

MINUTES AUGUST 24, 2017
 KEARNY MESA COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE
 11:30 start-- adjourned at 1:00pm
 9192 TOPAZ Way
 San Diego, Ca 92123

CALL TO ORDER- all present except for: Ed Quinn, Sherm Harmer, Ping Wang, Tim Nguyen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- motion to approve, seconded, no corrections, all present voted to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Gerald Handler- resident and real estate businessman in Kearny Mesa since the late 50's- early 60's. He asked what kind of density is envisioned for Kearny Mesa.

City staff responded-- the sub-committee is tasked with working with the public to determine this. Density has not been discussed up to now. The City has been presenting Existing Conditions and Opportunities to date.

Gerald said he did not object to the Aero Drive apartment building completed recently.

Additional public comments can be found on the website under:

YOUR VOICE COUNTS

THE BIKE RACK NOTES

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CITY PRESENTATION

CITY PARKS- Shannon Scoggins presenting.

Parks and Recreation Purpose: from the General Plan, “to preserve, protect, acquire, develop, operate, maintain and enhance the public recreation opportunities and facilities”...

Park planning/guideline ratios include:

- Population-Based Parks 2.8 useable acres/ 1,000 residents
- Recreation Centers 17,000 SF Recreation Center/ 25,000 residents
- Aquatic Complexes 1 Aquatic Complex/ 50,000 residents

Recent public input from Update Workshops included:

Kearny Mesa has unique park and recreation needs and desires.

1. Significant lunch time recreation in community
2. Many residents do not currently recreate in Kearny Mesa
3. Need for better connectivity in community

Where do you currently recreate?

- Lunch time recreation
- In other communities
- In KM public parks

What amenities would you like in new parks?

1. Multi-use trails
2. Picnic areas
3. Fitness course

Linear Parks Might help.

What is a Linear Park?

- Connects two or more points of interests
- Typically not within the public right of way.

What amenities would you like to see in Linear Parks?

1. Access to walk-up dining
2. Shaded walkways
3. Shaded seating

Next Steps

- Conduct vacant land study
- Identify park opportunities
- Synthesize research, data and public input
- Prepare draft Park and Rec strategy for Community

PUBLIC COMMENT FOLLOWED:

A resident of the Centrum with a young family commented on the City Park at the Centrum:

- Has no parking
- No food prep area, like BBQ.
- No restrooms

John Turpit suggested the County Operations Center (COC) could be used as an example for creating "Public Parks". Incentives to increase employment density (FAR) could be offered, if open space/parks/recreation areas (as provided at the COC) were provided by developers of large corporate campuses and intense employment centers.

Buzz Gibbs noted the Miramar Dump Site ultimately could be converted to a public park.

Hickman Field has great potential to be improved for youth softball and soccer.

Recreation easements should be added to connect north to south and east to west in KMESA. An east west and north south recreation easement through/around Montgomery Field could be considered.

CITY PRESENTATION

SMART GROWTH AREAS

Lisa Lind reported on highlights for the Smart Growth Employment Areas in Kearny Mesa. SANDAG previously identified smart growth opportunity areas throughout the region that are planned for compact, higher density development in urbanized areas. The City received a Smart Growth Incentive Program grant from SANDAG to update the land use and consider opportunities for two smart growth areas within Kearny Mesa. Smart growth areas identified by SANDAG as SD KM-1, located near Clairemont Mesa Boulevard between the 805 and 163,

and SD KM-2, located at the Spectrum Center south of Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, are specific to the grant scope. Information gathered on these areas can be considered for surrounding sites, especially where opportunities exist to connect people to employment destinations within Kearny Mesa through existing and planned transit. Participants commented that the designated boundaries are located near larger areas generally described as Opportunity Areas 1 and 2 in the Map Atlas Existing Conditions for the Community Plan Update. In addition, SANDAG's Smart Growth Concept Map was produced prior to the completion of a study for the purple line for a conceptual alignment along Ruffin Road and Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

There is a vision for a more walkable, mixed-use area and an incubator business hub for Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and the Convoy corridor. Therefore, the built environment and development pattern was studied, including grid and block configurations and walkability analysis. Kearny Mesa has larger blocks with a high level of surface parking and wide roadways, consistent with traditional light industrial areas. As a comparison, Little Italy's smaller block sizes and balanced street grid pattern supports a highly-connected area for pedestrian circulation and an active street-front retail presence. An improved pedestrian experience in this area of Kearny Mesa could be created through more lot coverage and introduction of higher density developments and block patterns that promote an improved pedestrian experience.

The Spectrum Center area, developed under the New Century Center Master Plan, is characterized by residential and office development in a horizontal mixed-use format with higher intensity development compared to the majority of Kearny Mesa. The development pattern is grid oriented with strong pedestrian connections from all development to the major circulation routes of Spectrum Center Boulevard and Lightwave Avenue. The function and utilization of the area could be improved by stronger connectivity to destinations and multi-modal connections to Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and transit.

Graphics and additional information is included in the web site see page 18 or 34 in the link http://kearnymesaconnected.com/wp-content/uploads/SubcommitteePres_Grant_Outreach-summary_08-24-17_draftv2.pdf

MEETING ADJOURNED – 1:00pm.