

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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*** MEETING MINUTES***

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 - 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 – Richard Abraham	P	Seat 3 – Ron Kasper	P
Seat 4 – Dan Moody	P	Seat 5 – Carol Hake	P	Seat 6 – Josef Kufa	P
Seat 7 – George Tockstein (pending)	-	Seat 8 – Vacant		Seat 9 – Connie O'Donnell	P
Seat 10 – Rey Lyyjoki	P	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 12 present.

Public present (approximate #): 40

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

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

 Continued to next month

 X Approved as Presented

Action: Approve as presented

Motion: Steve Second: Dan

Vote: Aye: ___12___ 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 Barnes & Noble Fundraiser raised a little over \$1,000 we want to thank everyone who participated in the fundraiser for the Lakeside Library
2. Becky Rapp: Encourage people to continue to speak up about the marijuana ordinance and the harmful effects that these dispensaries will have on our community

6. PUBLIC HEARING (Discussion & Vote)

A. Time Extensions –None

7. COUNTY PRESENTATIONS (Possible Vote)

A. San Diego County Parks & Recreation El Monte Valley Update- Marcus Lubich

- Posting some signage in preparation for the park and will start removing non-native vegetation in the area and replacing with native plants.
- La Chappa Ball Fields: We only have 2 million for improvements, so we've been working with the Lakeside Little League group to prioritize the improvements to their area that they want to see. We met with them onsite and create a list example; irrigation systems, new restrooms to replace the porta-potty which will require septic, upgrade snack bar bring it up to code, ADA improvements throughout property, bleachers and electrical and water systems to bring up to code, improve field where pop-warren practices there too.
- Aim to finish design by fall of this year and will time construction with the little league schedule.

Board Comments:

- Shari: Questions for Ana about the vegetation and the environmental side of it. Is there an environmental report on this property? Presenter: We have money allocated for a report and to meet CEQA requirements.
- Steve: Could PLDO funds be used for some of these improvements? -Discussion that maybe those funds could be used for the field improvements or whichever parts those funds qualify for.

Community Comments:

- Robin Rierdan: What is “non-native” that will be removed and what is “native vegetation” that you’ll be planting? Presenter: Working with environmental consultants whose biologists will research the area and create a list.
- Jason Roberts: Concerned that I’m not hearing anything about the ball fields themselves which are not safe kids get hit in the face and the field surface is

unsafe. If the point is for a place for kids to play ball then focus on improving the fields first otherwise no matter how nice you make it the surround amenities they won't play there they will transfer to other fields.

- Terri-E: 2 million is barely enough money for septic and bathrooms you really need more money and I'm concerned that this project will stall without enough money.

B. San Diego County Homeless Task Force – Omar Passons– Director of Office for Homeless Solutions

- Our job is to work with the community on responsible solutions. We will not be pursuing the sites that were presented last time as they were not feasible for the community. So now we have located alternative sites than the ones we presented last time and are investigating these sites as potential alternatives. We don't have enough on these properties as this time to present them hopefully we will have more for your next meeting or the following.

Board Comments:

- Steve: My understanding of this proposal is that this program will scale and test before getting bigger and it will also have a basic set of rules. Omar: Yes, we've gotten feedback to start with a graduated approach. For rules we have seen a couple approaches used - the community that is living there contributes to the rules like a self-governing program and many times their rules are more stringent than what we propose. As far as being 'kicked' out that is a challenge we recognize and don't fully have a solution to yet.
- Shari: I think the county needs to communicate that this will take time. How do you propose addressing those who are committing crimes? Omar: On February 8th the board at best will say okay continue to move forward that doesn't mean service will begin being offered the next day - that's a good point and yes it will take time. As far as crime, violence is violence and as a community we have partners already for how address those crimes.
- Tiffany: I have experience with serving this community and they do respond well to ownership and involvement and self-governing so giving them opportunities to participate will increase by-in to the community. Second, drug use can't be a criminalization as some people will live there and continue to do drugs but with the support of the program may progressively reduce their use and change completely.
- Ron: What is the church you mentioned speaking with? Omar: Rise City Ron: I think the program will need to remain fluid and adaptable I hope somehow that this can be included in the creation of the program. 572 Fletcher Parkway behind the CVS is an example of an encampment that we would never want this community program that you are proposing to look like. Omar: The fluidity part, a couple of your colleagues reached out and talked about making sure that there is oversight by locally engaged collaborators to continue to weigh in on some degree on adjustments to the program.
- Carol: I want to clarify – the County doesn't need our permission to implement a program. The nice thing about how Omar is going about this process is that he is coming

to us and coming up with solutions that are innovative. And that the County will be placing these in several different areas, so they are dispersed. Omar: Referral pathways is kind of lame term but really those are the ways people get connected with these services.

- Connie: I would like to connect with you because my daughter and I are starting a horse rescue and there may be other opportunities to connect homeless with.

Community Comments:

- Shania: I was previously homeless and lived in the riverbed working full time for more than a year. What are you looking for in selecting a site? Omar: Is is a safe location, is it allowed to be used for our purposes, accessibility for people living there to get to and from where they need to go (maybe placing a bus stop near the location), and how people from within the community from different groups feel about a location.
- Robert Adams: Has anyone gone to the current homeless in Lakeside? Omar: We have spoken to members of the homeless community and to collaborators that work within that community. RA: I worked for City of San Diego for 20 years and am retired now – my concern is that the majority of that population wants to live somewhere without rules and that there is a lot of money thrown into these alternative community options but few will take advantage. Omar: We are talking about hundreds of thousands of people and we have learned that assuming what is not right for one person isn't for someone else or to assume that some may not use the service when asked the first time but maybe the 5th, 6th, or 10th time they will be ready. Our job is to not stop trying and this effort will require community efforts to reach the people here in this community to educate them about these resources.
- Lori Adams: Concerned that offering services will attract homeless from out of the area or upset the “balance” she feels there currently is in the community where the homeless here aren't harassing Lakeside residents like other areas. Omar: Not everyone is homeless for the same reason for many this is a temporary experience and we at the county feel that a ‘balance’ if there was one to refer to would include a safe place to sleep and door to lock.
- Dick Ponce: One of the things your office requested was for use to submit alternative areas. One of the biggest concerns of people putting forward their property is that this may be an indefinite agreement. I suggest offering a short-term contract with property owners with assurances that they won't get dumped on or have signed on indefinitely. Omar: I hear you and that is something we are working on, you should come Monday morning and see that we did look into a number of the properties you sent us.
- Judy Scheuer: I deal with the homeless every day, just today I was down with the homeless they were getting kicked out of their area I was down there will CHP calling them losers and it was very disrespectful and indecent. This site that Omar is proposing is what is needed. Omar:
- Liz Higgins: Is there anywhere that has tried something similar with success and how long can somebody stay in these communities. Omar: Currently there is a 73% successful exit rate from the hotel motel program (not covid hotels and not weather hotels those are different programs). Sonoma also has successful programs and we have talked to other

programs – evaluating effectiveness is sometimes a financial cost that programs like this don't have money for but there are some and I will get you those numbers. These are not encampments these are temporary emergency type housing programs.

- Mayca Riog: As a homeowner I understand the concern of how these programs will impact your community. I am excited to hear the attitude of Omar and the county your persistence is admirable. Homelessness is such a complex issue – do you have services that are broad enough to address the numerous contributing factors to this issue? Omar: Wrap-around services including mental health are included in the budget, security, 24/7 access to an actual person who is responsive and onsite.
- Jason Vorhees: Based on my experience you can't help someone who is not ready but we need to be there and ready when they are so that we can support them when they make that decision.
- Joesph Cosotin: How does the funding work in conjunction with getting them set-up to go into other programs like HUD etc.
- Terri-E: Omar your outreach is working we are seeing people coming and waiting in line to get into the library to find resources. I have witnessed people being connected with resources. We need to start small and build and can't give up.

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

- Tish: New applicant introduction just moved to Lakeside in March

E. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Design Review Board (DRB) - Tony Santo
- b. County Service Area 69 (CSA 69) – Steve Robak meeting next month – I wrote a letter to board expressing my concerns they want to go from a CSA to a JPA which would be only internal advisement that is counter to the community transparency that should be occurring when discussing these issues. Other communities that went over to JPAs have had poor experiences and we don't that to happen to us too.
- c. Trails – Kristen
- d. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – Carol
- e. Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) - Carol archery location, dedication to Sarai in progress, Little League Field updates presented tonight

- f. Highway 67 Corridor (temporary until 1/2022) – Tiffany Maple has been relatively quiet haven't heard from anyone.**
- g. Homeless Task Force- Shari Cohen – 364 hats were knitted for the homeless by the knitting class at Foothills Adult School.**
- h. Additional Projects for Discussion – Tai Chi at 10am M-Th for free in the gazebo here at Lindo Lake**

9. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: at 8:45pm by Carol Hake, Chair

Note: The next regular meeting of the LCPG will be on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 2, 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_____