

MINUTES OF THE MEETING - TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Location (Virtual):

<https://zoom.us/j/98380320278?pwd=dXhrcWEyZXpzOEM5SlhyZEpKVWpzZz09>

Meeting called to Order: 7:01 PM, Wendy Tinsley Becker, Chair

A. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: 11 (Baillargeon, Burley, Hermann, Herron, Henderson, Johnston, Kossman, Steiger, Tinsley Becker, Yousif, Zundel)

Members Absent: 1 (Kister)

Member Vacancies: 3 (Seat #3, Seat #8, Seat #13)

B. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None were heard.

C. CONSENT ITEMS

Item No.	Issue
D	Approval of January 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes
F2	PDS2021-STP-21-004 - GMIA Sponsored Community Sign (Avocado & Fuerte Intersection)

Action: Approval of Consent Items

Motion: Hermann

Second: Herron

VOTE: 10 / 0 / 0 / 2 / 3 (Yea / Nay / Abstain / Absent / Vacant)

Voting Yea: Baillargeon, Burley, Hermann, Herron, Henderson, Johnston, Kossman, Tinsley Becker, Yousif, Zundel

Absent: Kister, Steiger

Result: Motion Passes

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Result: Approved via consent calendar in Agenda Item C (above).

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

Item No.	Start Time	CPG Presenter(s)	Applicant Presenter(s)	Issue Summary
F1	7:06	Tinsley Becker	Greg Batt; Susan Yepiz	Announcement of VDO CPG Seat #13 Vacancy
CPG Comments		Tinsley Becker noted that this is due to Stephen Bickley's resignation. She further mentioned that it was posted in public places. Also noted that there are candidates, and those candidates will introduce themselves.		

Applicant Comments	<p>Greg Barr: Resident of Rancho San Diego, former teacher. Former Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Board Member. Especially interested in area around Wildlife Preserve.</p> <p>Susan Yepiz: Assessor for San Diego County. Lives in Rancho San Diego. Teaches real estate at Cuyamaca College. Is historically from and presently in the area and looking to get involved.</p>
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F. ACTION ITEMS

Item No.	Start Time	CPG Presenter(s)	Applicant Presenter(s)	Issue
F1	7:15	Tinsley Becker	Danielle Weizman	Approval of candidate for vacant VDO CPG Seat #3

CPG Presenter Comments	Tinsley Becker noted that Weizman was previously on the board. Looking to be reappointed.
Applicant Presenter Comments	Weizman: East County native and lives in the community. Worked in urban planning and now works for SDGE. Has continued to study in the field of urban planning. Has skills in the community she thinks can benefit group. Open minded to development.
CPG Member Comments	Hermann inquired about Weizman's thoughts on Campo Road. Her response was that there is potential with the number of properties for sale. Believes that if one new development starts, it will be a domino effect to new developments.
Public Comments	None were heard.

Action: Motion to approve of Danielle Weizman for CPG Seat #3

Motion: Hermann

Second: Steiger

VOTE: 11 / 0 / 0 / 1 / 3 (Yea / Nay / Abstain / Absent / Vacant)

Voting Yea: Baillargeon, Burley, Hermann, Herron, Henderson, Johnston, Kossman, Steiger, Tinsley Becker, Yousif, Zundel

Absent: Kister

Result: Motion Passes

Item No.	Start Time	CPG Presenter(s)	Applicant Presenter(s)	Issue
F2	N/A	Tinsley Becker	Grossmont-Mt. Helix Improvement Association (GMIA)	PDS2021-STP-21-004 GMIA sponsored community monument sign (Avocado & Fuerte intersection)

Result: Approved via consent calendar in Agenda Item C (above).

G. GROUP BUSINESS:

Item No.	Items	CPG Speaker	Summary
G1	Administrative	Tinsley Becker	<p>Sean O. from the County began by briefly explain the role that CPG's can have in decisions that go to the County.</p> <p>Henderson commented on how the County's ignorance of the CPG's decision has been a long-time issues.</p> <p>Hermann commented how the County and higher-up elected officials often ignore the will of the CPG.</p> <p>Tinsley Becker commented on the dynamic between the County and the CPG and how it should work sine CPG members are elected officials.</p> <p>Yousif commented on how our role as elected officials is minimized when compared to the high-up elected officials and asked what we are left to do when ignored.</p> <p>Tinsley Becker commented on how we should change our approach so that we make recommendations earlier that might have more force later on.</p> <p>Herron commented on specifically the Literacy First Charter School and how the County "lied to" the VDO members about what was the proper route to take.</p> <p>Burley commented that we are an advisory group and that our votes sometimes do not matter because we do not have final say over things, but we just tell the County what we think they should do.</p> <p>Tinsley Becker commented that our votes do matter, and we should find a way to speak with the community regarding planning group matters so we can have the most force in our effect.</p> <p>Herron: We should not just give up and assume that we can't say no. The community who elected us do not want that. Essentially saying should we give up?</p> <p>Tinsley Becker: We need to communicate with applicants regularly so if our answer is not a straight yes or no, we need to make as many suggestions to the applicants as we can.</p> <p>Herron: Want's to know what we can do if we do not have the ear of our supervisors if we are limited.</p> <p>Kossmann: Expressed concerns as to working with the County. Feels as though he is ignored when time comes for him speak to County staff because County does not want to hear what VDO members has to say.</p> <p>Sean O: Has responded to various concerns by stating that our area has had some contentious issues that have created a bad experience with the County. Also addressed concerns with County staff and again urged that we should start early when it comes to comments.</p> <p>Zundel: Made comment as to need for of a larger net for sending notices to neighbors when there is an issue so they can show up and make their voices heard.</p>

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			<p>Tinsley Becker said that may be something we can work on and Sean O. said we should be getting notices and to contact the County contact about it.</p> <p>Steiger also expressed frustration with the process.</p> <p>Tinsley Becker commented on the need for updates on community plan and that we should all look at it and make such suggestions.</p> <p>Baillargeon: Volunteered to take comments from past members about updates to community plan. Also asked Sean O. what is best way to address issues with studies or other things that we see as an issue.</p> <p>Tinsley Becker commented that those kinds of instances are why we may need subject matter experts when information that is presented to us is wrong.</p> <p>Herrmann: We need to keep an open mind to new applicants so we can find solution with them. Also suggested use of social media to announce upcoming items to make sure community aware. Suggested maybe this would require permanent social media person.</p> <p>Groups discussed generally the need of more information for a budget in order to send notices to more community members and to hire subject matter experts.</p> <p>Public Comment: Daniel Conway says to maintain engage with the staff of elected officials in order to get what we need from them across.</p>
G2	Local Streets Subcommittee	Kister	Planning walking tour of Campo road with circulate SD and presentation on mobility.
G3	Short-Term Rental Subcommittee	Kossman	It has been quiet with AirBnb because of COVID
G4	Parks/Parklands Dedication Subcommittee	Zundel	Nothing new.
G5	Casa de Oro Business Corridor Subcommittee	Herron	County is drafting specific plan and they will talk to group. Wants to establish subcommittee before that meetings and more volunteers were admitted.
G6	Literacy First Chwarter High School Subcommittee	Not Assigned	Yousif assigned CPG Rep. Need to maintain communication.
G7	VDO CPG Liaison – Fire Safe Council	Herrmann	Put out press release as to bird safety. Not much else.
G8	Cottonwood Sand Mine Subcommittee	Henderson	Gathering new subcommittee members. Will need to vote on making it official standing committee. Will submit a purpose statement next meeting.
G9	Ivanhoe Ranch Subcommittee	Baillargeon; Johnston	Will receive update from County as to whether or how we should proceed.
G10	Airport Noise Advisory Committee Subcommittee	Herron	Will maybe find new rep and reconfigure it as a liaison rather than subcommittee
G11	Fuerte Ranch Estates Subcommittee	Not Assigned	Construction is moving forward. Will need POC. Tinsley Becker will take it for now,

G12	Next Scheduled Meeting		March 2, 2021
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H. ADJOURNMENT: 10:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Oday Yousif