

CARMEL VALLEY COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

7 pm, Thursday, March 25, 2020

(Meeting Conducted via Zoom Meeting)

Board Member	Representing	Present	Absent	Absence (Board Year)
1. Ken Farinsky	CV Voting District 1	X		0
2. Barry Schultz, Vice Chair	CV Voting District 2		A	2
3. Steve Davison	CV Voting District 3	X		3
4. Debbie Lokanc	CV Voting District 4	X		0
5. Frisco White, Chair	CV Voting District 5	X		0
6. VACANT	CV Voting District 6			
7. Allen Kashani	CV/ PHR Business	X		0
8. Tiffany Finstad	CV Developer		A	2
9. VACANT	CV Property Owner			
10. Daniel Curran	CV Property Owner	X		1
11. Danielle McCallion	PHR D1	X		1
12. Stella Rogers	PHR D2	X		2
13. Vic Wintriss	Fairbanks Country Club/Via de la Valle/North City Subarea 2	X		0

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Barry Schultz is absent, and Tiffany Finstad is no longer on the board.

Frisco White, Chair and CV Voting District 5, stated he would like to make an appointment of Jeffery Heden. Ken Farinsky, CV Voting District 1, motioned to appoint Jeffery Heden to serve on the board (CV Voting District 6) temporarily until the seat can be filled with a qualified resident. Seconded by Vic Wintriss, Fairbanks Country Club/Via de la Valle/North City Subarea 2. No discussion of the motion, motion passes 9/9/0.

Welcome aboard Jeffery Heden.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 25, 2020

Debbie Lokanc, CV Voting District 4, mentioned there is a spelling error on page two, it is spelt Mira Del Mar not Mara Del Mar.

Wintriss mentioned that his name was spelt incorrectly on the last page, it does not have an "e".

Farinsky, asked for minutes to be summarized more.

Both errors corrected by Breana Cole on 03/25/2021.

Motion to accept meeting minutes as corrected by Wintriss, seconded by Stella Rogers, PHR D2. No discussion of the motion, motion passes 9/9/0.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - Speakers are limited to topics not listed on the agenda.

Presentations are limited to 2 minutes or less.

None.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS - San Diego Police Department, Officer John Briggs

Officer John Briggs, San Diego Police Department, stated that they arrested a catalytic converter thief and a man who was linked to about forty burglaries county wide this week.

Officer Briggs stressed that if someone knocks on your door please acknowledge that you are home. They have had some break ins recently where, when no one answered the door criminals broke in thinking no one is home.

Lokanc asked if there was a way to keep your catalytic converters safe from theft. Officer Briggs mentioned it is safest to park in your garage, you could also buy a skid plate and motion lights to deter thieves.

Officer Briggs mentioned the Police Department is having a drug takeback day, April 24th 10-2pm (all drugs are welcome, partnered with the DEA at the substation).

F. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –

None.

G. COMMUNITY PLANNER REPORT - Lesley Henegar, City of San Diego (CV / PHR / Fairbanks CC / Via de la Valle)

None.

H. COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 REPORT - Richard “Ricky” Flahive, Office of Councilmember LaCava

Richard Flahive, Office Member LaCava’s office, mentioned that the application is now live for the Housing Stability Assistance Program (\$92 million in funding). Lokanc asked if the rent relief would end May 31st? Flahive stated it currently stands at sixty days after the end of the state of emergency (March 31st).

Flahive mentioned that the San Diego Convention Center’s Shelter to Home Program is being phased out. Homeless are being helped into other beds at other locations. The Convention Center will now be used as a HUB for unaccompanied minors from the border. This is a collaboration between the City, County and Biden administration. Matt Griffith at the Mayor’s office has offered to be the point person for questions on this matter. Lokanc asked how long the Minors will be in the Convention Center and when Conventions will start again. Flahive does not have that information but offered to connect Lokanc with staff.

Flahive mentioned that the Councilmember is committed to doing all he can to push the construction of Village Center Loop Road. He has a meeting scheduled with Chair White.

Flahive stated regarding the stop sign at Lady Hill and High bluff, it will be a rectangular flashing beacon and the plans will be brought to the board for approval before install.

Flahive mentioned there is still a four-to-five-month backlog on Transportation and Storm Water projects due to COVID and the hiring freeze.

Flahive reminded the Board that he has office hours Wednesdays from 11-12pm, link in chat.

Farinsky asked if the Federal dollars from the rescue act could be used on new projects or only old spending? Flahive stated that the Federal dollars would fuel the backlog.

I. MAYOR’S REPORT - Matt Griffith, Office of Mayor Gloria

None.

J. COUNTY SUPERVISOR’S REPORT – Evlyn Andrade, Office of Supervisor Lawson-Remer

Evlyn Andrade, Policy Advisor for the Office of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, stated that in regard to the grants for small businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic, funds should be available by mid-April. These funds are for small businesses (20 or less employees) and nonprofits that operate within the county. The newsletter is the best way to stay updated.

Andrade stated that last week, the Supervisor voted to secure over 2000 acres of land in Campo. The land will be set aside for conservation, added to the multiple species' conservation program (makes up 10% of the program).

Andrade stated that Supervisor and Board have provided support for our youth, voting to provide jobs for low-income youth ages 16-24yrs at the county as well as nonprofits throughout the county.

Andrade stated that last month they passed a phone access reform for incarcerated people and their families. Making our region a national leader on this issue. They will have a smart justice forum on April 7th at 6pm, all are welcome (details to RSVP in chat). Danielle McCallion, PHR D1, asked what exactly the phone access reform is? Andrade stated it would make it free for incarcerated people to make phone calls.

K. STATE ASSEMBLY REPORT - Rikard Hauptfeld, Office of Assemblymember Brian Maienschein

None.

L. STATE SENATE REPORT - Miller Saltzman, Office of State Senator Toni Atkins

None.

M. US CONGRESS - Kiera Galloway, Office of US Congressman Scott Peters

None.

N. INFORMATION AGENDA:

1. SDG&E Presentation: Q & A on alternatives to SDG&E.

•Applicants - Warren Ruis

Warren Ruis, SDG&E employee, stated that only two out of nine communities have been able to successfully municipalization since 2000 (the two successful communities were very small 1-18K residents). Ruis stated that it is a myth that municipalization would have better service, quality, and reliability. Ruis stated that it takes a lot of capital to create a new public power authority, these costs could strain the City's budgets. Ruis stated that the municipalization process is very long and difficult. Ruis stated that the cost to purchase and separate SDGE's property would cost the City billions and billions. Ruis stated that municipalization presents impractical burdens for San Diegans. Ruis reminded the board that SDG&E is #1 in National Reliability Performance and has received the "Best in the West" award fifteen years consecutively. Ruis stated that SDG&E helps the Region meet its ambitious climate goals, with robust wildfire mitigation, managing natural gas systems to reduce leaks, innovating grid to reduce emissions and expanding clean technology. Ruis stated that SDG&E has a very diverse workplace (50% of the company are people of color and 42% of management are women). SDG&E would like us to remember that they have a strong community partnership.

Lokanc asked if Ruis has a slide showing the percentage increase within the last 50-year contract? Lokanc stated she doesn't understand why we would do another contract with SDG&E locking us into whatever rates SDG&E wants. Lokanc stated that when SDG&E faced hardship due to fires, they asked for financial help yet when profits are up we do not get anything. Ruis stated he understands where she is coming from, but most of those items are not discussed within a franchise. Ruis stated he is willing to come back with a presentation showing rates over the last 50-year contract.

Rogers asked Ruis to explain why our energy rates seem to be the highest in the nation? Ruis stated San Diego has a higher per a kilowatt rate, but uses less energy, so we actually enjoy lower bills.

Curran asked why rates must go up due to lower usage, why should we have to maintain SDG&E's funding level? Ruis stated he would love to come back and talk about this, about 25% of SDG&E's rates are legislated mandates that SDG&E has no control over.

Kashani stated that SDG&E is very hard to work with which is problematic to the community. Ruis stated that about two years ago SDG&E regulators came down and reinterpreted section 851, making it so every piece of property owned by SDGE must go through a very complicated PUC process. Ruis stated other utilities are doing the same thing.

Heden asked if Ruis was familiar with the concept of the joint power authorities like wastewater agencies use? Heden asked if that is something electrical companies can do? Ruis stated he is unsure and will find out.

O. ACTION AGENDA:

1. Board Elections: Consider Election Administration Guidance under Covid-19 the option to postpone the March election and allow the current members to stay on CPGs until the Governor’s executive orders have been removed. Seats impacted by this consideration are Carmel Valley Districts 3, 4, 6, CV Developer, CV/PHR Property Owner and PHR D2 Representative.

•Applicants – Chair

Chair White stated that he would like to consider the election administration guidelines under COVID 19, the option to postpone the March elections and allow the current members to stay on the Community Planning Group, until the executive order is lifted. Chair White stated that the impacted representatives would be Steve Davison of Carmel Valley 3, Debbie Lokanc of Carmel Valley 4, Jeffrey Heden of Carmel Valley 6, Daniel Curran Carmel Valley Property Owner, and Stella PHR 2. Motioned by Lokanc, seconded by Heden, Rogers asked if this means we will not vote until 2023 or will we vote once the executive order is lifted? Chair White stated we can do it until the executive order is lifted and the term is until 2023. No discussion of the motion, motion passes 9/9/0.

2. Appointment Confirmation: Confirm the Chair’s appointment of Jeffrey Heden to temporarily fill the vacant CV 6 seat until such time as a qualified CV 6 resident seeks election or appointment to this seat or if he is no longer qualified under the bylaws.

•Applicants – Chair

P. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subcommittee	Representative(s)	Report	Next Meeting
1. Design & Planning Subcommittee	Chair White, Jan Fuchs & Anne Harvey	No Report.	No Report.
2. CV FBA and PHR FBA Subcommittees	Chair White	No Report.	No Report.
3. CV MAD Subcommittee	Ken Farinsky	No Report.	Next meeting in April, no meeting in March. Farinsky will send the zoom link in an email.
4. CV MAD N10 Subcommittee	Vacant	No Report.	No Report.
5. PHR MAD Subcommittee	Stella Rogers	No Report.	No Report.
6. Bylaws, Policy & Procedures Subcommittee	Chair White	No Report.	No Report.
7. Open Space Subcommittee	TBD	No Report.	No Report.
8. CPC Subcommittee	Barry Schultz	Presentation of Public Power and The Planning Department announced they are beginning to prepare an environmental element to the general plan. Also Council	No Report.

		Member LaCava is taking the lead on revising the Community Planning Group Policies, he is a big supporter, his proposal should be good.	
9. Livability (Special)	Barry Schultz & Chair White	Chair White and Farinsky will refresh the board with a presentation.	No Report.
10. Transit Subcommittee	Karen Cody & Lucas Kurlan	No Report	No Report.

Q. CHAIR's REPORT

R. OLD / ONGOING BUSINESS

S. ADJOURNMENT

8:07pm

T. NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 22, 2021
Carmel Valley Library, 7 pm TBD