

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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*** MEETING MINUTES***

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021 - 6:30- 9PM

Meeting Location: Lakeside Community Center, 9841 Vine Street, Lakeside , CA 92040.

The Lakeside Community Planning Group is an elected body that acts in an advisory capacity to the Department of Planning & Development Services (PDS), the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors and other County departments. The Planning Group's recommendations are advisory only and are not binding on the County of San Diego.

OPEN HOUSE (6:00 – 6:30pm) The Lakeside Community Planning Group will provide for a public viewing of available project plans received by the Chair for current and upcoming projects. Available plans will be on display for the 30 minutes prior to regularly scheduled planning group meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL –

Seat 1 – Shari Cohen	p	Seat 2 – Vacant		Seat 3 – Ron Kasper	a
Seat 4 – Dan Moody	p	Seat 5 – Carol Hake	p	Seat 6 – Josef Kufa	p
Seat 7 – Richard Abraham (pending)	-	Seat 8 – Vacant		Seat 9 – Connie O'Donnell	a
Seat 10 – Rey Lyyjoki	a	Seat 11 – Tony Santo	p	Seat 12 – Steve Robak	p
Seat 13 – Karolyn Smith	a	Seat 14 – Kristen Everhart	p	Seat 15 – Tiffany Maple	p

*Off the board- waiting for county confirmation

Quorum reached with 8 present.

Public present (approximate #): 45

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / Invocation lead by: Steve Robak

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF: November 2021

 Continued to next month

 Approved as Presented

Action: Approve as presented

Motion: Steve Second: Tiffany

Vote: Aye: 8 Nay: Name(s) Absent: Abstain:

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

5. OPEN FORUM

1. Terri : Dec 10th 10am-9pm Barnes & Noble Location Santee Town Center fundraiser for Lakeside Library 5-8% of all purchases will help fund programming and future needs of library
2. 3:30-8ish tree lighting at 5pm December 4th Main Street in Lakeside

6. PUBLIC HEARING (Discussion & Vote)

A. Time Extensions –None

7. COUNTY PRESENTATIONS (Possible Vote)

- A. San Diego County Homeless Task Force – Omar Passons– new Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities - Under which are three offices: 1) Office of Homeless Solutions (managed by Omar Passons) 2) Office for Migrants and Refugees 3) ??**
- a. Strategic Domains: Address every stage of equity and displacement from root cause to resources for homeless.
 - b. Board of Supervisors voted on a Direction to Act on homelessness which instigated the formation of these offices and efforts.
 - c. Initial Goals: Identified locations, funding plan, and implementation plan.
 - d. Options for discussion (examples illustrated in power point): Sleeping cabins, safe parking, congregate shelter, safe storage/services. All include services on site. Some may need health services or mental health services, animal services (carriers, food, low or no cost spay and neuter),
 - e. Spring Valley potential options – reference for examples of some of the options being explored in other areas of the county this is not just Lakeside.

Board Comments:

- Dan: We definitely need something out here in Lakeside. I worked in law enforcement for 28 years in El Cajon – first as a patrol officer and later in the Detectives Division working child neglect cases, and after that as a lieutenant in charge of our Community Policing Division responsible for homeless individuals in the downtown area. There are people who needed help, but often there was no place available to send them for shelter or immediate services – especially at 3:30 in the morning. The program presented tonight in regards to providing short term shelter and services for people who want the help - is one of the best proposals I've seen. As far as the others, those who don't want help, or refuse it, and continue to break the law – then you have law enforcement (the Sheriff's Dept) who must take enforcement action. Those who need help and want it, should be helped. Those who refuse the help, but are breaking the law – need to be

arrested/cited and held accountable. I definitely am in favor of having a place in Lakeside to shelter the homeless and provide services, but not at the two locations mentioned tonight.

- Shari: Food, clothing, employment opportunities, etc. That is all good. I wish Terri could get the numbers down right with Ralph so we know how many. OP: With these service providers going out almost daily to interact and provide services we are working towards what you are talking about.
- Steve- Layout and access to resources is important – at channel road west of the steel yard there is a big place vacant that they used to use for recycling events. Infrastructure is already there and unlike the Hay Guy lot it is less visible. And something Frank Hilliker was trying to say is that these need to be built throughout the County otherwise it will be easy for law enforcement to direct towards the less affluent locations and increase the homeless populations there. The more locations the more these services will be available locally. Most of the cause of homelessness is because of the upstream causing poverty downstream. Example upstream policies that apply extreme taxes make it unlivable here and people can't afford it and give up. Robin: That space will eventually be part of the new park but for now we are open to temporary use of the space.
- Kristen: Read excerpts from interview with Jae Rose a resident of the Lakeside River bottom. Key points: Any services provided need to address both genders, women are a vulnerable at risk population unlikely to leave a male security provider to receive services. Lakeside needs something to provide people with security to leave their things and go access resources. People have lived homeless in Lakeside for 6-7, 8 years and stay there because they have family near or have called it home for so long. Not likely to get strangers coming in for new resources those people in downtown and elsewhere won't want to leave whatever is their reason for settling where they are.
- Carol: I want to commend Omar and his team for approaching this in a new way. Old way was rounding people up and taking to the shelter. Now we know that people are homeless where they became homeless and are staying in their communities and see themselves as community members. Not every homeless person is the same this program can give them the dignity and security that they deserve.
- Tiffany: I'm incredibly excited for this program and have been connecting with this community for the past couple years. Bringing resources to women who are homeless and see the trauma and vulnerability of their situation. Upstream issues will continue to contribute to this issue. What are we going to do at the County for more affordable housing? OP: Affordable housing is not all equal there are differences from the housing we are talking about. T M: Wrap around services including transportation? OP: Yes T M: Can we look to other places to model our program after other successful programs? OP: Yes just be careful that you pay attention to how programs assess "success".
- Tony: Omar you are well researched and knowledgeable and clearly passionate. I have historical experience with similar programs implemented in the 80's biggest concern is that this program gets set-up, everyone is on board and funded, and then a couple years later one program partner leaves, law enforcement leaves, money runs out, and now you have projects and gangs. I have concerns that we are being the end point of these programs. They say East County needs to accept marijuana because it grows here and needs to be accessible, they say we need needle exchanges here, we need xyz – and it becomes critical to not dump on this community because we often do. OP: Program sustainability is one of the initial directives of the county. Supervisor Anderson comes and says you need to show how this can be financially sustainable. If it isn't up front the a

few years from now it falls apart- we won't have that our plan will be straight forward and have resources up front.

- Richard Abraham: The proposed location only addresses one population in Lakeside on the 67 what about on the 8? OP: Yes, we will explore ways to make sure resources are accessible to as many as we can.

Community Comments:

- Frank Hilliker: I understand all places are going to have these locations but are the locations going to be in affluent communities too? The burden shouldn't be on East County and North County alone. OP: Hopefully all communities will follow our lead, I can't list all communities that will have locations but I can follow-up with more information about disbursement of locations.
- Lynn Cowel-Mackline: I have lived in Lakeside 27 years. I know people consider it an inconvenience to take care of other people. But in my not so distant past I also needed these services to keep me and my daughters off the street after my husband passed with not life insurance and an autistic child. It is a mess without these resources to get or stay on your feet. We have criminalized homelessness and poverty. I would be proud of being in a community that supports people that need help. We take our kids during holidays for acts of giving but then at a planning meeting people comment about how homeless people are a pain in the ass. We need to do something. I came to express that me and the people that I know are Lakeside citizens that support wrap-around services.
- Tim-Armstrong and Kate Cunningham: We are here from the Lakeside Stadium Association – we are in support of wrap-around services. However, we want to bring the community information about the impact of one of the proposed locations on the production of the Rodeo and other community events that rely on renting out that space. Those production cannot continue if we lose that ability rent that land.
- Robin – Executive Director of the river conservancy – we started off working with homeless from a different perspective than we have now. It took us a long time to understand this population but now we know they're a very vulnerable population and the more you move them the more detrimental it is to their stability. We have a 7-acre lot that is bigger than what the Stadium Association has right now that we will be turning into a parking lot anyway that the Stadium Association can rent out. Let's connect after the meeting. There are also a number of homeless with learning disabilities that could have been identified as at risk earlier on in their lives. I recommend your office explore how to identify these people.
- Trepronawan: I went to Lakeside Farms and El Cap and lost my way went homeless for a while. I understand the proposed location is central to the community so maybe explore other locations. Refers to building off Wintergardens where Crunch Fitness and Grocery Stores have failed it is close to the storage facility too where they can keep their stuff.
- John Costigan: I am a broker I have seen both sides. Only people who are ready for help will benefit from the help. How is this a temporary problem and not permanent? OP: The regionalized effort is to put resources close to people where they are from. Shelter is not a solution to homelessness it is a solution to hygiene. The whole structure of the program is designed toward the what next.
- Terri Burke-Eiserling: I've been involved with the homelessness program since 2014 this is the most solid proposal I have seen the county produce – a compliment. The count of homeless in Lakeside is not accurate. In 2020 the point of count conducted by County of homeless was 24 –

Ralph Goodridge and community volunteers conducted their own count for 2020 was 1,400. (Provides additional numbers for 2021). OP: I have participated in point of count myself a dozen times – it is an important consideration but we do realize that it is very clear that the point of time count should not be the sole reference point for data across the county. Terri: The park and ride has been explored before and it is at the entrance to our community and may discourage others from entering our community. The Hay Guys lot has been explored as well, but there is Hansons Construction Company and the High School close by. We would need to consider theft and security threats to those locations.

- Wayne Macfee: Opposed to both locations they are both out in the open. I am currently homeless in Lakeside. There aren't that many left here in Lakeside anymore with the hotels offered for Covid. Lauren Duncan has land at the end of Vine which would be a good location for RV safe parking. With the help of Judy there were good services for showers and to take trash out of the river bottom that was a good thing but then for whatever reason local authorities or something started to get down on them. There are of course some homeless that have a lot of junk they carry around and others that show violence, but they come and go. Lakeside is a unique place because it is far enough out that most homeless don't want to be out here, there are homeless from El Cajon that come out but they are rude and make trash and we the homeless from Lakeside take care of the community and push them back out to El Cajon.
- B.** Presentation on San Diego County's Implementation of SB 743 and Vehicle Mile Traveled (VMT) The County will be presenting the implementation plan and will solicit feedback on the proposed program. Damon Davis (with PDS here to talk about SB743) different than the VMT taxes trying to be implemented by SANDAG. This is strictly informational no vote will be needed.
 - a. VMT: Signed into law in 2013 by Governor Jerry Brown. It said you can't analyze congestion or traffic impact that a project may have. Traditionally to get through CEQA you would analyze traffic and potential increase and then include projects to mitigate that impact. SB743 instead said it is about how far people have to drive to your development. Emphasis on locating developments in areas close to resources so they don't drive that much and walkability of community to access those resources. To build a house you have to be 15% the average distance that people already drive. VMT mitigation thus involves, bike lanes, trains, carpool, electric car charging stations – efforts that reduce emissions.

8. GROUP BUSINESS (Discussion & Possible Vote)

A. Announcements

B. Required Training

a. Ethics training

b. Form 700

C. Website Updates

D. Other: Meet New Applicants for LCPG

- **George Tockstein:**

Action: Vote to assign George Tockstien to seat #2

Vote: Aye: 8 Nay: Name(s)

Absent: Abstain: _____

E. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Design Review Board (DRB) - Tony Santo**
- b. **County Service Area 69 (CSA 69) – Steve Robak**
- c. **Trails – Kristen**
- d. **Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) –**
- e. **Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) - Carol**
- f. **Highway 67 Corridor (temporary until 1/2022) – Tiffany Maple**
- g. **Homeless Task Force- Shari Cohen**
- h. **Additional Projects for Discussion**

9. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: at 9:25 pm by Carol Hake, Chair

Note: The next regular meeting of the LCPG will be on Wednesday, JANUARY 5, 2021, at 6:30-9 p.m. at the Lakeside Community Center, 9841 Vine Street, Lakeside, CA 92040

Minutes prepared by Kristen Everhart seat 14