

Mira Mesa Community Planning Group

Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2009

Attendees:

Erwin Rose	Bob Chamberlain	Marlon Austria	Mike Linton
Joe Frichtel	Marvin Miles	Phil Lisotta	Linda Geldner
Rich Ragus	Bob Mixon	Ted Brengel	Jori Tulkki

1. Agenda Deletions or Additions - None

2. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the November 2008 meeting trailed until February so members can complete their review.

3. Information Items

- a. MCAS Miramar – Juan Lias reported that an EIS scoping meeting on basing the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft at MCAS Miramar has been scheduled for February 3, at the Mira Mesa Library from 5-9 pm. The EIS is available for review at the library. Juan also reminded members that increased aircraft activity at the base is expected due to squadrons returning from Iraq.
- b. Council District 5 – John Ly speaking for Carl DeMaio reported the Casa Mira View project passed city council unanimously. The project will funnel additional dollars towards improving traffic circulation near Mira Mesa Blvd and Westview Parkway. Traffic relief in Mira Mesa is a top priority for Councilmember DeMaio. Contact information for John Ly is 619-236-6927 or e-mail at JWLy@SanDiego.gov.
- c. Planning Department – Dan Monroe had nothing to report
- d. Pedestrian Bridge Update – Michael Edmond reported that funding is the main impediment to moving forward with plans for the bridge. The economy is hurting fundraising attempts among Mira Mesa businesses and/or residents. Processing of this proposal must be done with the city of San Diego.
- e. Casa Mira View Update – Ted Brengel reported again that all elements of the project have been approved by the city. John Leppert thanked the board for their diligence on the project. More traffic improvements are under review along Mira Mesa Blvd, especially east of I-15, with Scripps Ranch Planning Board coordination in the process. This project will take 10 years for

- build out. Additional planning is underway to align the driveway into Casa Mira View with the Hage Elementary School driveway and adding a signalized intersection. The S.D. School District is pleased with Mr. Leppert's efforts to improve traffic circulation near the school.
- f. Capricorn Way Turn Restrictions – Ted Brengel reported the city of San Diego requires traffic study data to determine what changes may be appropriate. Traffic counts are underway at several locations affected by proposed changes. After the current traffic study is complete the turn restrictions will be removed for a period of time after which another study identical to the first will be conducted. The data from the two studies will be compared by the Traffic Engineering Department and will be made available to the community. Hopefully the data will allow us to reach a conclusion with regard to the need for the signs.
 - g. Galvin Ave and Ice Skate Place Crosswalk Issue – John Horst was not present, but the discussion centered on whether a crosswalk is needed at this intersection. A proposal is under review that would install a crosswalk with warning lights imbedded in the street to alert oncoming traffic. Residents are working with John Leppert as part of the traffic mitigation efforts related to the Casa Mira View project.
 - h. Camino Ruiz Neighborhood Park Overflow Parking – John Horst was not present.
 - i. Head Shops in San Diego – Kathy Lippit representing Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) reported there are 91 head shops in San Diego, many of which are near schools or locations where young people hang out. Two state laws prohibit the public sale of drug paraphernalia. SAY is asking that local community groups write or call San Diego City Council and urge the city to update and enforce city laws prohibiting the sale of banned products.
 - j. Public Comment – No input from attendees.
 - k. **Correspondence** – Chairman Brengel provided the latest plans submitted for the Scripps Park West project.
 - l. **Chairman's Report**
 - i) The chairman received a formal apology from the Chairman of Scripps Ranch Civic Association regarding the manner in which their association intervened in the approval process for the Mira

Mesa Casa Mira View Project. Specifically, he apologized for the delay which resulted from their inquiries regarding the project. A copy of the apology is on file and will be made available to members upon request.

- ii) Brengel said the Draft EIR for the Direct Access Ramps is under review. Two options are being considered: one at Galvin and the other at Hillery Drive. Brengel said the Scripps Ranch Civic Association has asked that MMCPG join them in requesting that Caltrans include provisions for a future access from the Scripps Ranch Davis Ranch-Old Grove Road vicinity to align with the Mira Mesa DAR should Hillery Drive be chosen. Since it is quite likely that the Hillery option will be selected by Caltrans, Chairman Brengel indicated that this would be an action item to be voted upon at the next MMCPG meeting.
- iii) Brengel reminded the audience that MMCPG board member elections would be held in March.

4. Old Business

- a. Scripps Ranch Relining Project – Scott Robinson reported that the existing PCPP pipeline is failing. The existing pipeline will be relined with steel by the county water authority. The relining draft EIR is out for review. The project will need a city of San Diego site development permit. A motion was made to recommend approval the project (Rose/Geldner). Motion passed 12-0.

5. New Business:

- a. Scripps Park West – Peter Bussett reported the proposal for two additional 2-story buildings on a site just west of I-15 at the terminus of Kearny Villa Rd in the Carroll Creek area is moving forward with the city. The site has been divided into two lots, one of which already has a new 2-story building on it. Mixon requested the developer explain how that happened without review by the MMCPG. Apparently, the existing building was approved using a discretionary process 2 permit. Frichtel requested a name change to something other than Scripps. Miles requested the developer include some anti-graffiti designs be incorporated into the project to prevent defacing the storage facility next door. A subcommittee was formed consisting of Ragus and Mixon to review and make recommendations on the proposal.
- b. Mira Sorrento Project – Jim Bartell provided an update on plans to develop the property at Mira Mesa Blvd and Sorrento Parkway. Mira Sorrento Place bisects the property. The city is processing the second cycle review, but still needs MMCPG review and input. A

subcommittee consisting of Lisotta, Geldner, and Linton has been formed to review and comment on the proposal.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizen's Advisory Committee – Pam Stevens reported that the summer camp proposal in the preserve has been approved. The Outpost Summer Camp group has designated four different locations for use. Stevens also reported that a long-term maintenance plan for sewer lines in the preserve has been approved. The Peñasquitos trunk sewer abandonment will take place when the new line is completed. Reelections to the CAC are planned for March. A new trails preservation management plan is under development. Lastly, the CAC is recruiting new members for the volunteer patrol.
- b. CPC – No report.
- c. Stone Creek Update – The project continues to move forward with an updated presentation outlining current improvements to the proposal. COMPACT – No report. MMCPG needs a volunteer to attend COMPACT meetings.

7. Announcements

- a. Ted Brengel has been selected as the Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year by Town Council. Congratulations Ted!

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

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Reviewed by:
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MMCPG Chairman