

MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Location

Online: <https://www.gotomeet.me/RanchoMesa/valle-de-oro-community-planning-group-july-2020-me>

Meeting called to Order: 7:00 PM, Alyssa Burley, Chair

A. Roll Call

Present: 9 (Bickley, Burley, Henderson, Hermann, Herron, Kossman, Tinsley-Becker, Weizman, Zundel)
(late: Johnston, Steiger)

Absent: 4 (Baillargeon, Johnston, Schuppert, Steiger)

Vacant: 2

B. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- **Minutes to Approve:** July 7, 2020 VDO CPG Meeting
- **Motion to approve:** Burley
- **Second:** Tinsley-Becker
- **Yea: 9** (Bickley, Burley, Henderson, Hermann, Herron, Kossman, Tinsley-Becker, Weizman, Zundel)
- **Nay:** (None)
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Absent: 4** (Baillargeon, Johnston, Schuppert, Steiger)
- **Vacancy: 2**
- The CPG adopted the minutes from the July 7, 2020 meeting.

C. Public Communication

US Census Bureau: Representative joined to inform the community that the census is still going on and that it is important for the community to participate to ensure proper funding and districting.

Barbara Oberndorfer: Recommendation for the street resurfacing committee. Wants recognition of the need for her street to be resurfaced.

Alyssa Burley: Wastewater notice: The Mercurio Property, one that has been heard before by CPG is requesting to tap into La Mesa Sewer. Fuerte Rancho Estates wants to tap into sewer as well.

D. Information Items

VDO CPG Seat Vacancy Notice: Seat #15 (vacant as of 5/2/2020). The VDO CPG members will vote to fill the vacant seat at the August 4, 2020 meeting. An application for Appointment to a Planning Group/Sponsor Group along with applicant requirements can be found at https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/Groups/Chair_Resources/Application.pdf.

E. Action Items

Item E1:

- **Item issue Summary:** Bashar Hanish PDS2020-AD-20-009 Administrative Permit
- **CPG Presenter:** Henderson
- **Applicant Speakers / Representatives:** Samar Dawood
- **County Representative:** (None)

- **Abstentions or Disqualifications:** (None)
- **Public Comment:** (None)
- **CPG Discussion Points:**

Henderson: This is an overheight wall that was begun without permit. House is on a slope.

Dawood: Other houses have high surrounding wall. As a part of project, another retaining wall will be taken down. Landscaping is provided to remove visual impact of wall.

Johnston: What is the exception?

Dawood: County says there needs to be 50 foot setback and wall under 42 inches. It is the front wall. Part of it serves as a retaining wall.

Johnston: Height of gate posts?

Henderson: Slope is right inside wall. From inside, the slope is severe.

Tinsley-Becker: Front wall is 3 feet over. Question for us is whether or not to approve front wall.

Henderson: Grading around back yard is severe and we want to consider the front wall in relation to the back yard.

Tinsley-Becker: We should only be discussing the part of the property on the application.

Kossmann: Was it from a neighbor complaint?

Henderson: Yes

Dawood: In relation to the height of the southern and eastern fence, the retaining wall will match the existing height. The fence will be 42 inches.

Burley: Clarify direction the house faces

Tinsley-Becker: Neighbor who is downslope will feel trapped in if new retaining wall is put in plus fence.

Weizman: The grade is somewhat odd. If the neighbor lives in a house that was built at a lower grade, it shouldn't be the applicant's problem that the developer built downslope.

Bickley: Chain link fence (pictured) is 4 feet tall. It's odd that the top of the fence matches the top of the wall. Also, on the front wall, the furthest corner of the pictures shows a wall that is 10 feet tall.

Tinsley-Becker: We should approve wall in front as is, but the back should meet code.

Johnston: It is a hard situation, but the person who bought the house should have gotten it permitted.

Kossmann: Feels for the neighbor to the south. There are already large trees blocking sunlight.

Herron: Supports proposal that side wall should still meet code.

Tinsley-Becker: All guidance should come from County moving forward.

- **Motion: Recommend approval of project's item #1 which is to obtain a permit for unpermitted fences and retaining walls over 36 inches in height at front yard setback. Henderson.**
- **Second:** Burley
- **Yea: 6** (Burley, Henderson, Hermann, Steiger, Tinsley-Becker, Weizman)
- **Nay: 5** (Bickley, Herron, Johnston, Kossmann, Zundel)
- **Absent: 2**
- **Vacancy: 2**
- **Abstain: 0**

- **Motion: Recommend approval for project's item #2 and #3 which is to demolish existing retaining walls at north and south property lines and to construct new retaining walls and fences along north and south property lines and partial retaining wall along east property line with any construction to be in compliance with code.**
- **Second:** Bickley

- **Yea: 11** (Bickley, Burley, Henderson, Hermann, Herron, Johnston, Kossman, Steiger, Tinsley-Becker, Weizman, Zundel)
- **Nay: 0**
- **Absent: 2** (Baillargeon, Schuppert)
- **Vacancy: 2**
- **Abstain: 0**

- **Motion: Recommend approval of installation of lighting fixtures on any existing columns that are in compliance with county code.**
- **Second:** Johnston
- **Yea: 10** (Bickley, Burley, Henderson, Hermann, Herron, Johnston, Kossman, Steiger, Tinsley-Becker, Weizman, Zundel)
- **Nay: 0**
- **Absent: 3** (Baillargeon, Schuppert, Steiger)
- **Vacancy: 2**
- **Abstain: 0**

- **Motion: Recommend approval of installation of lighting fixture on any proposed columns that will be in compliance with county code.**
- **Second:** Tinsley-Becker
- **Yea: 11** (Bickley, Burley, Henderson, Hermann, Herron, Johnston, Kossman, Steiger, Tinsley-Becker, Weizman, Zundel)
- **Nay: 0**
- **Absent: 2** (Baillargeon, Schuppert)
- **Vacancy: 2**
- **Abstain: 0**

Item E2:

- **Item issue Summary:** Vote to fill vacant seat 10, expiring on 1/2/2023
- **CPG Presenter:** Burley
- **Applicant Speakers / Representatives:** Michelle Kister, Oday Yousif
- **County Representative:** (None)
- **Abstentions or Disqualifications:** (None)
- **Public Comment:** (None)
- **CPG Discussion Points:**

Kister: Been in San Diego for 10 years. Treasurer of Hillsdale choir. Been on GUHSD visual arts commission. Involved in athletics as well. Owns a bookkeeping business currently.

Johnston: Time availability?

Kister: Available, have time.

Tinsley-Becker: Any particular issues? Maybe CDO or streets?

Kister: Yes, involved in the opposition to the charter school on Chase and Jamacha.

Henderson: Have you read the plan?

Kister: Yes, been to meetings and read the plan.

Yousif: Member of community. Grew up here. Graduated San Diego State University and Western School of law. Wants to be involved in community at large. Read most in the plan. Plans on going into court law. Has a lot of experience.

- **Motion: Approve to recommend Michelle Kister to fill vacant seat 10.**
- **Second:** Bickley
- **Yea: 9** (Bickley, Burley, Henderson, Hermann, Herron, Johnston, Kossman, Steiger, Tinsley-Becker, Zundel)
- **Nay: 1** (Weizman)
- **Absent: 3** (Baillargeon, Schuppert, Steiger)
- **Vacancy: 2**
- **Abstain: 0**

Michelle Kister carried the vote and was seated immediately without the ability to vote until approved by the Board of Supervisors. No vote was held regarding Mr. Yousif.

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

F1: Administrative - Burley, County is encouraging all groups to take online mediums. County is considering a self permitting process for minor permits.

F2: Subcommittee Update - Local Streets; Herron, Tinsley-Becker
(No update)

F3: Subcommittee Update – Short-Term Rentals Subcommittee Update; Kossman
(No update)

F4: Subcommittee Update – Estrella Park Project Subcommittee Update; Burley
Zundel volunteered to become chair of the subcommittee.

F5: Subcommittee Update – Casa de Oro Business Corridor; Herron, Tinsley-Becker
County convened. Meeting once per month. People didn't feel that outreach was great on the project. Hoping to hold a meeting about specific plan.

F6: Subcommittee Update – Literacy First Charter High School; Bickley
(No update)

F7: VDO CPG Liaison Update – Fire Safe Council; Hermann
SDGE grant money needs spent.

F8: Subcommittee Update - Parklands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO); Feathers
(No update)

F9: Subcommittee Update - Cottonwood Sand Mine Project; Henderson
Minor correspondence. As new chair, she is catching up with all the details.

F10: Subcommittee Update- Ivanhoe Ranch; Schuppert
(No update)

F11: Subcommittee Update – Airport Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC); Herron, Feathers

Meeting held. Restructuring taking place. Committee mainly installs noise dampening. East County included because of many complaints.

F12: Next meeting: August 4th, 2020

G. ADJOURNMENT: 9:04 p.m. Alyssa Burley, Chair

Submitted by: Kyle Hermann