

**Torrey Pines Community Planning Board Regular Meeting**

Thursday, February 18, 2021 **FINAL** Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Board Member	Term Expiration	Continuous Service	Present	Absent	Total Absences*
Troy Van Horst, Chair	3/2022	4	x		
Elizabeth Shopes, Vice Chair	3/2023	1	x		
James Smith, Treasurer	3/2023		x		
Susan Lyon, Secretary*	3/2021	2		x	1
Eduardo Savigliano	3/2023		x		
Jeff Harasha	3/2022		x		1
Jake Mumma	3/2022	6	x		3
Brad Remy	3/2021	2	x		
Mike Hastings	3/2021	2	x		2
Deborah Currier	3/2021		x		
Jeff Burges (NEW 1/2021)	3/2022		x		
(OPEN)	3/2021				
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\*Per our bylaws, a fourth cumulative, or a third consecutive, absence in the board year (April-March) will result in a written report from the secretary documenting the seat’s vacancy. The absence tally, above, will serve as said report.

There is no excused absence, thus the generous policy for our volunteers. Secretary notes attendance at start of Zoom meeting, confirms all attendees still in attendance after each vote to get numbers correct.

There should be 13 board members on the TPCPB.

PRC public members: Daniel Jensvold (not present); Adam Gevanthor (not present)

Secretary substitute at this meeting was Member Eduardo Savigliano.

**CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 pm: Troy Van Horst, Chair**

**Visiting Speakers**

**Officer Briggs, SDPD:** Car burglaries increase, recommendation to lock cars, don't leave valuables in cars, SDPD appreciates video alarms installation to help with surveillance. Despite everyone being at home, it is not slowing down intrusions, he is on this issue. Continues to work with the City on the HWY 101 bike lane and provide SDPD presence.

-For short term rental noise complaints, look into the City website for the Department to call in and make a claim.

-Racial discrimination specially directed at the Asian community is not considered at this point as a crime, but the Police Department is paying attention to the matter.

-Responsible parties for the cleanup of graffiti was discussed.

Contact for Officer Briggs: [jbriggs@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:jbriggs@pd.sandiego.gov).

**District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava** (contact info at end of minutes):  
**Representative: Brian Elliott.**

-Replacement of St lights have been an issue for weeks and he is looking into it.

-Utilities undergrounding for Block 1Y is on the calendar for this spring of 2021 he will provide timeline updates.

-There will be a City Council meeting on short time rentals Next Tuesday at 11:00 AM.

-The Planning Group thanked him for his communication efforts, and we will continue to work on better ways to improve with the community on this very important subject.

**Miller Saltzman, District 39 State Senator Atkins' office** (contact info at end of minutes): Not Present.

**Cody Petterson, County District 3 Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer's office:**  
Not Present.

**Christopher Ward**, 78th District Assemblymember representative, Not Present.

- A. Non-Agenda Public Comment: Issues not on the Board Agenda but with the Jurisdiction of the Community Planning Board. Time limit, 3 minutes per speaker. (Board does not respond to speaker per City Council Policy.)

-Liz Shopes informed about her work with Green Hospital coordinating efforts with local restaurants to provide and deliver food for the homeless. Contact her via email for those interested in participating.

-Mike Hastings will announce a second meeting for the design of the Torrey Pines North parking lot when he has the new date.

- B. Report by Treasurer: No new information from Jim Smith. Announced shortage of funds to be able to handle future expenditures, like the Zoom meetings.

C. General Announcements: Conduct at meetings follows City Council 600-24. The planning group is encouraged to work on the document presented for the 600 - 24 document to be returned to CPC.

D. Motion to Approve the February Agenda passed unanimously, 10-0.

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION CONTACTS** (reports handled earlier in meeting):

1. District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava, Policy Advisor Brian Elliott ([belliott@sandiego.gov](mailto:belliott@sandiego.gov)), (619) 510-6874 (cell), <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1>

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2. SD County District 3 Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer's representative, Cody Petterson ([cody.petterson@sdcountry.ca.gov](mailto:cody.petterson@sdcountry.ca.gov)) (858) 289-9206

3. District 39 State Senator Toni Atkins' representative, Miller Saltzman, [Miller.Saltzman@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Miller.Saltzman@sen.ca.gov)

4. 78th District Assemblymember Christopher Ward's representative.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Wild Fire Risk Reduction and Evacuation Plan – Presentation by the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department** Marci Garcia - supervisor of Wildlife Management and Enforcement, [MMgarcia@sandiego.gov](mailto:MMgarcia@sandiego.gov)

-There are 46,000 Canyon homes in the district of the City plus vacant lots.

- There will be given six weeks to comply for what is defined as defensible space.

-Steve Macias from the Fire Department explained the “ready-set-go program” which includes the five foot *ember zone* and a 35 foot *low lying plants* around every structure that has a regulation but there is no enforcement. It is defined as a *high sensitivity zone*, wildfires are about when and not if they're going to happen. It pertains to the interface between what is wild and what is urbanized. Homeowners are encouraged to be prepared, to have an escape route, and an active, not a reactive preparedness plan for this danger. Experience has shown that there is a risk of being stuck in traffic when the population waits for the last minute to abandon their homes.

-Have ready the City emergency phone numbers and contact information that is posted in the city website.

-The planning group will be working with representative Brian Elliott to heighten the awareness on the importance of the high risks that the Torrey Pines Planning area has regarding the dangers of fires, because of our natural environment conditions.

-Brian Elliott will highlight the fire issue as a consideration for the urgency to do the undergrounding of Block 1Y.

2. **Voterfied – community outreach presentation.** Garrett Hernandez Rimer, [garrett@voterfied.com](mailto:garrett@voterfied.com)

-Garrett Hernandez did a tailored presentation adapted to a format that could work for the TP planning group and how it could help communicate with the community as an active tool of participation. (Presentation can be seen [here.](#))

Demo: <https://tpcpb.voterfied.us>

-Some examples of costs were presented depending on the size of the group, but Garrett insisted that this should not be an impediment to do a trial run on the platform.

-Brian Elliott will communicate with CD1 Moriah Gaynor to explore the possibilities of the City using the platform in a partnership with local planning groups to alleviate costs and broaden the communication possibilities.

-Questions were presented regarding the possibility for sponsorship and how to avoid problems like discrimination, verification of participants, voting and options regarding the visibility of posted comments to avoid undesired tone of interaction between Community Members.

**Motion to extend the Meeting:** Savigliano proposed a motion to extend the meeting as it was 9:00 PM, Liz Shoppes seconded and was approved by 10—0 vote.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Action to approve past meeting minutes January 21, 2021** Passed, 10-0
2. Upcoming election process.  
The Board has more seats available than candidates to fill them, so City Staff Bernie Turgeon explained that there were multiple options of how to hold the election such as Mail in or electronic. Up to the Board.
3. **Villa Montana CD/PDP/TM Project 653845**  
Applicant's proposed option B.  
Project Manager: Edith Gutierrez, [EGutierrez@sandiego.gov](mailto:EGutierrez@sandiego.gov)  
Applicant: David Smith  
Scope/Location: Coastal Development Permit, Process Two, to construct a new two-story single-family home and attached accessory dwelling unit

(ADU). Proposed building will include 3,705 square foot (s.f.) main house, 1,190 s.f. ADU, 598 square foot two-car garage and 300 square foot garage, located on a 0.297 acres site, north of Del Mar Hts Rd. on Mira Montana Drive in the RS 1-6 zone and the Coastal Overlay Zone (non-appealable) within the Torrey Pines Community Planning Area.

**Project Review Committee Motion: Approve project as proposed subject to compliance with City’s outstanding concerns.**

The TPCP Board approved the project as submitted per the PRC recommendations. Passed 10-0.

**CPC update – Brad Remy.**

-TPCPB voted against the Short-Term Rental motion proposed in the January CPC Meeting, which did not pass and will be further discussed by the City Council.

-Savigliano proposed:

- To change the Council Policy 600-24 description of the Planning groups as: *“City Council recognizes the importance of receiving community input into land use decisions”*, to broaden the scope to other areas of discussions, such as Safety, Homelessness, Climate change, Environment. The Board’s discussion was to give representation to the Members at CPC to vote according to their criteria and keep the Board informed of the matters discussed and voted on.

-To request the City Council to encourage Members of the Community to focus their participation and activity through the Community Planning Groups, given the dedication or time and effort of their Members and the fact that per the 600-24 proposed document: the language states that *“City Council exercises its sole and exclusive discretion to formally recognize “Community Planning Groups,”*

Information Items and TPCPB Reports (As available, maximum 5 minutes)

Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC): Pat Whitt – Reported a project to be presented for a large church with assisted living, to pay attention as it comes for the planning group’s approval.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Constituting new or future business)

Chair adjourned the meeting. 9:30 pm.



**Addendum**

TPCPB is happy to add information from government and other representatives that supplement the meeting minutes above in order to make our minutes a more valuable resource for the community. Any notes below are printed as supplied.

If you present to us, we will happily add your slide deck to the end of the presentation, please post it in the chat on Zoom.