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February 24, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

FINAL Meeting Minutes

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1. CALL TO ORDER – meeting called to order by Matt Rains at 7:01 pm
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Lynn Hopewell
3. DETERMINATION OF MEMBERS PRESENT  
Consideration Will be Given to Members Who Have Missed Consistently. They Will Be Removed and Will Need to Reapply for Membership.  
Attendees: Ken Brennecke, Lynn Hopewell, Casey Lynch, Dawn Perfect and Matt Rains  
Absent: Peggy Brannen, Jackie Sedler and Richard Tomlinson
4. Corrections/Approval to the T&T Minutes 1-25-22 - motion to approve minutes as presented by Ken Brennecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn Hopewell. Motion approved 5-0-1-3 (Dawn Perfect abstained, Peggy Brannen, Jackie Sedler and Richard Tomlinson absent)
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Matt Rains introduced himself.  
Dawn Perfect – asked about moving meetings to Thursday night time slot. Matt said we'll be discussing meeting day. He will get us back on Zoom. Casey Lynch said he can use his Zoom. Casey the first phase of requests for San Diego Country Estates (SDCE) goes to Board of Supervisors on March 2, 2022, at 9am. Hopefully that goes to consent. If no one pulls a speaker card, then it goes to consent.
6. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – None

## 7. SDCE Traffic Calming Measures (Next Zone Discussion)

Matt Rains said we have Raul Alverado with us from the County and thinks some of the questions/solutions can be addressed there. Believe that the items are broken down singularly. Matt asked Raul about the county's decision about Arena Drive and San Vicente Rd. turn. Raul said emergency vehicles are an issue. He knows they just brought it up due to speed on Arena Drive. Think they were talking about closing the median at Arena Drive and San Vicente Rd., then they change traffic light so that people can make a U-turn to reach Arena Dr. Can take it back to the traffic engineers and EMS/Fire. It would be hard for emergency vehicles to make a U-turn at Gunn Stage and San Vicente Rd. Raul said County is here to serve us. Joe Chaka, spoke regarding the San Vicente Rd. and Arena Dr. turn. He uses the Arena Dr. interchange many times, cutting off the left turn is detrimental to emergency vehicles. The first and cheapest solution was to close off. Would like to see lights at San Vicente Rd. and Arena Drive, have safe priority lights to make the left turn. For the right turns they could pull out onto San Vicente. He has discussed with people on a forum, and no one is for a left turn closure from San Vicente Rd. to Arena Drive. Raul said something about southbound Arena Drive to a left on San Vicente Rd. being blocked? Joe yes, need the right turn to go to Ramona. Don't need the left as they can go over to Gunn Stage. By doing this you lose 50% of the risk by removing the left turn onto San Vicente Rd. from Arena Drive. There's a bush that blocks the view for drivers to make a turn safely. Matt echoed what Joe said as he's done a survey with residents. Raul said that's a good point. Casey Lynch asked Raul if they take any average daily traffic data from San Vicente Rd. onto Arena Drive? Raul said yes. Casey, maybe it'd be good to table this item until we have data to look at. Keep in mind that the goal is to keep the neighborhood safer. Continue to keep a tone to work together to keep neighborhoods safer. Traffic data will be the truth. Need to pull that out to make educational decisions. If we look at traffic numbers for turning left at Arena Drive to San Vicente Rd. and what the speed is, can make an informed decision. Matt agrees with what Casey says, keep tone that keeps us moving along. Raul shared the following numbers, San Vicente Rd. eastbound, 120 people turn left in morning, 320 people turn left in evening. San Vicente Rd. eastbound roughly 1400 people go through. Matt so about 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the people make the left. Raul for the 24-hr. period going eastbound it's 6,000, the peak is 300 people going northbound on Arena Drive. Raul said they thought that the problem was Arena Drive. The speed going northbound on Arena Drive is 30 mph in the evening and in the am and 30 mph southbound. Arena Way in the morning is 40 mph, north of the school 45 mph. Matt the data shows there isn't an issue with the left turn but do have an issue in the morning with people making the right turn off Arena Drive. Casey said, we can show the problem isn't the left turn on Arena Drive, but the problem is the southbound traffic on Arena Drive to San Vicente Rd. is too high. Concern is children walking to school. Matt believes there may be other solutions that part of this package addresses this, stop signs, etc. Raul a lot of these things we're looking at Vista Ramona that could reduce the speed. Raul has Arena Drive southbound data. Casey said we need to concentrate on Arena Drive and what a solution would be. Problem is Arena Drive. Raul the 85% is 55 mph between Arena Drive and Gunn Stage on San Vicente Rd. Posted speed limit is 45 mph. Matt the two issues are farther down Arena Drive and the speed on San Vicente Rd. The public issue is the bush on San Vicente that blocks the view. Casey suggested doing a sight distance study and see what obstructions there are. Raul said it's called a distance analysis. Matt would like to see some kind of solution for people turning left onto San Vicente Rd. from Arena Drive. Casey asked Raul about looking at the area and putting in an acceleration lane. Matt said he'd like to see something like that. Casey said he thinks restriping is one of the easier things. Raul, that's very easy but like to get buy in. Matt, does this end this intersection? Raul has information that he can take back to the County. Dawn Perfect would like to make sure that we can have the data that Raul is using for this project. Raul said he'd sent Matt the data a few days ago.

Was Matt able to see the data? Dawn said it would be helpful. Casey if we bifurcate, would move to table the left-hand turn from Arena Drive to San Vicente Rd. Matt where did other enhancement leave off, were there any other recommendations. Casey said we've had two people who have come forward, Joe Chaka tonight and a couple that live north of Arena Drive, it's the only route getting back into their homes. This is the most controversial, possibly the removal of one of the left turn lanes from Gunn Stage to San Vicente.

Move to table the left hand turn pocket made by Casey Lynch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn Perfect. Motion passed 5-0-0-3 (Brennen, Vickie and Richard Tomlinson absent).

Matt moving onto Gunn Stage moving to a single right turn onto San Vicente Rd. Matt hasn't heard any opposition to changing lane from Gunn Stage right turn from two lanes to one. No one spoke up to discuss. Lynn Hopewell felt it was a good idea. Casey asked what the ADT was. Raul said the ADT for this area San Vicente Rd. east through traffic is 330 cars in morning and 820 vehicles in evening, during peak hours there are 30 vehicles making U-turn. In the morning 460 make right turn onto San Vicente, and 200 vehicles in evening. Eastbound is 5900, westbound 6200, on San Vicente Rd. between Arena Drive and Gunn Stage. Out of 6,000 going eastbound on peak hours, Casey asked how many hours was the top of the bell, how many hours did they look at 24 hours ADT. Raul said for the intersection they did 3 hours in morning and 3 hours in evening. Looked at 7-9am and 4-6pm. Casey asked in those 3 hours what was the total ADT, for west and eastbound? Raul said it's 1700 for San Vicente Rd., eastbound is 500 and westbound is 700 ADT. Casey asked about Gunn Stage south to turn left on San Vicente Rd., 460 between 7 and 9 am, Casey right now we're feeding that through 2 right turn lanes. Thinks if we cut that off will create problems down the road. Casey said by changing from 2 lanes to one right turn lane will create a backup on Gunn Stage. Matt what kind of studies are there for a volume issue. Is there something similar for volume? Casey asked what can we do with the light to pass through cars in one lane? Dawn what's the accident count due to a double right turn lane? Are we trying to solve a problem that doesn't need solving? Casey, think changing the lane structure is to slow the traffic down on San Vicente Rd. Raul also thought we'd change for people to make a U-turn at San Vicente Rd. and Gunn Stage. Matt if things have changed if we take another approach to Arena Drive and San Vicente look at Gunn Stage and San Vicente Rd. again. Look at stop signs separately. Casey believes it makes sense, Arena Drive and San Vicente Rd. and Gunn Stage and San Vicente Rd. go together. Go back to the drawing board on San Vicente Rd. to Gunn Stage. Raul said there have been 2 accidents at San Vicente Rd. and Gunn Stage in the last 5 years. And a couple of accidents within a couple hundred feet.

Motion to table made by Dawn Perfect, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Rains. Motion approved 5-0-0-3 (Peggy Brannen, Jackie Sedler and Richard Tomlinson absent)

Matt rest of solution is adding 4-way stops. Which is something that has to go to TAC and Board of Supervisors. Are those isolated for that similar process? Raul, that's correct. Matt so that will come back through TAC. Raul, if we want stop signs in other areas, go to RCPG. RCPG needs to send them a letter letting them know we want to proceed with the stop signs. Matt asked if anyone was on the phone in opposition to the additional stop signs. Package separately from other intersections. None were.

Motion made by Lynn Hopewell to request RCPG send a letter to the County requesting the installation of stop signs at designated intersections, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey Lynch. Motion carried 5-0-0-3 (Peggy Brannen, Jackie Sedler and Richard Tomlinson absent).

8. Scheduled Meetings – Matt prefers Thursday or Friday. He’s available any day. Lynn Hopewell said she likes the last Tuesday of the month. Dawn Perfect said Tuesdays are the days she’s set aside for Transportation and Trails meetings. Ken Brennecke also prefers Tuesday the week before the RCPG meeting. Matt said next meeting will be at 6pm.
9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Lynn Hopewell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn Perfect. Motion carried 4-0-0-3 (Peggy Brannen, Jackie Sedler and Richard Tomlinson absent).  
**Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.**

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