



TORREY PINES

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

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TORREY PINES COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Virtual via Zoon (see Login Instruction below)

Board Member	Term Expiration	Continuous Service	Present	Absent	Total Absences*
Dennis Ridz, Chair	3/2025	3	x		0
Adam Gevanthor, Vice Chair	3/2023	3	x		0
James Smith, Treasurer	3/2023	4	x		0
Eduardo Savigliano	3/2023	4	x		0
Jake Mumma	3/2025	10		x	1
Brad Remy	3/2024	7		x	2
Deborah Currier	3/2024	4	x		0
Jeffrey Burges, Secretary	3/2025	3	x		1
Dee Rich	3/2025	3		x	1*
OPEN SEAT (11)					
OPEN SEAT (12)					
OPEN SEAT (13)					
OPEN SEAT (14)					

*Per our bylaws, a fourth cumulative, or a third consecutive, absence from regular meetings 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. (Special meetings do not impact the tally.)

** Dennis commented that Dee set up vacation schedule thinking we already switched to Tuesday.*

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 note tally correctly.

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:00 P.M.) Dennis Ridz, Chair
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - a. MOTION to approve agenda; Adam G makes motion, Jeff B Seconds motion, unanimously approved.
3. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES
 - a. MOTION to approve minutes; Deborah C makes motion, Eduardo S. Seconds motion, unanimously approved.



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4. PUBLIC FORUM – Non-agenda items only (three-minute limit per speaker)
 - a. No public comment
5. SDPD LIAISON REPORT (7:15 P.M.) Officer John Briggs
 - a. Officer Briggs absent

ACTION ITEMS

6. **LOS PENASQUITOS LAGOON RESTORATION PHASE 1 (7:30 P.M.)**
Ronak Rekani & Nenad Damnjanovic, City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects, Mike Hastings, Los Penasquitos Lagoon Foundation

Scope includes upstream floodplain enhancements, freshwater and fine-grained sediment conveyance improvements, and restoration of 51 acres of non-native ryegrass to salt marsh habitat in the downstream portion of the Lagoon (see attached location map). The project is currently at the 60% design and permitting phase. Design is expected to be completed in December 2023 and construction is anticipated to begin in Fall 2024.

Ronak Rekani is lead, David Pohl is the City's third party consultant, and Nenad Demnjanovic with the City was part of the presentation. The City needs TPCPB's opinion on the entire plan for their CEQA Permit Process, and they asked TPCPB to opine during this meeting. That request was declined by Dennis and the Board, however we agreed to use best efforts to opine at the next scheduled TPCPB Meeting in June.

Ronak confirmed the agency is at Completed 60% design. CEQA and Agency Permits in progress. This presentation is part of obtaining CEQA document.

The long construction period is in part due to the bird nesting season which runs March to July. Construction can only occur from August to February.

The \$66,000,000 budget for the project will be paid as follows: \$60,000,000 paid by Regional Agencies and \$6,000,000 paid by the City of San Diego.

Adam G. expressed concern about being asked to render an opinion without having had any information in advance. There was some discussion about prior submittal of information to the TPCPB. Per Troy, after the meeting, we were not provided information on this project prior to this meeting.

Adam G. asked about the ongoing maintenance 2-3 times per year – are those funds committed? City team responded that ongoing maintenance a permit requirement that must be met in order to facilitate the entire project. TPCPB members expressed concern that once the project is built where is the pain point of maintenance is not kept up.



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TPCPB requested the City Team provide assurances that on going maintenance is guaranteed in order for TPCPB to opine next month.

Jim S brought up sea level rise and how the plan accomodates this. City response was that sea level rise expectations at year 2100 were used as Base Levels for the design, so well accomodated.

Eduardo S. commented that estuaries create the greatest flooding challenge in San Diego. The next channel clearing is budgeted 40 years from now. With this backdrop, he asked if the O&M portion of the project budget gets approved as a material part of the entire project? The City's answer – annual maintenance is the basis for both the existing channel and the to be added flood plains on either side of the channel. The project permit requires annual maintenance.

Debbie C. asked about sewage outfall from the lift station and how the recent numerous spills have impacted the quality of the lagoon water. City response - They could not comment since that is a different department. Public Utilities is the department. Ronak suggested she would take the concerns to them and have responses for us.

Dennis R. asked about Mira Mesa and what is being done up stream from us to minimize the amount of sediment that develops on our portion of the project. David P, the City's third party consultant said other improvements are being done up stream, but he was not prepared to introduce those this evening.

Dennis R. also said water flowing from the By Pass created major problems clogging the outflows trying to get to the channel. City said there are improvements being made to that outfall system, however not included in this scope particularly.

Dennis R. discussed this being an addendum to the current Programmatic EIR for Phase 1 & 2. Dennis commented that we (TPCPB) never studied the original EIR plans. The City's third party consultant David said there were 8 public meetings with Mike Hastings on the plan. Mike Hastings then commented that he provided public presentations and comments.

Adam G asked for clarity on the habitat restoration aspects of the plan, asking; Is habitat being created? City responded that Salt Marsh regenerations is habitat restoring in nature.

Adam G. explored the idea of a walking trail along Carmel Valley Road at Porotofino west toward beach. Could habitat restoration be the reason that habitat restoration credits be used to pay for a portion of the project? Ronak with the City said if the CIP projects were underway for the walking path, and they create habitat credit improvements, credits could be used.

Dennis asked if Mike Hastings is presenting on the Lagoon REstoration project. Mike Hastings would be happy to speak to our group before we see David, Ronak and the City Team in June.



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MOTION: [No motion](#)

7. **LAGOON TO LAGOON LOOP TRAIL PROPOSAL** (8:00) Peter Jensen

Request for Board's support for a proposed 6.2 mile (approx.), dog friendly, loop trail, that extends from Los Penasquitos Lagoon, through the Torrey Pines Extension and Crest Canyon, to the San Dieguito River Park, and returning via Dog Beach and Blufftop Trail.

[Peter Jensen asked that his proposal be moved to next months meeting. Peter feels he needs to make his proposal more complete before presenting.](#)

8. **GOALS FOR THE FUTURE**

a. **INDUSTRIAL ELEMENT / SORRENTO VALLEY DISCUSSION**
(8:15) Adam Gevanthor, Jeff Burgess

Discussion about the Industrial Element as it pertains to Sorrento Valley to explore possible mixed-use zoning as a means of enhancing development in proximity to transit and work locations.

[Eduardo S. MOTION: To make our community plan better, and to push the City to make the Sorrento Valley community plan encourage and enable life science, light industrial, and housing as the key uses for the community. Dennis G. seconded the motion. Approved uanimously.](#)

b. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH / BOARD MEMBERSHIP** – Discussion
[Postponed](#)

c. **TRAFFIC CALMING / DM HEIGHTS RD.** – [Discussion Postponed](#)

9. **COMMITTEE & MISC. UPDATES** (8:30 P.M.)

A. **Rail Realignment**, Eduardo Savigliano (See Attachment C) – [Discussion Postponed](#)

B. **Undergrounding**, Eduardo Savigliano – [Discussion Monthly Postponed](#)

[Eduardo comments: \\$5,000,000 was pulled from undergrounding budget for General Funds of City of SD. Eduardo has a lot to say about this, however he agrees to move this discussion to next month. Eduardo talking to CPC next week as well. Joe Lacava has meeting in UTC on Sat May 21.](#)



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C. CPC (See Attachment B)

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10. REPORTS (8:40 P.M.)

A. Mayor Todd Gloria's Representative – Not Present

B. Senator Toni Atkin's Representative, Cole Reed (ColeReed@sen.ca.gov) – Not Present

C. Supervisor Terra Lawson Remer's Rep, Jeffrey Yuen. (jeffrey.yuen@sdcountry.ca.gov)

Jeffrey Yuen provided the following key points:

- i. Dual Engine water copter capable of 24 hour fire fighting is available now
- ii. Diverse, inclusive future at the County, finding ways to broaden 18,000 staff employees at the county.
- iii. Youth opportunity passes through SANDAG – youth under 18 years old can ride mass transit free of charge for jobs and/or school.
- iv. Budget presentation by the County on Monday May 23rd.

D. Assemblymember Chris Ward's Representative Rachel Granadino (rachel.Granadino@asm-ca.gov) – Not Present

E. Councilperson LaCava's Representative, Krissy Chan, M.A.S., (chank@sandiego.gov)

Saturday May 21st, at Nobel Rec Center, Councilman La Cava is presenting the budget process and requesting public comment.

Highlights from Budget;

- Design of the new Torrey Pines Golf Course Club House is funded,
- Transportation Improvements, including roads paved, capital projects across city are in the budget,
- 5 new Lifeguard Seargents,
- Police Over Time Pay and recruitment funds,



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- street safety, public bathroom builds and cleaning, library funds and SD Access For All initiatives funded.
- Homelessness funds for adding more beds and a conservatorship for people with troubling mental issues
- Del Mar Heights Road Traffic Light is in pre-design phase and will be constructed Fall of 2023.
- Carmel Valley Road bike paths are funded

Eduardo S. commented the Ash Street building is a disaster and he cannot express his outrage from what he reads. The fact that meetings are closed door is infuriating. We the citizens are entitled to these meetings being public not private, we need and deserve transparency so that we know what is being done with our tax dollars.

Eduardo S also commented that the Mayor has proposed to delete emails that are more than 5 years old. Please DON'T! Many issues go past 5 years.

MOTION - Adam G. made motion at 9:01pm to extend meeting. Dennis R. seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dennis R. asked Councilman La Cava's representative Krissy Chan how much homeless care will cost if made a ward of state? Krissy said she would look into that question and let us know.

- F. City of San Diego Planning Representative, Jeff Ryan, Senior Planner City of San Diego Planning Department, (jtryan@sandiego.gov)

Jeff Ryan discussed the June 6th community planning group policy training class.

Jeff commented on the TPCPB Sorrento Valley ideas and initiatives; he recommends knowing permitted uses in the current zoning code extremely well. And that developers typically get studies done with work with the city, so we should do the same.

Adam G asked Jeffrey to have the City of San Diego provide current plans and maps for land uses in Sorrento Valley.

Dennis R asked Jeffrey to have the City provide listing of companies, bio tech



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[companies in particular, provide contcts to have discussions with.](#)

Bernie responded on behalf of the City that Economic Development Coporation could be helpful in gathering a contact list.

Bernie also suggested Coastal Development Permits require complance with Community Plans as well as the General Plan. Interiors projects (tenant improvements) don't need Coastal Permits, thus enabling departure from community plans in many cases.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:25 P.M.)

- a. Formal move for Board Meetings to third Tuesday
- b. Need to send updated Roster to Webmaster

12. ADJOURNMENT (9:30 P.M.)