

**Mira Mesa Community Planning Group
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2008**

Attendees:

Jeff Stevens	Erwin Rose	Bob Chamberlain	Marlon Austria
Mark Kornheiser	Mike Linton	Joe Frichtel	Marvin Miles
Phil Lisotta	Linda Geldner	Jori Tulkki	Bob Mixon
Ted Brengel	Ian Firth		

1. Agenda Deletions or Additions - None

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made (Mixon/Kornheiser) to approve the minutes from the July 08 meeting. Motion passed 11-0 with 2 abstentions.

3. Information Items

- a. MCAS Miramar – Juan Lias reported that adoption of the AICUZ was delayed 30 days to address density issues. A review meeting has been scheduled for September 19 by the Regional Airport Authority to discuss site specific issues between 9-10:30 am, followed by discussion of legal issues from 10:30 to noon in the Airport Planning Building at Lindbergh Field. Juan also reminded the group about the air show scheduled for October 3-5.
- b. Council District 5 – Khoa Nguyen announced that the Casa Mira View project hearing has been postponed to late September, most likely the 25th. Khoa also said there will be a farewell celebration for Brian Maienschein on September 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Rancho Bernardo Winery.

Park ranger Rick is hiring a biologist to ensure the proposed Camino Ruiz Trail into the Los Penasquitos Canyon has met standards for habitat protection. Rick says work should start on the trail in mid-October.

The San Diego school district is reviewing a revised version of the MOU between the district and Fish & Wildlife to address any outstanding issues prior to the start of Salk Elementary construction. It could be another 3 years to complete work on the new school.

The San Diego Fire Department has put Copter 2 into service.

The oversize vehicle parking ordinance was voted on and passed by city council by a 7-1 margin. This will be a citywide ordinance.

City council declared September 9 to be Ted Brengel and Joe Frichtel day in San Diego.

- c. Planning Department – No report
 - d. Port of San Diego – C.J. Lucke briefed the group on the “working waterfront” concept of the port. Additional discussion followed on Prop B, a November ballot initiative to amend the Port District master plan to allow commercial and recreational development at the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. The port commission is against Prop B because it is not a water related proposal.
 - e. San Diego County Water Authority – Brad Evanson reported the water pipeline improvement project under I-15 at Spitfire Rd is ahead of schedule and under budget. Construction is in the final stages east of I-15 in Scripps Ranch.
 - f. Alcohol-free Beaches in San Diego – Scott Chipman urges support for Prop D in November to ban alcohol on all city beaches. Bob Mixon wanted to know why they couldn’t support a “designated drinking” beach concept in San Diego. The ban would also include some coastal parks near beaches. Jeff Stevens asked if a compromise could be worked out to allow some alcohol at beaches to accommodate the occasional beer or glass of wine.
 - g. Public Comment – None
4. **Correspondence** - No discussion.
5. **Chairman’s Report** – Brengel deferred the report.
6. **New Business**
- a. BevMo Liquor License – John Ziebarth (Ziebarth & Associates) is requesting approval for a CUP application to establish a discount retail liquor store in the shopping center at Mira Mesa Blvd and Camino Santa Fe. BevMo sells packaged liquor, beer, and wine for takeout only. A motion was made (Rose/Austria) to support the CUP application by BevMo at the proposed location. Motion passed 14-0.
 - b. Mira Mesa Shopping Center Rezone – Postponed until the October MMCPG meeting.
 - c. Arena Pharmaceuticals – Brian Drache (Smith Consulting Architects) is requesting approval to demolish a 22,500 sq ft structure at 6162 Nancy

Ridge Dr and construct a new 26,500 sq ft 4-story office building with an attached 5-story parking structure. LEED green construction methods will be incorporated into the new building that will have a larger footprint than the original building. A “green zone” will be included into the project. Rose questioned mitigation measures for increased traffic since the finished project will be double in size. Brengel took for action to discuss with city staff why no traffic mitigation has been requested. Rose requested more information on traffic impacts and reiterated our concern with the lack of mitigation. Kornheiser wanted more information on landscaping plans. Landscaping will meet green standards and be drought tolerant. A motion was made (Stevens/Lisotta) to approve the project with a request to follow-up on the traffic mitigation request. Motion passed 14-0.

7. Old Business

Bridge over Mira Mesa Blvd – Michael Edmond, Challenger Middle School student, is working to make students aware of pedestrian safety issues by taking a team approach to create a walkable community near our schools. One of their goals is the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Mira Mesa Blvd near the El Torito restaurant. According to Michael and his team, this will enhance safety for all pedestrians crossing Mira Mesa Blvd. The Mira Mesa representative to the San Diego School Board, Mitz Lee, supports the effort to get an overpass built. Other presenters in support of Michael detailed problems with crossing Mira Mesa Blvd, especially during commute hours. Allocating funds to complete this project will be a major challenge. Stevens brought up the fact a bridge may get little use (see status of bridge on Black Mountain Rd). The Mira Mesa FBA would be a possible option for additional funding targeted for the bridge proposal. Brengel made a suggestion the supporters look at other public agencies and commercial entities for possible financial support.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Los Penasquitos Canyon Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Pam Stevens announced that the next meeting of the CAC convenes on September 18. This will be a special meeting to discuss preserve plans on the north side of the canyon near the Del Mar Mesa area open space.
- b. CPC – No report.
- c. Stone Creek Update – Mike Linton reported that traffic studies are done and the impacts are under review by the city. Staff input and comments should be completed by December 2008.
- d. COMPACT – No report. MMCPG needs a volunteer to attend COMPACT meetings.

9. Announcements

- a. Marvin Miles informed the group that Tio Leo's restaurant has been unable to negotiate a new lease and will close soon. The restaurant will be replaced by a Walgreen's Drug Store.
- b. The Mira Mesa street fair will be held on Saturday, September 27.

Meeting adjourned at 0900 pm

Submitted by:

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