



Peninsula Community Planning Board Environmental Subcommittee NOVEMBER 10th, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes

Zoom conference

General

Meeting called to order at 5:36 pm by Mandy Havlik.

Present: Mandy Havlik, Eva Schmitt, Angela Vedder, Tina Compton, Matt Schalles, Ana Birmingham, Caleb Rogart, Anne Fege, John and Tracy Van De Walker

Approval of the previous meeting minutes. Eva makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Tina seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Eva makes a motion to approve the agenda. Angela seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

Action Items (action is not required to be taken)

1. Request a letter of support to advocate for the preservation of several palm trees located along the 4400 block of Newport that is slated to be removed due to interference with the existing radar technology being utilized by the airport. (John and Tracy Van De Walker)

John and Tracy Van De Walker share the context behind the letter, which is regarding the removal of palm trees as it is stated as an issue for the airport. According to the calculator, palm trees have surpassed a height limit.

The city has not been communicative on this issue, and the letters sent by the city came with limited information. There has not been transparency on this issue or any communication between the concerned community over removing the trees and the city.

The community has requested documentation with the appropriate math and standards of why these trees are being removed.

Eva states that this issue is both an environmental issue and an accountability issue by the city, and both issues are slightly separate.

The main issue is that the city has not notified the community or a cohesive plan to replace the removed trees with the other tree canopy.

Mandy suggests sending a letter and asking if the city is transitioning to a new GPS, which would make the removal of the trees unnecessary.

The letter would include the history of the Palm Trees, activity requests the FAA model, ask to clarify the studies on the rate of growth, and state that if the trees cannot be saved, the city works to remove the stump and replant trees when possible.

Mandy motions a letter including the above information and presents it to the main board at the next meeting. Angela seconds the motion. Those in favor include Mandy, Angela, Tina, and Eva. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Request proposed environmental improvements within the PCPB boundary from community members to advocate for the city.

Proposed environmental improvements include increasing the walkability and alternatives to driving, upgrading the composting system within the community, utilizing solar across San Diego, enforcing idling rules, and advocating for solar on high school campuses, doing one meatless means a week.

Mandy will make a list of all the recommendations within an excel sheet to address the issues in the following meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.