

County of San Diego
Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group
976 Sheridan Road, Campo, CA 91906
7 p.m., Monday, April 24, 2023
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:** 7:06 by Chairman Jannen.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

1-Wellman Sriamorn- P

4- Cory Gautereaux- P

7- Bob Shea- A U

2- Keith Crowl- A U

5- Rob Romero- P

3- Billie Jo Jannen- P

6- Steve Biddle- P

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 27, 2023- *Rob makes motion to approve minutes as written and Wellman seconds the motion. The motion passes, 5,0,0.*

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6. **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.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. PDS2023-MUP-23-008 Crescentwood Cemetery: CLMPG is in receipt of application documents for a cemetery project near Miller Valley. Chairman Jannen has reached out to planners, proponents and neighbors. No comment period has been set yet for environmental scoping. This agenda item is for people to hear what we know so far and offer pertinent information to the planning group. The applicant and planner will appear for a full presentation/discussion and vote, if appropriate, at our May 22 meeting. Discussion only.

Billie Jo reported that she reached out to the County to find any regulations specific to cemetery construction/siting and there are almost none. The Crescentwood Services received their tax-exempt status in January 2022. They accepted ownership in February 2022. Both Facebook video and fundraising page mention phase II. This is the most bothersome to Billie Jo because the plan tendered does not mention a phase II. Billie Jo has requested that Phase I and Phase II should be on the same plan in the interest of full project disclosure. The burial customs appear to not include embalming. The neighbor's notice is being corrected and re-sent to everyone.

Amanda Sadler: Her first degree was at UCSD in Neuroscience. What is published today is very new regarding cemeteries. They are a huge source of pollution. Internal implants (such as joint replacement) and residues of medical treatments (such as chemo and prescriptions) can also cause problems in our watershed. The organisms inside the body leak out into the fine sand into the clay-like material which is the best breeding ground for e coli, streptococcus, tuberculosis.

Richard Blaisdell: There is no alternative water source for us that will serve our community. He lives 4.5 miles from the casino and when the casino went in his well went almost to zero. Area should be lit at night.

Charles Good: A Muslim is buried in a white cotton shroud without a coffin.

Efrain Alba representing the CW ranch: Efrain reached out to his Muslim friend who explained that the Muslim religion has prayers five times per day.

Roxanna Hodson: Asked group to invite the La Posta Band of Mission Indians for their input.

Scott: Has lived out here 11 years and asks about a grading permit. It should take them years and years to get this. This will take mass grading which is very permeable. They will also need tons of water and chemicals to make this project work due to the amount of grass used in cemeteries.

Wellman thinks we should get hold of the chairman for Campo Band of Mission Indians.

Scott Haselton: Lived up here since 1968 and is a pastor in Boulevard. He has drilled water wells for years and discussed how the fractured rock is where our water comes from. Years ago, they put red dye in groundwater in Julian and they found it measurable in Campo.

Mr. Good: What is the land zoned for. Billie Jo: It is standard agricultural/residential zoning. Mr. Good explained that his well is only about 20 feet deep. Mr. Good lives in between the 8 and the 80. Mr. Good believes that the property values are going to drop 20 % minimum. He then explains the only frontage they have is on the blind curve.

Wellman: Recommends that La Posta tribe board member James Hill should be notified

Luis Cortez: Grew up in El Centro owns land and does not want the view from his future home.

Billie Jo: We are part of the sole source aquifer designation awarded by EPA in 1998. This designation prevents projects from receiving money from federal sources if they might pollute the sole source of water in a community.

Cory Gautereaux: Asks the community if they have any positive opinions on the project? No response from anyone.

Lauren Gautereaux: Lives in the area of Miller Valley Road. If there are 25,000 bodies being buried there will be a lot of people visiting loved ones. The traffic and light pollution will be a problem.

Pamela Haas: Found out that the Muslim religion does not embalm. What kind of studies will be needed? She also explains that the project has to serve the community.

Jeff Haas: According to their website they are talking about bringing in massive amounts of dirt into the project.

Amanda Sadler: These diseases can be transmitted from dead humans into livestock

Mr Good: Asks for a run down on what we can expect next month and what will be on the agenda? Billie Jo: The proponents will present the project and the county planner will be here at the meeting to answer questions about process.

Billie Jo: Their timeline shows that they will start burying people by December 2024.

Lauren Gautereaux: Believes their proposed timeline is used to keep people motivated for fundraising.

Billie Jo: The planning group will do a scoping letter, and issue other comments as needed during the process. If anyone sees anyone grading, call the county immediately.

Mr Good: We may see him fencing the access to the cemetery property in the near future. He owns the strip of land between the Old 80 and the cemetery property.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Ordinance under development: Socially Equitable Cannabis Program. Should

the group update its comments to address new elements of the proposed ordinance? The group approved an advisory letter regarding how land use should be managed/regulated for growing cannabis. So far, the closest it is getting is a discussion of some kind of regional cap on facilities that makes no distinction between dispensaries, consumption lounges and simple growing operations. Rob Romero to report. Information here:

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

Rob Romero did the first meeting virtually but it did not last long (approx 40 minutes). There were about 25 participants but approximately 5 people were county related. Some of the people were upset that the process was taking too long. The people that are worried about it are concerned that the cannabis areas are not too close to schools, etc. Everyone reiterated that the dispensaries in no way want to sell to people under 18 years old. They will have a 1,000 foot limit in proximity to schools, churches, etc. Rob voiced our concerns regarding water usage from growing projects and how much water they will use in our area. Billie Jo attended several of the video meetings, and opined that they were not very productive. Though they were labeled for different interest groups (labor, environment, social justice, etc), the presentations were exactly the same, the same people attended every one, and county staff wrapped them up within 30 minutes. The County seems not to be interested in smaller grow operations. There were suggestions as to what the tax money should be used for and Rob explained that some other states divert the money to youth programs.

Four things they talked about

- 1. Social equity program: If you have been arrested for a marijuana violation you can apply for a marijuana grow license*
- 2. Regulatory requirements: Medical, recreational, etc.*
- 3. Licensing and permitting: County license must be issued prior to state*
- 4. Taxation: What taxes should be used for*

Rob and Billie Jo shared a concern that this project seems like we are “going through the motions” for the County and the ordinance will be rubber stamped regardless of our opinion.

Steve Biddle asked if the taxes could be used for the roads. Rob explained that they did not mention anything regarding the roads.

The County will take this information to the Board of Supervisors and they will work through to come up with suggestions to the County.

Rob takes time to explain to the community what this ordinance is actually about and what our role is regarding the ordinance.

If we write a letter it should be regarding the size of marijuana farms, the taxes should stay local, and we should talk about the smell and its effect on the community.

Billie Jo asked if we should say anything about the social equity part of this project regarding giving extra permitting for criminals.

Amanda Sadler has a comment about the cannabis field regarding animal protection. Squirrels will destroy the roots of the cannabis and the marijuana farms and it will affect children. She also explains how she works at UCSD where they study marijuana intoxication levels in people.

Scott Haselton: Worried about going through a process to get a license

Tanya Jones: New to the community on the Pine Valley side. Worried about the crime rates.

Dennis Berglund Would like to ask the schools about their opinion.

Roxanna Hodson: Worries about the security of growing sites.

Billie Jo and Rob will draft a proposed letter and bring it to the group next month.

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

Steve Biddle reported that Cameron Corners store/gas station is being uiipdated inside and out, and looks quite nice. He also heard that the VFW moved to the old Kiwanis building or is moving very soon. Unknown as to what is going to happen with the old VFW.

b. Chairman's report (no action), Billie Jo Jannen:

Billie Jo reported that the County is trying to change the practices on how board members are elected. She said the new process is intrusive and she felt staff shouldn't be involved in selecting elected/appointed officials.

The SANDAG process seems like it may happen. Joel Anderson's office came up with a resolution that would avoid having to make changes to the I-1, and would name a council of planning groups tasked with a process to seat an advisory member from the unincorporated communities on the SANDAG board. Supervisors Joel Anderson and ____ are fully in favor, and Anderson aides have opined that Nora Vargas will also favor the resolution. This would be useful as she is also the chairman of the SANDAG board.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: Members of the public who wish to read the correspondence listed may request it by email at campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com. You may also request

electronic versions of letters sent by the planning group.

a. Notice from Boulevard CPG of April 12 hearing on Starlight Solar proposal (Major Use Permit PDS2022-MUP-22-010). The Starlight Solar application is for a 565-acre electrical generation project, and includes a 100 MW solar facility and a 200 MW battery energy storage system that would be constructed in two phases. Forwarded to the group.

b. Application documents for Crescentwood Cemetery PDS2023-MUP-23-008, a major use permit. Located on Old Highway 80, between Golden Acorn and La Posta Road, the 37-acre property is proposed for burial space by a San Diego religious corporation. Phase 2 of the project is slated to include a mortuary and onsite services. More information here:

<https://www.sdcws.org/progress.html>

Forwarded to planning group and community members who requested them.

c. Agenda for the April 28, 2023 Traffic Advisory Committee meeting. Nothing in our area. Forwarded to the group.

10. EXPENSES: *None*

11. UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

12. 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Next regular meeting, Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7 p.m. If you wish to appear on the agenda, or to apply for a vacant seat, please contact CLMPG Chairman Billie Jo Jannen, at campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com or call 619-415-6298. Final agendas are posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Rob Romero makes a motion to adjourn and Wellman Sriamorn seconds the motion to adjourn. Motion passes 5,0,0 at 9:15 p.m.