

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 3, 2016 - 6:30

Members present:

Seat 1-Kristen Mitten; 2-Brian Sesko; Seat 3-Karen Ensall; Seat 4-Mike Anderson; Seat 5-Deborah Montgomery; Seat 7- Sarai Johnson; Seat 8-Nathan Thompson; Seat 9-Wyatt Allen; Seat 10-Milt Cyphert; Seat 12-Steve Robak; Seat 14-Julie Bugbee;

Members Absent:

Seat 6-Josef Kufal; Seat 11- currently vacant; Seat 13-Lisa Anderson; Seat 15-Bob Turner

Members Late: 2-Brian Sesko, 5 minutes late; missed the Vote for July 2016 Minutes approval.

Public present: Approximately 21 present, including board members. Two people signed up for Open Forum.

OPEN HOUSE (6:00 - 6:30pm)

1) CALL TO ORDER: 6:37 PM

A. ROLL CALL - Quorum reached with 10 present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Nathan Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF: July 6, 2016

A. Correction(s): LCPG received an email from the county giving clarification on the motion approved for the PDS2016-MUP-16-008, PDS2016-ER-16-14-005; Cell phone tower height waiver. LCPG Wanted to know what the height allowance was for these types of towers. The following was added to the minutes on 7.A.ix.3.a: The height designator for this project site, pursuant to section 4010, is subject to the G designator; which is 35 feet. The project is asking for a 40 foot waiver.

MOTION: was made by Karen Ensall to approve the meeting minutes for July 6, 2016 as amended; seconded by Kristen Mitten. **VOTE:** Motion Passed (10-0-0).

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. **Audio Recording** - Notification was provided that the LCPG meeting may be audio recorded for purposes of preparation of the meeting minutes.

B. **Open Seats:** There is currently one seat open on the LCPG.

i. Interested citizens who reside within the Planning Group area are encouraged to apply for the remaining position.

- ii. Kristen Mitten publicized that there are 8 LCPG seats expiring January 2, 2017. To get on the November ballot an application needs to be submitted at the Registrar of Voters by August 12, 2016.
 - 1. Karen Ensall wanted to know why Lakeside area cost more to get the candidates statement published than any other community. The reason why that is Lakeside has a lot more people so more cost is involved with publishing the pamphlets.
 - 2. It is completely free to just get on the ballot and not publish a statement.
 - iii. Deborah Montgomery sent out email to the board several weeks ago with information on what seats are expiring and an email link to the county to look up all information needed to apply for the ballot. (SDvote.org).
- C. The Lake Jennings Marketplace Recirculation Draft EIR is now available for 45-day public review. Please consult the “Recirculation Readers Guide” for information and the re-circulated portions of the Draft Revised EIR at the following link:
http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current_Projects/LakeJenningsMarketplace.html

5) OPEN FORUM

- A. No Open Forum discussion.

2) COUNTY PRESENTATIONS

- A. Charles Stoll (Mugs), Planning Director for San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) informational presentation regarding the potential “Keep San Diego Moving Forward” measure.
 - i. This is a ballot measure designed to provide a dedicated source of local revenue to invest in our region’s transportation future over forty (40) years.
 - ii. In November, voters countywide may be asked whether they support increasing the local sales tax by one half-cent to fund specific transit, highway, open space, bike, and pedestrian projects throughout the region.
 - iii. Flyers handed out with information: general overall county summary of what is in the measure, East County specific, and Spanish Language.
 - iv. Works as SANDAG staff to the board, which is made up of Mayors and/or Council people from each of the jurisdictions from the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, and all of the other 17 cities.
 - v. The SANDAG Board adopted the ordinance in July 2016 to send to the County for approval to put the measure on the November ballot.
 - vi. Presenting information about what is in the measure only and not commenting on whether someone should vote for the measure or not. That is up to individuals.
 - vii. The Measure Title is “San Diego County Road Repair Transit Traffic Relief Safety and Water Quality Measure”. The County Registrar will give a number when it is put on the ballot.
 - viii. If the measure passes vote in November 2016 it would be effective April 1, 2017.

- ix. Measure is placed on the ballot based on regional needs.
 - 1. Local roads
 - 2. Congested highways
 - 3. More transit choices region wide
- x. The measure has a component for protection of open space which is a commitment made when the current sales tax measure was passed in 2004.
 - 1. Current measure provides for more money for the open space. 2004 money is tied to transportation projects themselves.
- xi. The infrastructure investment supports the economy.
- xii. Regional Transportation matters. County is broken into six (6) sub-regions:
 - 1. North County
 - 2. North County Coastal
 - 3. North County Inland
 - 4. East County
 - 5. North City
 - 6. Central Part
- xiii. Most people in the County live in one sub-region and work in another. Almost 2/3 overall.
- xiv. Modelers are used and commute paths are tracked.
- xv. Government requires SANDAG to update their regional transportation plan every four (4) years. SANDAG's plan looks out twenty (20) years.
- xvi. The updated plan was approved unanimously last October by the SANDAG board.
- xvii. The projects in this measure are all in the SANDAG plan.
- xviii. The plan is trying to set up for technology in the future.
- xix. First County wide sales tax was passed in the mid 1980's and in 2004 there was vote to extend it for forty (40) years, an extension to 2048.
- xx. Has been collecting sales taxes for about twenty five years (25) and have done over six hundred fifty (650) projects.
 - 1. Twenty nine percent of the money went/goes to the local communities for improvements
- xxi. There is a website called "Keep San Diego Moving dot com". The site has information on all the projects that have been done.
- xxii. \$3.5 billion dollars have been collected in sales taxes in the last twenty five (25) years.
 - 1. This has been combined with over \$10 billion which has come from State and Federal money.
 - 2. The fact that sales tax money comes in helps to get State and Federal money through formula programs.
- xxiii. The expenditure plan estimates over \$18 billion dollars generated over the next forty (40) years through this measure.
 - 1. Assumes every one (1) dollar of sales tax will be matched by State or Federal money or other sources of funds.
 - 2. Historically it has been 3 to 1 but for planning purposes 1 for 1 is used.

- xxiv. This is a special use sales tax measure so requires a 2/3 majority vote.
- xxv. SANDAG.ORG/priorities show all the information on the measure.
 - 1. 3% of the taxes would go to active transportation, biking & pedestrian projects.
 - 2. 11% would go to open space.
 - 3. 14% to highways, managed links, connectors.
 - 4. Just under 42% would be new transit projects and operation dollars.
 - 5. 24% would go to local jurisdiction directly for their use.
 - 6. 1% traffic signalization/synchronization.
 - 7. 5% Bridges and road separation.
- xxvi. Accountability: Current sales tax measure has an independent taxpayer oversight committee (ITOC).
 - 1. Made up of seven (7) volunteer folks with various expertises.
 - a. Oversee the expenditure of the funds.
 - b. Hire the auditors that audit the program.
 - c. Every three (3) years they hire performance auditors to look at how the program is being run and make suggestions on improvements.
 - 2. The ITOC would be extended with this new measure.
- xxvii. Noted a few of the projects planned for East County:
 - 1. Widening of Hwy 67 from Lakeview in Lakeside to Die Road in Ramona.
 - 2. Add a lane on I-8 from Second Street to Los Coches.
 - 3. 94 to 125 Interchange.
 - 4. Hwy 52 Corridor.

B. LCPG Board questions/comments:

- i. Kristen Mitten questioned if the overpass by Bradley was included in the projects.
 - 1. Project on Hwy 67 does not include Bradley.
 - 2. The 24% given to the local jurisdictions would have to be used for that.
 - 3. Projects like Bradley usually come from various sources; jurisdictions and get together and pull resources.
- ii. Karen Ensall mentioned that Lakeside is a large equestrian community and a \$4M project (Lakeside Downs) funded by SANDAG and the military closed off the trails.
 - 1. Karen tried to get answers on the projects and response was slow without answering her questions.
 - 2. Charles asked for Karen's information to follow up. Thought maybe a grant program funding the project.
 - 3. Karen mentioned we do multi-use trails and the trails were used by bikers.
 - 4. Karen asked why equestrians are not included in SANDAG trails.
 - a. Charles said a lot of trails in San Diego County are run through the San Diego Parks and Recs Department, not necessarily the transportation department.

- b. Charles will get back to Karen with some answers.
- iii. Deborah Montgomery also expressed concern that the handouts presented mentioned open space, maintaining trails for biking and pedestrians but not equestrian.
 - 1. A large part of East County, not just Lakeside, is agricultural; equestrian and livestock. There is a concern that putting in sidewalks, widening roads, etc. tend to block off trails.
 - a. We want assurance everyone in the community is considered, not just bikers and pedestrian and that open space is NOT blocked off from the public becoming unusable.
- iv. Wyatt would like to see Hwy 67 prioritized, traffic has gotten bad.
 - 1. Does not like spending money on open space when we have parks we can't visit without a fee and/or permit.
- v. Brian Sesko feels the County, State, and Federal government needs to put a stop to continual purchasing of open space that can't or won't be open to the public, what is there now is not utilized. There is so much now that is not open to people. Waste of funding.
 - 1. Reiterated that SANDAG is asking to get a measure for more taxes on the ballot for over the next forty (40) years.
 - a. Brian asked about what the state tax percentage is.
 - b. Asked if the ½ cent SANDAG has been receiving for the last twenty (20) years comes from the 8%.
 - c. Wanted clarification of what amount the total county sales tax would be.
 - 2. Wanted to know if it is real clear on the SANDAG website how much money was collected, how much went into projects, and how much was siphoned off into the general fund.
 - 3. Wanted to know who determines the priority of the projects and if a certain project will get done before money is spent on open space.
 - 4. Wanted to know where to get a list of who is on the SANDAG board.
- vi. Kristen Mitten wanted to lend her support for open space; appreciates not having urban sprawl, and likes having natural resources that help clean air, provide trails and streams, and wildlife habitat.
- vii. Steve Robak's awareness is that people can't use a lot of the open space that has been purchased. His experience is that a lot of land is purchased for a specific purpose but then closed off or only 20% is used and the rest blocked off from public use, though bought with public money. If the public can't use it why purchase it.
- viii. Karen Ensall stated that she is against public funds purchasing private property and then the public being barred from the property.
- ix. Milton Cyphert commented that Lakeside likes open space. The County has a trail plan that is part of their General Plan that needs to be followed. Concern is that in project after project regarding open space, promises are made to get the grants and then the property is closed/fenced off to the public.

1. Would like George to go back to his people and let them know that when they are designing projects for the unincorporated area of East County that they need to come up with a comprehensive plan to include the things that make East County, East County. We need our trails; we need to be able to use the open space. We don't want to traipse all over it or disturb the wildlife. We just want a 10ft. wide path that we can keep riding our horses and enjoy it. It does no good to have open space that can't be enjoyed.
2. Suggested changing biking, pedestrian trails to multi-use trails.

C. Public questions/comments:

- i. Pat wanted to know if there was a way to determine how much tax money will help the City vs. the County.
 1. Questioned on whether a lot more apartments will be built because the long range plan is to preserve 55% of the County as open space.
 2. Concern about more density is the transportation issue.
- ii. Jack, President of the Cleveland National Forrest Foundation.
 1. Commented that SANDAG is spending a lot of money to use key words and do presentations to present the measure.
 2. Cleveland National Forrest is advocating a different kind of plan for San Diego; one that is not so car centric.
 3. Plan would help with a better economy and really get the people moving around.
 4. Commented that SANDAG's plan is pretty much the same as the past 20-30 years.
 5. Against SANDAGs plan because it will implement the regional plan that looks like the 2011 regional plan.
 6. The attorney General, Cleveland National Forrest, and other environmental agencies took SANDAG to court and the Judge ruled the 2011 Regional Plan mislead and misinformed the public.
 7. The SANDAG plan shows development in areas that the EIR shows as having a risk for fires.
 8. The sales tax requested is large and is asking a lot for another forty (40) years.
 9. Feels we need to fix our planning system and change the way things are being done to get into a better transportation system.
 10. Feels alternative transportation development vs. cars is the way to go for the future. New lanes just get congested in a few years.
 11. San Diego transit network does not support not using private cars.
 12. The tax puts more burdens on low income homes.
 13. Better transit would help the local economy.
 14. Open Space is mitigation.
 15. A vote of no for the measure would show a vote of no confidence to SANDAG and they need to come up with a better plan for the future.
- iii. Kristen Mitten responses on Jacks comments:

1. Agreed with a lot of the points Jack brought up.
2. San Diego sprawl makes it difficult to provide transit solutions.
3. Would love growth boundaries in some areas and more transit type development.
4. There is a problem with sales tax growth penalizing low income but it would be almost impossible to get a County income tax voted in for transit.
5. Asked Charles what the plan is if the new sales tax was voted down and where funds would come from for new trolley routes etc. and infrastructure.

D. SANDAG responses/comments:

- i. State sales tax is 8%. County wide transportation tax is another .5 cents. If this measure passes another .5% would be added for a total of 9%.
- ii. Some cities/county's have other taxes added on top of the 8.5%.
- iii. This is a general sales tax so is on all purchases that have sales taxes. Gas taxes are generally collected at the state and federal level.
- iv. None of the .5 cents collected go to the general fund. They are specifically allocated to the transportation program. No more than 1% of the total can be used to administer the program.
- v. Written into the measure is a priority corridors program which says that these dozen or so projects have to be completed in the first fifteen (15) years of the program. The 67, 52, and the 94/125 interchange are included in the priority corridors program.
- vi. The money for the open space is a "pay as you go" program, is put into a fund and is spent on a year to year basis. The SANDAG board of Directors makes the decision on where the money would go for that year.
- vii. There are nineteen (19) jurisdictions in San Diego County and they decide which of their elected officials will serve on the board.
 1. The County Board of Supervisors decides which two of their board members will sit yearly.
- viii. SANDAG's website has a list of who is currently sitting on the board of directors.
- ix. The issues of property use and restrictions on them are complicated. Depends on the property use, depends on habitat. Active use needs versus preservation use needs are taken into consideration.
- x. Some of the money collected for the open space will go toward management of that open space.
- xi. There is nothing specifically in the measure to include equestrian. Will take the concern back.
- xii. There is a chart that shows what the annual amount of local funds is based on population.
 1. The City of San Diego is currently getting 41.5% population share.
 2. The County of San Diego is getting 15.38% population share.
- xiii. The land use for San Diego County is changing and there is more projected multi-family housing in the general plan.

- xiv. The transportation plan has changed due to the projected denser population.
- xv. The current sales tax measure will be collected until 2048. 50-60% of the money goes to projects. A lot of the money was bonded forward due to low interest rates.
 - 1. Projects will take place a lot more slowly if the new tax measure fails.
 - 2. The plan makes an assumption that the new tax will occur. There are some projects in the plan that won't get done if the tax measure fails.
 - 3. State and Federal funds are connected to local funds and would be affected.

MOTION: Wyatt Allen made a motion to NOT support the tax measure.

Motion discussion:

- 1. Milton Cyphert said that this is an informational presentation and no vote is requested or called for.
- 2. Brian Sesko asked if the board can write a letter of recommendation.
 - a. Milton would have to abstain from voting on that until better prepared.
 - b. Kristen Mitten stated that the letter of recommendation would not be going to an approved entity; the vote is open to the public at large in November.
 - c. Milton stated that our recommendations go to the County and Board of Supervisors. SANDAG is a separate entity. The recommendation seems out of turn.
 - d. A Public comment was made that Dianne Jacob serves currently on the SANDAG board and sometimes needs feedback, particularly from Planning Groups.
 - e. Milton said that we could make a letter of recommendation to Dianne as she sits on the board.

MOTION: Wyatt Allen made a motion to write a letter to Dianne Jacob to NOT recommend the SANDAG .5 cents sales tax measure based on the information brought forth by the Cleveland National Forrest Foundation; seconded by Brian Sesko. **VOTE:** (7-0-4), No quorum met so cannot take action. Abstained: Julie Bugbee, Karen Ensall, Deborah Montgomery, Kristen Mitten.

- 1. Comments on the motion:
 - a. Kristen Mitten will abstain due to needing more research.
 - b. Sarai Johnson is familiar with SANDAG and Cleveland National Forrest and supports SANDAG but thinks a sales tax is an inappropriate place to get money for these projects.
 - i. Feels SANDAG needs to work within the funding that is already available.
 - c. Deborah Montgomery is abstaining as this presentation is informational for the public and the board to know what is going

on. It is up to everyone to vote in November and it is not up to the board to tell the public how to vote.

- d. Karen Ensall agreed with Deborah's comments.
 - i. Each person's vote is their own individual opinion and they shouldn't have to share it.
- e. Milton Cyphert likes the description of the projects but does not like higher taxes. His business would have to charge more money and sees it as not a good thing for business.
- f. Brian Sesko has come out of retirement having been a general contractor for 40 years in this community.
 - i. Has sat on both sides of the table.
 - ii. Does not see anywhere in the list that says an effort will be made toward making the system, with all the money, work better than what it does.
 - iii. Feels there is so much waste and abuse of tax payer monies that people shouldn't be asked to give more.

3) PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Minor deviation permit for tenant improvement for Crunch Fitness, (previously Fresh and Easy), adding two windows to the storefront.
 - i. Wyatt: has no problem with adding windows; if structural it would have to be designed by a structural engineer.

MOTION: Wyatt Allen made a motion to approve the minor deviation permit; seconded by Kristen Mitten. **VOTE**: Motion passed (11-0-0).

No discussion on the vote. Motion passed (10-0-0).

4) GROUP BUSINESS

- A. Annual CPG training:
 - i. None
- B. Members Attendance review:
 - i. No issues.
- C. Announcement: Milton Cyphert informed of a 2017 Community Grant Application *Due Aug 12* In order to promote the profession of Landscape Architecture. ASLA San Diego encourages local community organizations to apply for our Community Grant to provide seed funds to complete projects or organize community input on local project design that will enhance their neighborhoods. This year's grant organization is BAME CDC. Our Community Grant application has been mailed to 300 local organizations. Questions? Contact us at ASLASD@sbcglobal.net or Jennifer Webster, VP of Community Outreach at jenwebster@precisionlandscapeinc.com
 - i. Karen Ensall suggested the info be forwarded to Betty McMillan.
 - ii. Milton Cyphert will forward the info to Betty, Janis Shackelford, Chamber of Commerce, and River Park Conservancy.

- D. Brian Sesko updated status on his meetings with the county regarding parking regulations for apartments and condos and other issues coming before us.
 - i. The county staff commented that they are not going to do anything about the regulations and unless Lakeside decides to become a city Lakeside is just stuck.
 - ii. Brian is pursuing the subject a little more aggressively.
 - iii. Another issue with the county is that they are not doing proper notification to the surrounding property owners with regards to issues coming before the county boards.
 - iv. The Gazette (local newspaper) is publishing a half page ad of what is on the agenda before the board meetings.
 - 1. The county pays for it up to a certain point.
 - 2. The Gazette is expensive. Brian is checking on it as the Gazette says the county is paying for Alpine.
 - a. Wants LCPG to get the same consideration.

5) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Design Review Board (DRB):
 - i. Just reviewed colors of signs and landscaping.
- B. County Service Area 69 (CSA 69):
 - i. None.
- C. Trails Committee Report:
 - i. Requesting a meeting next month.
- D. CIP:
 - i. None.

6) ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. 8:03pm

Next Meeting Date: Weds. September 7, 2016, starting at 6:30

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