

Mira Mesa Community Planning Group Meeting Minutes November 17, 2008

Attendees:

Jeff Stevens	Erwin Rose	Mark Kornheiser	Jori Tulkki
Joe Frichtel	Marvin Miles	Phil Lisotta	Linda Geldner
Rich Ragus	John Brand	Ian Firth	Ted Brengel

1. Agenda Deletions or Additions

None.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made (Stevens/Frichtel) to approve the minutes from the October 2008 meeting. Motion approved (8-0-3).

3. Information Items

- a. Council District 5 Update – Khoa Nguyen announced that this would be his last meeting. Chairman Brengel expressed the group's thanks for his service to the MMCPG.
- b. MCAS Miramar – No report.
- c. Planning Department – No report.
- d. Pedestrian Bridge Update – Michael Edmond reported that several potential funding sources were being investigated. The possibility of FBA funding was raised. Letters have been written to both Cal Trans and the Governors office.
- e. San Vicente Pipeline Update – Wade Griffith reported that work on the tunnel itself is 80% complete. Pipe segments will begin to be installed in December. The project is expected to be complete in 2010.
- f. Public Comment – John Horst requested that safety improvements at the intersection of Galvin and Ice Skate Place be included as an agenda item at the next meeting.

4. Correspondence

A copy of the I-15 direct access ramp (DAR) environmental impact report (EIR) was received. There is a link to the report on the Mira Mesa town council web site, a hard copy is available for review in the Mira Mesa library.

5. Chairman's Report – No report.

6. New Business

- a. Qualcomm Building BA-Phil Lisotta, Director of Architecture.

Qualcomm is requesting a modification to the existing Planned Development Permit for building BA at 5530 Morehouse Drive. The update would allow for a single building vs. the original proposal of two buildings and for 100% multi-tenant office use vs. the original permit for 50% multi-tenant.

The single building would be 11 stories high. Juan Lias reports that MCAS has no objection to the proposal. Joe Frichtel suggested that Qualcomm consider additional FBA fee contribution in recognition of the additional use. A motion to support the project (Brand/Stevens) was approved (8-2-2).

7. Old Business

- a. Capricorn Way Turn Restrictions.

Residents and other interested parties spoke in favor and in opposition of the proposal to remove the turn restrictions. Mrs. Spencer represented that she had received over 300 signatures in support of the removal.

The primary issues appear to be that the current situation is inconvenient in a variety of ways for both residents and commuters in the area, while the original reason for the installation of the restrictions was to improve safety and reduce traffic volume. Over 20 residents spoke in favor of a variety of changes to the current situation, including additional signage, complete closure of Capricorn Way to all but residential traffic, a variety of traffic calming measures in conjunction with the removal of the turn restrictions, closure to commercial vehicles and additional enforcement using cameras, turning Capricorn way into a court or making it a one way street.

After lengthy and often heated discussion, it was suggested that the planning group request input from City staff and that the issue be tabled to the next meeting.

b. Scripps Ranch Relining Project.

Scott Robinson presented information regarding the San Diego Water Authority project to re line major supply pipelines between Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch and Mission Trails. Construction will begin in September 2009 with completion anticipated by July 2010. The project will be presented at a public hearing on December 18th. Working hours will be limited, 7 am-7 pm, Monday to Friday and 8 am to 4 pm on Saturdays.

Action was trailed to the January meeting pending outcome of the public hearing in December.

c. Sprint Maddox Park CUP Modification.

Debra Gardner presented a proposal to modify the existing CUP to replace a cellular telephone antenna in the form of an artificial tree with light standards incorporating the antennas.

A motion was made (Kornheiser/Geldner) to support the change with the provision that lighting times and controls must be acceptable to park users and residents in the area. The motion was approved (11-0-1).

d. Direct Access Ramp (DAR) for I-15 Managed Lanes.

Corey Bins of Caltrans presented the two most likely alternatives for DAR's in the Mira Mesa area, Galvin Avenue and Hillery Drive. Bins indicated that construction is anticipated in 2012.

Discussion of the relative merits of each project included concern that both locations are close to schools and that traffic flow in these areas is already unacceptable at rush hour. The principles of both Hague and Walker elementary schools expressed concerns regarding safety due to a likely increase in congestion.

Several members questioned project staff regarding the number of parking spaces at the proposed park and ride locations for each alternative. The Galvin alternative includes an upgrade to the existing park and ride behind Best Buy, while the Hillery alternative would incorporate use of the Miramar College transit center.

Rose questioned Bins with regard to mitigation improvements to Black Mountain and Westview Parkway. It was noted that, according to the traffic study, traffic will increase 100% on Galvin avenue if this alternative were to be implemented, while traffic on Hiller Drive would increase by 24%.

The alternatives are estimated to cost \$108 and \$69 Million for Galvin and Hillery respectively. It is noted that costs associated with the Miramar College parking structure are not included in the Caltrans estimate of the Hillery

alternative.

Alternative locations including the use of the Carroll Road intersection and possible locations further south in the vicinity of Miramar Way were also discussed. These alternatives have been eliminated by Caltrans for a variety of reasons including distances to/from adjacent DAR's and right of way restrictions.

Geldner requested specific traffic mitigation measures for each alternative. Bins appeared to indicate that Caltrans has not designed specific mitigation for the impacted City streets, but general concepts would include traffic calming measures for the Hillery alternative and no mitigation for the Galvin alternative.

A motion was made (Stevens/Miles) to send a letter with the following comments on the Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch Direct Access Ramps Project EIR:

- i. The Hillery option has the better end point, since it provides access to Miramar College, an important destination.
 1. Hillery has inadequate parking, so the plan must provide a parking structure at Miramar College. This parking structure should be shown in the EIR and included in the cost.
 2. The EIR should show planned traffic calming and mitigation measures on Hillery between Greenford and Black Mountain Road.
 3. The EIR should show traffic projections after these measures are put into effect.
 4. The EIR should show a plan for safe access to Walker Elementary School.
- ii. The Galvin option works better as a park and ride, but less well as a community access point.
 1. The EIR should show planned traffic calming and mitigation measures on Galvin between Black Mountain Road and Westview Parkway.
 2. The EIR should show traffic projections after these measures are put into effect.
 3. The EIR should show a plan for safe access to Hage Elementary School.
- iii. Because of the importance of public input, we request that the comment period for the EIR be extended by 45 days.

The motion was approved (12-0-0).

8. Committee Reports

- a. Los Peñasquitos Canyon Citizen's Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens) – No report.
- b. CPC (Jeff Stevens) – No report.
- c. Stone Creek Update (Jeff Stevens) – No report.
- d. COMPACT – No report

9. Other Business.

A motion was made (Rose/Geldner) that the MMCPG be dark in December. The motion was approved (12-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ian Firth
MMCPG Board Member

Reviewed By
Ted Brengel
Chairman