County of San Diego

Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group

7 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2021

Approved Minutes

The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the meetings of the Campo Lake Morena Planning Group, which is the county-sponsored link between the community and San Diego County dealing with planning and land use. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak regarding any item on the agenda. In addition, during public discussion, members of the community will be given the opportunity to address other matters pertaining to land use issues in our area. No action or vote may be taken on items not on the agenda. The final agenda will be posted 72 hours prior to the meeting and may be found at the Campo branch of the U.S. Post Office, the Campo branch of the San Diego County Library and the Lake Morena Market bulletin board. Community members may also contact the group chairman to regularly receive agendas by email: campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 7 p.m.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE waived
- 3. ROLL CALL: 1-vacant 4- vacant 7- Bob Shea P
 2- vacant 5- Rob Romero P
 3- Billie Jo Jannen P 6- Steve Biddle P
 - 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 28, 2020

Minutes available next month

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: At this time, the public is invited to speak on any item that does not appear on the agenda. Public speakers will be limited to 2 minutes.

Larry Johnson raises the issue of batteries to be used Flow batteries His concern is the safety of storing thousands of gallons of liquid electrolytes (vanadium), which are pumped through various containers and lines. What are the safety protocols? Who will be overseeing their care and safety? County? State? Groundwater should be protected.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. General Plan: Updates of the Housing and Safety Elements, and development of the county's first Environmental Justice Element. County staff will present all three projects under this agenda item. The 2021-2029 Housing Element will include housing-related goals, policies, and programs to address the existing and projected future housing needs of the unincorporated County. The Safety Element establishes policies related to future development that will minimize the risk of personal injury, loss of life, property damage, and environmental damage associated with natural and human-caused hazards. The new Environmental Justice element is defined by the State of California as "the fair treatment and

meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies."

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/GPUpdate2021/EJElement.html https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/GPUpdate2021/SafetyElement.html https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/GPUpdate2021/HousingElement.html

Planner Robert Ebert: Housing is updated per goals and objectives handed down by the state. They will be doing a site inventory and implementation plans to achieve those objectives. He expects a strong focus on low income housing and much of that will be shifted to more urban areas. Billie Jo Jannen raised the issue of how housing element will be changed to accommodate the 30 percent of planning area being given over to renewable energy streamlining. Ebert said that will be a consideration subject to guidance from the BOS.

Planner Mike Madrid: The Safety Element focuses on updating hazard mapping (natural and human caused), vulnerability and mitigation of climate change, and identifying areas where evacuation options are limited. Larry Johnson raised the issue of safety of utility scale batteries. Ebert said he would try to find someone to answer questions about this.

Planner Audrey Hamilton: Environmental Justice Element is required by state any time that two or more other elements are updated. Disadvantaged communities are defined as low income communities that are disproportionately affected by pollution that leads to negative health affects and environmental degradation. This includes promoting civic engagement, safe and sanitary homes, and prioritizing improvements and programs to address inequity. North Lemon Grove, North El Cajon and portions of Spring Valley and Sweetwater reach the threshold for being considered socioeconomically and environmentally disadvantaged. The project, is expected to go to the BOS around June 2021.

No language has yet been presented for any of these projects.

Billie Jo Jannen asked why nothing about not **causing** environmental injustice, such as forcing large renewable energy projects into rural communities. Steve Biddle wanted to know if the whole county would be included in some goals and policies. Hamilton said she would email information to Chairman Jannen on both of those questions.

Rob Romero wanted to know what monies would be channeled into mitigating and heading off injustice. Planners did not know that any funding would be coming from the state.

Billie Jo Jannen wanted to know if there would be any standards in the element for assessing environmental justice for new projects.

Steve Biddle wanted to know if local community plans would be updated with an environmental justice component. Planners said the general plan would govern this.

b. Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Priority List for Campo/Lake Morena annual update. The current list, in order of priority: 1. Campo Road Trail improvements 2. Community ball field turf, concession stand and restrooms 3. Multipurpose sports field 4. Skate Park

Motion by Steve Biddle to retain the current order of priority, seconded by Rob Romero. Motion approved 4-0-0

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Standing subcommittee reports (no action): Groundwater, Rob Romero; Sewer and Septic, vacant; Community Economic Impacts, Steve Biddle; Public Safety, Bob Shea.

Steve Biddle said that some 2,000 regional workers have become unemployed due to Biden's work stoppage on the border fence. This can be expected to damage the local economy.

Rob Romero reported that the cannabis ordinance development is moving ahead and we should take this opportunity to push for small "mom and pop" growing operations, as opposed to giant corporate concerns such as the hemp farm already operating in Potrero. This would help to contain groundwater use and odors, for example.

c. Chairman's report, Billie Jo Jannen: The county has scheduled one final "inperson" training. County staff is requesting RSVPs, per the instruction in the email I sent out.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The Star Ranch vesting and landscape architecture maps are available, both at meetings and by appointment with the CLMPG chairman. The property has been for sale for some years and has been in and out of escrow with both conservation and private enterprise entities. The proposed plan is still in play and is part of the property offering, but will be abandoned if purchased by conservation entities.
- b. County of San Diego's Community Action Partnership and Circulate San Diego invitation to participate in two input activities for the <u>2020 Community Needs Assessment</u>. Forwarded to group.
- c. Notice that public review has been extended on the current (third) rewrite of the county's climate action plan. Comments on the Notice of Preparation will now be accepted for 57 days following the issuance of the first notice on December 10, 2020, and must be received no later than February 4, 2021. The County is providing 27 extra days. Information on how to comment here:

 $\frac{https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sustainability/climateactionplan.html}{\textbf{Forwarded to group.}}$

d. Draft Guidelines for Determining Significance for Hydrology and Water Quality for review. These guidelines allow for streamlining options during discretionary review to conduct a preliminary hydrology and/or water quality analysis. The letter asks for

comments, but does not provide any way to contact the planner, nor is there a project page listed. Forwarded to group.

9. EXPENSES: Report any valid expenses for group approval. Discussion and vote.

None tendered.

10. UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

None.

11. REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDAS: All requests for placement of agenda items must be to the planning group chairman by the third Tuesday of each month.

Next regular meeting, February 22, 2021 at 7 p.m. If you wish to appear on the agenda, please contact CLMPG Chairman Billie Jo Jannen, 28736 Highway 94, Unit 1, Campo, CA 91906, <u>campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com</u> or call 619-415-6298. Final agendas are posted at least 72 hours prior to meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Rob Romero. Second by Bob Shea. Passed 4-0-0. Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.