

**MEETING MINUTES:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020

**Location**

Online: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/977064533>

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

**A. Roll Call**

**Present: 12** (Bickley, Burley, Henderson, Hermann, Herron, Johnston, Kister, Kossman, Schuppert, Steiger, Tinsley-Becker, Zundel) (late: Baillargeon, Weizman, Yousif)

**Absent: 3** (Baillargeon, Weizman, Yousif)

**Vacant: 0**

**B. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- **Minutes to Approve:** August 4, 2020 VDO CPG Meeting
- **Motion to approve:** Burley
- **Second:** None
- **Yea: 14** (Baillargeon, Bickley, Burley, Henderson, Hermann, Herron, Johnston, Kister, Kossman, Schuppert, Steiger, Tinsley-Becker, Weizman, Zundel)
- **Nay:** (None)
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Absent: 1** (Yousif)
- **Vacancy: 0**
- The CPG adopted the minutes from the August 4, 2020 meeting.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- **Minutes to Approve:** September 1, 2020 VDO CPG Meeting
- **Motion to approve:** Burley
- **Second:** None
- **Yea: 13** (Baillargeon, Bickley, Burley, Henderson, Herron, Johnston, Kister, Kossman, Schuppert, Steiger, Tinsley-Becker, Weizman, Zundel)
- **Nay:** (None)
- **Abstain: 1** (Hermann)
- **Absent: 1** (Yousif)
- **Vacancy: 0**
- The CPG adopted the minutes from the September 1, 2020 meeting.

**C. Public Communication**

(None)

**D. Information Items**

Kyle Hermann, Rancho Helix de Oro Fire Safe Council: Presented on the new FSC website and brochure. It is a place for the community to go for information. [Helixfiresafety.com](http://Helixfiresafety.com)

## E. Action Items

### Item E1:

- **Item issue Summary:** Liberty Charter High School – Vote to Approve/ Deny the CPG's submitted project appeal.

- **CPG Presenter:** Bickley/ Burley
- **Applicant Speakers / Representatives:** (None)
- **County Representative:** (None)
- **Abstentions or Disqualifications:** (None)
- **Public Comment:**

Daniel Conway: Very supportive of CPG efforts to appeal.

Marisa Page: Speaks on behalf of 800+ members of Save Our Students. 4% of students are intended to come from VDO, leaving 96% not coming from VDO. Approximately 225 students will be free after school to roam the neighborhood. Their school isn't immune to illegal activity, as testified by an LCHS student. Under CEQA, any impact on public resources must be considered. It is prohibited for a charter school to relocate in a location serviced by other schools. There are 3 other alternative schools in the GUHSD that offer models similar to LCHS. Everything offered by LCHS is available in local schools, which means it is prohibited under CEQA laws. It is also inconsistent with the community plan.

Denise Russel: From PDS, here to listen and provide any comments on the process.

Russel: In response to Herron (can we modify appeal). Appeal may not be revised but the appeal submitted by SOS may have covered the points.

- **CPG Discussion Points:**

Burley: We are voting on whether or not to maintain the appeal that was submitted. The planning group initially voted against the project.

Bickley: Few, if any of the students live in the area. Little benefit to our community. Facilities would be locked and unavailable for neighborhood use. It is directly next to a hookah lounge, a 7-11, and other stores. Planning member of the Grossmont Union High School District was concerned about street crossing.

Kossmann: Located on Chase and Jamacha Road and about 7/10 of a mile from Valhalla High School. The street has an F rating mainly because it is over capacity. 4% of students come from VDO planning area. 85% from El Cajon and Santee. Here are the 12 points of highest concern

1. Traffic data is from 2002 and 2014. They state around 550 car trips, but reanalysis shows over 850.
2. The school is currently the only high school in Lemon Grove. Moving it to the VDO area will leave Lemon Grove without a high school. Also, LCHS and PDS have not accounted for the additional automobile trips from Lemon Grove to the VDO area.
3. CalTrans says traffic data must be 2 years old or less. Unless older data is formally allowed; such allowance has not been made.
4. Difficulty and danger exiting the shopping center which wasn't discussed by Planning and Development Services (PDS).
5. LCHS and PDS state LCHS's starting time of 8:30 AM will avoid conflict with Valhalla's 7:25 start time; but Valhalla has staggered start times of 7:25 and 8:20 AM.
6. PDS and School Admin said to cut down on traffic issues, staff can adjudicate traffic. Not legal or safe for a staff member to direct cars on Chase. For the cars turning left into the school, the only way will be to "shoot the gap."

7. It was said that "Left turn lane wouldn't impact westbound traffic" Well, the left turn lane would only hold 7-8 cars leading to spillage into the single Chase westbound lane and obstructing that lane and the Chase/Jamacha intersection.
8. Striping changes do not change the designation from an F rating to a C.
9. Despite promise that there would be no stopping or parking on Chase, parking spaces have been added on the south side of Chase between school driveways, obscuring vision for drivers on Chase eastward and those exiting the school. These obscure the exiting cars. There was no opportunity for public comment on this.
10. Lanes have been narrowed from 12-17 ft to 10-12 ft., even though trucks coming from quarry are at least 9' wide.
11. Delivery trucks for shopping center, which presently unload on Chase or on the dirt "road" behind the center, will have no place to unload safely.
12. Residents on Chase. There are 35-40 homes right next to the school that already have to wait up to 10 minutes to exit their homes during traffic times. LCHS traffic will add to delays and worsen safety.

Johnston: Specific plan says new schools must be based on need. We don't need it. Not the highest and best use for the area. We need homes more than a school.

Steiger: Very strong case to be made. Spoke as a parent on this issue regarding traffic. To clarify on our appeal, charter schools are public schools, and we should weigh heavily on traffic and safety issues.

Henderson: Were those 12 points brought up at Planning Commission?

Kossmann: Yes.

Henderson: All in favor of that appeal. After the effects of the pandemic, there may be open retail space they can use instead.

Baillargeon: If CalTrans said that the traffic study must be new, did the county say they could overrule?

Kossmann: PDS said older data was acceptable to use.

Baillargeon: Updated VMT standards, process takes longer now.

Schuppert: Overwhelmingly long list of issues. It is another example of a project being shoved on our neighborhood that doesn't benefit the community.

Tinsley-Becker: At the beginning of the pandemic, the clerk at 7-11 was murdered, so there obvious safety concerns.

Yousif: Concerned about how it will impact the businesses down below. Anyone who went to Hillsdale knows the effect that the school had on the library and shopping center. The businesses will be adversely affected.

Weizman: There aren't great alternatives in our neighborhood, it could be a great addition to our community.

Bickley: Is this the best thing for our community? They will be able to stay open even if they don't get this spot.

Weizman: Not interested in taking her kids to school in Lemon Grove. It would present opportunities for our neighborhood. Wondering what level of logistical errors can be solved. Not sure what level of opposition the planning group has.

Tinsley-Becker: Our meeting minutes reflect that opposition.

- **Motion: Approve the Appeal. Burley.**
- **Second:** Tinsley-Becker
- **Yea: 15** (Baillargeon, Bickley, Burley, Henderson, Hermann, Herron, Johnston, Kister, Kossmann, Schuppert, Steiger, Tinsley-Becker, Weizman, Yousif, Zundel)

- **Nay: 0**
- **Absent: 0**
- **Vacancy: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

**Item E2:**

- **Item issue Summary:** Parkland Dedication Ordinance Priority Fund List
- **CPG Presenter:** Zundel
- **Applicant Speakers / Representatives:** (None)
- **County Representative:** (None)
- **Abstentions or Disqualifications:** (None)
- **Public Comment:** (None)
  
- **CPG Discussion Points:**  
Zundel: Estrella Park, Lonnie Brewer, and Children's Park Bathroom. \$191,000 is our current budget. Estrella Park is under way. List should be changed to keep with our priorities but move Estrella off.
  
- **Motion: PLDO Priority List: 1. Lonnie Brewer, 2. Children's Park.**
- **Second:** Burley
- **Yea: 14** (Baillargeon, Bickley, Burley, Hermann, Herron, Johnston, Kister, Kossman, Schuppert, Steiger, Tinsley-Becker, Weizman, Yousif, Zundel)
- **Nay: 0**
- **Absent: 1** (Henderson)
- **Vacancy: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

**F. GROUP BUSINESS:**

**F1:** Administrative - Burley

Please advise if you will be absent at the next meeting, which falls on Election Night. Officer elections upcoming. Anyone interested in being on the searching subcommittee? Yousif volunteered. Please consider what roles you want.

**F2:** Subcommittee Update - Local Streets; Herron, Tinsley-Becker  
(None)

**F3:** Subcommittee Update – Short-Term Rentals Subcommittee Update; Kossman  
Called the phone number at AirBNB and was not able to comment on properties. Main San Diego AirBNB office didn't accept comments either.

**F4:** Subcommittee Update – Estrella Park Project Subcommittee Update; Zundel  
(None)

**F5:** Subcommittee Update – Casa de Oro Business Corridor; Herron, Tinsley-Becker

County is trying to cast a wide net to try to gain a wide variety of feedback. Purpose is to establish guiding principles for the revitalization plan. Anyone interested should join the workshop.

**F6:** Subcommittee Update – Literacy First Charter High School; Bickley  
PDS will be hearing the issue on September 15th.

**F7:** VDO CPG Liaison Update – Fire Safe Council; Hermann  
Welcomes criticisms on the draft website.

**F8:** Subcommittee Update - Parklands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO); Zundel  
Files uploaded to dropbox.

**F9:** Subcommittee Update - Cottonwood Sand Mine Project; Henderson  
(None)

**F10:** Subcommittee Update- Ivanhoe Ranch; Schuppert  
(None)

**F11:** Subcommittee Update – Airport Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC); Herron  
(None)

**F12:** Next meeting: November 3, 2020

**G. ADJOURNMENT:** 8:45 p.m. Alyssa Burley, Chair

Submitted by: Kyle Hermann