

County of San Diego
Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group
7 p.m., Monday, March 1, 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 7:02 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: January 25, 2021, February 22, 2021
Minutes unavailable.

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.

Peggy Walker is concerned about ordinance to remove ban on marijuana businesses in unincorporated businesses, but it removes all local control. BOS would be unduly influenced by industry interests. Wants planning group to oppose, especially the social justice part, which caters to criminals.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Review of advisory letter on Cannabis and Social Equity Program. The board of supervisors is pursuing a regulatory ordinance combined with a social justice element to ensure that historically impacted minority communities will be able to participate in marijuana commerce. PDS planners Donald Chase and Scott Christman presented an overview of the project on February 22. Project website here:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Cannabis.html>

Discussion and vote.

Peggy Walker still wants the BOS to accede to community preferences, rather than imposing ordinance requirements from above. Thinks the entire social justice portion should be removed due to allowing criminals to operate within the permitting structure. Both of her concerns were discussed in the draft letter.

Kelly McCormick said her relatives have been made miserable by a nearby 22-acre pot farm. The smell has been so overwhelming when they flower that they can't open their windows, nor enjoy outdoor activities in their backyard.

Carol Green's 23-year-old son was diagnosed with bipolar. His friends convinced him to replace his meds with marijuana and he experienced psychosis and ended up dying. This could be a worse affect in lower income communities where health care is inadequate.

Rob Romero wanted money from marijuana tax to go to youth support. The ordinance gives law enforcement substantial funding for enforcement, but nothing for youth programs or drug prevention programs.

Becky Rapp said enforcement that pot tax funding is supposed to cover has been extremely lax in other municipalities. Marijuana enforcement needs its own entity, rather than expecting existing entities to add it to their duties. The pot industry has also not kept its promises to communities.

Bob Shea would like to see commercial growing restrictions in residential neighborhoods and setbacks from neighbors. He would also like to restrict businesses that allow onsite consumption.

Motion by Rob Romero, second by Bob Shea, to approve the draft letter with the following additions: request that the groundwater ordinance be updated; direct a specific portion of marijuana taxes to youth programs and drug prevention; require at least a conditional use permit with mitigation in order to grow marijuana for sale; the area under cultivation in a single growing project should never exceed 20,000 square feet. Motion passed 4,0,0.

b. Comprehensive Harm Reduction Strategy with proposed needle exchange program, presentation and advisory letter. This would reverse prior county policy on needle exchange programs. Staff to present. **Discussion and vote.**

Staff declined to provide a presenter on this topic, so Billie Jo Jannen summarized the materials provided by Supe Anderson's office. All the materials were general in nature and the study detailing drug user's needs were entirely self-reported. No real studies were offered to support the efficacy of a needle exchange, beyond "everybody says so."

Glenn Webber, who operates Freedom Ranch, said that treatment is moving away from drug abstinence and toward harm reduction/medical management. The efficacy has yet to be seen.

Billie Jo Jannen shared an article on a recent court order that a CEQA review is required for needle exchanges due to the effects of litter and dirty needles concentrated in nearby neighborhoods.

Rob makes motion to not act on this item. It receives no second.

Bob Shea and Larry Johnson both commented that this isn't something that would benefit rural communities. It's not good for us, and may even do harm by increasing usage.

Steve Biddle reiterated the lack of financial and medical justification provided in staff materials.

Rob makes a motion that we do a letter detailing the problems and saying we don't want exchanges out here, though we encourage treatment. Bob Shea seconded. Motion passes 4,0,0.

7. OLD BUSINESS: None

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

9. EXPENSES: Report any valid expenses for group approval. Discussion and vote.
None tendered.

10. UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

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, March 29, 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, campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com or call 619-415-6298. Final agendas are posted at least 72 hours prior to meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Shea, second by Rob Romero seconded. Motion passes, 4,0,0. 9:22 p.m.