

**LAKESIDE COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES
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**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
AND LAND USE**

Members present: W. Allen, G. Barnard, A. Botter, J. Bugbee, L. Carlson, R. Clegg, G. Inverso, T. Medvitz, R. Smith, P. Sprecco, L. Strom, M. Turvey

Members excused: 1 (C. Enniss)

Members absent: 2 (E. Bakeer, B. Turner)

Public present: 65

1. **Call to order:** 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Approval of minutes:** had not been sent yet.
4. **Administrative items/Announcements:** Planning group training sessions are being held Friday, March 20, Sat. March 21 and Sat. March 28, planning group members should plan to attend one. A Pedestrian Enhancement Study for the Town Center is being done which covers from Channel Road to Vine St. and Woodside Ave. to Mapleview, anyone with suggestions should submit comments, flyer distributed with explanation.
5. **Open Forum:** none
6. **Public Hearing.**
 - A. **Presentation/Discussion Items.** None
 - B. **Proposed Publicly Initiated Action.**
 1. Presentation by SDG&E/SEMPRA on the Sunrise Powerlink route as it relates to Lakeside. Discussion may include but not be limited to the economic justification of the power line, environmental findings and mitigation for the El Monte Valley route, why community meetings were not held between the last route change and the PUC approval in December, 2008. Chair announced that SDG&E/SEMPRA will make presentation, LCPG members will give comments either once or twice and then it will go to the audience. Don Parrott with SDG&E/SEMPRA said more meetings are scheduled, they are listed on the back of the hand out. He also said they have tried to incorporate questions in the presentation. Alan Colton an engineer with SDG&E will make presentation. He started by saying this Powerlink was originally proposed in 2005 to provide reliability to service and to access renewable resources in the Imperial Valley and to retire old, less efficient plants from the system. They are moving forward with a reduced energy use plan and are encouraging solar power. State law requires SDG&E to provide 20% renewable by 2010. Originally in August, 2006 the proposed route was through the Anza/Borrego Desert State Park. In December, 2008 the PUC and in January, 09 the BLM issued a decision approving the current route through El Monte Valley and are now in the process of pre construction activities which include contacting property owners that will be affected. They plan to start the process in June of 2010. R. Clegg asked if we have anything to say about it. The answer was NO. At this point Laura McDonald of SDG&E was introduced to help answer questions. M. Turvey asked if any homes would be lost. Answer was that no homes would be full take, some may be partial take.

A. Botter said that the County of San Diego let us down by not giving us notice of this route. G. Barnard said this will devalue property plus anyone left in the area will face road damage by the maintenance trucks as other parts of Lakeside have suffered. All planning group members were against this proposal. Suggested that SDG&E partner with the County for renewable sources. It was asked when the El Monte route was adopted, answer, December 18, 2008. In January of 2007 they started the study of the Southern route, in March 2007 the El Monte route was conceived in a scoping letter. Asked why wind and solar not a viable option to meet the State Mandate, why not more focus on those. R. Smith stated the Sunrise Powerlink is not required to meet the state mandate for renewable energy. For far less than \$2 billion SDG&E/SEMPRE can partner with the County of San Diego to fund solar improvement districts that will more than meet the state mandate. The solar improvement districts will lead to the development of rooftop photo voltec and small turbine energy generators all within San Diego County. SDG&E/SEMPRE can be a good neighbor and respect us or be a bad neighbor with a raging bulldozer, they must come out of El Monte Valley, they need to go back and look at existing. Comments from the audience: no one has contacted them, how much of this energy will be used in S.D.. All will be used in S.D. county and S. Orange County. Suggested everyone keep in mind these are the same people who created the scare tactic in the 90's, blackouts and brownouts. Must request the PUC to re-hear this decision. An audience member showed pictures from his front yard and then an overlay of the towers that are proposed, everyone was appalled. One of the representatives from SDG&E actually suggested some people like the latticed towers. Pat Bixby of the Gazette asked again if this is a waste of peoples time, that this is a done deal. The reply was that it is an approved project. She asked if SDG&E doesn't have a responsibility to the public. Chief Mark Baker the fire chief for the Lakeside Fire District asked if an EIR is not required from the local fire district, it is and he was not contacted. Stated that the PUC and BLM did the EIR in this area. Asked what fire fighting mitigation was done. Planes cannot fight fires with these towers in place and fire fighters will not go under them. Undergrounding would take care of this problem. Bob Kazuske from the Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association said they sometimes fly over the base of El Cap and this would prohibit such activity. They did submit notification regarding the EIR and were ignored. J. Shackelford said the chair should submit a letter to the PUC, Board of Supervisors, UCAN and community outreach, the El Monte Valley is a Lakeside Scenic designation and the cumulative impacts will be increased, the EIR needs to be re-evaluated. G. Shackelford said this is not a benefit to rate payers, there is no geothermal available. Asked what the difference in cost is between underground and above ground and what difference in maintenance. Stated it is 8 to 10 times more expensive to underground. Also, overhead is easier to maintain and less costly. The cost of overhead lines is \$6.5 million per mile. A. Botter motion to oppose. G. Barnard 2nd but asked to amend that Chair write a letter in opposition and reasons why to the Governor and copy to

all other agencies. R. Smith asked for further amendment, oppose any route through any scenic areas in Lakeside and the PUC reconsider on flawed EIR. G. Barnard asked chair to add to letter be signed by Mark Baker and CDF or urge them to write as well, the fire district was not contacted for their input. Amendments accepted. Vote: 12-0-0-3.

C. Proposed Privately Initiated Action. None

7. **Subcommittee reports as required.** CSA69, update of budget and elections of officers. Riverway, Meeting tomorrow. Trails, The El Monte trail and equestrian staging area, the project will establish a multi-use trail from the park to the flume trail and an equestrian staging area at the park. Youth sports, nothing.
8. **Adjournment:** 9:30 p.m.

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Members excused: 3 (A. Botter, C. Enniss, M. Turvey)

Public present: 23

1. Call to order: 7:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of minutes: January 21, 2009, G. Barnard motion to approve, W. Allen 2nd. Vote: 10-0-2 (R. Clegg, J. Bugbee)-3

4. Administrative items/Announcements:

Election of officers: L. Strom motion for R. Smith to remain Chair, G. Barnard 2nd. Approved by acclimation. R. Clegg motion to have L. Strom remain as co-chair, W. Allen 2nd. Approved by acclimation. L. Strom and J. Bugbee agreed to split secretarial duties from month to month for the next year. Approved by acclimation. Appointment of individuals to serve on Subcommittees/advisory boards. CSA 69, R. Clegg agreed to remain with R. Smith as alternate. Traffic advisory, R. Smith will remain with W. Allen as alternate. USDRIC which is now Riverway, R. Clegg said she will not continue, T. Medvitz volunteered to go to these meetings. Town Center Historic no longer has meetings. Trails, J. Shackelford, R. Smith and G. Barnard will remain. Youth Sports, will check if G. Barnard is still required to go to meetings. The \$12.5 million Ballpark was dedicated and it is a class act. G. Barnard said the flag and flag pole are dwarfed by the lights so if anyone wanted to supply a larger flag it would be nice. R. Smith passed out the annual form 700's and told all members to comply. Don Parent with SDG&E announced that they will be at the next meeting distributing fact sheets on the Sunrise Powerlink. They are going to have an open house February 25 at this Community Center and have an in depth meeting.

5. Open forum. The next meeting of LCPG will be devoted to the Sunrise Powerlink.

6. Public Hearing.

A. Presentation/Discussion Items. None

B. Proposed Publicly Initiated Action.

1. Radar recertification for Vista Camino from Lakeside Ave. to Valle Vista Rd. Currently Radar certified for 40 mph. G. Barnard motion to remain at 40mph. W. Allen 2nd. Vote: 12-0-0-3.
2. Chair asked if this item could be trailed until last. T. Medvitz motion to trail, G. Barnard 2nd. Vote: 12-0-0-3.

C. Proposed Privately Initiated Action.

1. TPM 21009rpl3, 4 lot split of 10.06 acres located at corner of Hwy 67 and San Vicente Ave. Vic Turner said they have added horse trails, asphalt paving and fire hydrants. G. Barnard moved to approve based on R. Smith's recommendation to coordinate with Sparkletts' work and pavement of entire roadway. L. Smith 2nd. Chair asked if motion could include recommendation

that DPW complete San Vicente to public road standards. Accepted. Vote: 12-0-0-3.

2. MUP 05-006rpl Telecommunication facility to be located on an existing Lakeside Water District reservoir at 8602 Sky Rim Drive. Planning Group recommended denial for failure to meet use permit findings. G. Barnard motion to take no action and to continue with current position recommending denial. E. Bakeer 2nd. Vote: 12-0-0-3. R. Smith asked of LCPG would give him authority to appeal if the Planning Commission approves. W. Allen motion to give R. Smith authority to appeal, G. Barnard 2nd. Vote: 12-0-0-3.

B. return to trailed item.

3. Discuss and draft Lakeside Community Plan text to be included in the County General Plan. Focus on Element 1, Land Use and Element 2, Mobility. Land Use Element: LU-1. LU1.9, 1.10, 3.2, 3.3 (must or shall)4.6, 6.3, 7.2, 10.4 (will be re-written including some commercial on south end of Moreno, must have language to incorporate, W. Allen and R. Smith will work on. Perhaps "need new" added at beginning of text also add Bostonia. 11.8 redo, 14.4 (all of above with no opposition where none noted). T. Medvitz questioned water LU13, some language may be considered. Mobility. M3.3, M10.1, M4.1 and M4.3, no opposition. Housing. H1.4 (add "to be in" close proximity), H1.5, H3.3, H3.4, H3.5 no opposition. L. Strom motion to approve housing as amended. R. Clegg 2nd. Vote: 12-0-0-3.

7. Subcommittee reports as required. None

8. Adjournment. 8:50 p.m.

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