E to expand the construction hours to lessen the project length.
- P. Sprecco expressed concerns over how the project time was presented originally, and wants to know what changed that would add six months to the schedule? (Lawrence replied that the estimated time was not based on feedback from the contractor. Work conditions were fully realized only after construction began.)
- G. Barnard is concerned about why the contractor isn't being held liable for a timeline that was promised to the community. L. Cyphert shared these concerns, M. Cyphert also shares these concerns, but doesn't see how allowing two more hours to their work schedule will impact the community. T. Medvitz wants to send a letter to the County with G. Barnard wants to know what will it take to get this finished (work longer hours), W. Allen has concerns with starting earlier since this is a community and there are people going to work and dropping kids off at preschool.
- K. Kassel wanted to clarify that Don and Lawrence are here on request of the business owners to increase the contractors work hours. It was in response to the letter sent by the LCPG that caused the County to decrease the construction hours
- L. Cyphert is concerned that if this delay was caused by the LCPG letter sent to the County last month, as a result from another emergency motion, she does not want to rush into an ill-informed decision that may greatly impact the community, especially since the next LCPG meeting is just a couple of weeks away.
- *L. Cyphert initially made a motion, seconded by W. Allen, to support the Chamber of Commerce recommendation for longer construction work hours. (Motion Rescinded after Discussion)*
- *M. Cyphert made a motion, seconded by J. Bugbee, to support the Chamber of Commerce recommendation for longer construction work hours. No Action Taken on Motion due to lack of Majority Vote of Elected Body (7-5-0-3; P. Sprecco, L. Cyphert, L. Carlson, K. Mitten and T. Medvitz dissented)*
- *P. Sprecco made a motion, seconded by G. Barnard, to table the discussion until we can notice this project to allow the community to provide input. Motion Passed (10-0-2-3; L. Strom and J. Bugbee abstained)*

10.C. Trails Subcommittee – Janis Shackelford stated that Dianne Jacob has requested communities to identify new trail linkages. She presented the following linkages proposed by the Trails Subcommittee:

1. **River Bottom** – Ask the County to provide a connection (across private property) from the trails in the river bottom to the new Equestrian Center (at Willow & Moreno). Must ask the owners to voluntarily dedicate the land for the trail; if they say yes, the County will assume all costs. Unsure as to how many owners are involved.
 - L. Strom inquired as to liability (Janis stated that if there is a voluntary dedication, the County assumes all liability)
 - M. Cyphert inquired as to whether the County would cover double indemnity (Janis was not sure)
 - W. Allen stated that he is a property owner near there and there is a transient problem through there.
 - B. Turner stated that he recently was made to dedicate a trail to the County.
2. **Flume Trail** - Ask the County to make all efforts to continue pursuing the purchase of the main section of the Flume Trail. The County owns the eastern portion of the trail and the western trail is under private ownership and is for sale.

3. **Flinn Springs Park Trail** - Ask the County to seek a voluntary dedication from Flinn Springs LLC of the steep zig zag open space trail connecting to the Crest-area trails.

Public Comment

- Karen Ensall clarified that the trail was on the other side of Willow from W. Allen's property.
 - Josef Kufa inquired if the trails increase or decrease the value of the properties.
 - Julie Murphy stated that trails in the community improve your property values greatly. She is on Dianne Jacob's Trail Advisory Committee.
 - W. Allen stated that he is currently in negotiations to purchase the Flume Trail with the owner. He is working with the County to make that a public trail and to put in a zip-line.
 - G. Inverso asked if the property owner had been contacted yet about the Flynn Springs trail dedication (no, it's up to the County to write a formal letter to the owner).
 - J. Bugbee and T. Medvitz are in support of the trails, but are concerned that the dedication won't be voluntary.
 - M. Cyphert stated that this is for a voluntary dedication and/or purchase of land, not to confiscate the land.
 - K. Mitten spoke in support of the subcommittee's recommendation. She stated that the trails master plan lays out where we would like to have trails and if we never ask the property owners, then we have no chance of acquiring the dedications. These are for voluntary dedications/purchasing.
 - L. Cyphert spoke in support of the trails subcommittee
 - B. Turner inquired as to whether the dedication would be in perpetuity (if it's a voluntary property dedication, and they want to make changes in the future, one would hope the owner would propose an alternative linkage).
 - Karen Ensall stated that she is on Dianne Jacob's Trails Advisory Committee and all three of these linkages have her support.
 - Catherine Gorka, resident on Willow Road, is concerned if one voluntarily dedicates and another doesn't then the County will take it by eminent domain.
 - Julie Murphy clarified that if the trail is 10 feet wide and if the trail is not necessary, it can be vacated if approved.
- A motion to recommend to the County to pursue voluntary trail dedication for two new trail linkages (River Bottom and Flinn Springs Park Trail) and to purchase the Flume Trail as proposed by the Trails Subcommittee was made by G. Barnard and seconded by M. Cyphert. **Motion passed (8-2-1-4; G. Inverso and B. Turner dissented, J. Bugbee abstained, W. Allen recused himself due to a direct financial involvement in the Flume Trail)***

7. COUNTY PRESENTATIONS:

A. Park Proposed Naming Rights Modification: The County will present proposed modification to the naming rights policy. The current Policy allows for the Board of Supervisors to approve or deny the naming of facilities. The proposed change will include a fee for naming rights and allow the Parks Director to authorize requests that meet certain criterion.

B. Park Fee Range Update: The County will present a proposed modification of the park fee's structure, including the establishment of new fees.

<Items 7A and 7B were discussed jointly and addressed with a single motion.>

- Steve Cast, DPR project manager read the letter to Stakeholders regarding Proposed Naming Rights. He listed several examples relevant to Lakeside.
- G. Barnard, on the East County Equestrian Foundation (ECEF) board, stated that the ECEF wants to sell the naming rights as a fundraiser to afford to pay the County's rental fee (Steve believes that falls within the definition but couldn't speak specifically. Chuck Tucker is keeping a list of questions so that these can be addressed by staff at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.)
- P. Sprecco expressed concerns regarding the Lakeside skate park being on the list of potential naming projects.
- P. Sprecco, L. Cyphert, M. Cyphert and T. Medvitz strongly believe any funds raised in our community should stay within our community.
- K. Mitten inquired as to whether Kathy Kassel had been able to find the language in the skatepark contract that exempts them.
- Kathy Kassel, representing the Lakeside Skatepark, stated that they keep being told that they are exempt but they have not seen any verbage that they are exempt and was surprised to see the skatepark listed as a potential naming project. In their contract with the County, the skatepark is responsible for fundraising and she would consider it a breach of contract if the County took away the skatepark's ability to sell and retain the funds raised from the skatepark's naming rights.

A motion to write a letter to the County, strongly stating our position of keeping the funds in our community, was made was made by T. Medvitz and seconded by P. Sprecco. Motion passed (12-0-0-3)

8. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Open Space Easement Vacation #PDS2013-VAC-13-005 (VAC13-005) located at 9425 Quail Canyon Rd in El Cajon near Blossom Valley Rd (APN 395-352-02)

-K. Mitten voiced concerns that this open space was dedicated with this project.

-Janis Shackelford stated that this open space dedication is for a trail as part of the Lake Jennings trail map, this parcel has a very wide open space easement for the trail due to the slopes, unfortunately the property owner planted an orchard over this trail. A new trails easement has been identified along the perimeter of the property and will be dedicated to maintain the trail connection.

A motion to recommend approval of the vacation was made by J. Bugbee and seconded by G. Barnard. Motion passed (12-0-0-3)

B. PLDO Funds - The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has requested input on its updated five-year park project priority list for the expenditure of Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) funds. The LCPG is seeking community input on this matter. The items identified by the community include: BMX bike trails, soccer field, a walking trail continued around Lindo Lake, and Horseshoe Pits.

- K. Mitten stated that she would like to see soccer fields made a priority due to the Equestrian Center appropriating the location and some of the funds originally intended for a soccer field.

A motion to direct the County to prioritize the funds for a new soccer field was made by L. Cyphert and seconded by G. Barnard. Motion passed (12-0-0-3)

9. GROUP BUSINESS:

A. Officer nominations and election: The Board to elect the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for the 2014 term. *L. Strom made the motion to continue with the same officers for 2014. The current officers were willing. Motion Passed (12-0-0-3)*

B. Reimbursement of \$6.54 for photocopies. *A motion to approve was made by J. Bugbee and seconded by T. Medvitz. Motion passed (12-0-0-3)*

C. Member's Attendance Review:

1. An attendance review will be conducted for all members, and any member who meets the criteria for forfeiture will be identified, and noted in the minutes, and an action will be placed on the next agenda to vote to either waive or reaffirm the forfeiture.
2. Item removed from agenda due to resignation of C. Enniss.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Design Review Board (DRB) – No update

B. County Service Area 69 (CSA 69) – J. Bugbee inquired as to whether they charge for an ambulance in CSA69. L. Strom stated that they do charge. J. Bugbee suggested we put this on the agenda as we agreed to pay a special tax in CSA 69 to avoid having to pay for ambulances.

C. Trails - Moved up in the agenda

11. ADJOURNED: 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will be in the gymnasium in the Lakeside Community Center on February 5, 2014 at 6:30 pm with the Open House starting at 6:00pm.

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