

Peninsula Community Planning Board
Town Hall Meeting June 3rd, 2009
Summary

The Town Hall Meeting was specifically focused on (SDIA) San Diego International Airport's future. Peninsula Community Planning Board approved this forum for community "outreach and education". All panelists were present, except Union Tribune and San Diego Business Journal due to "scheduling conflicts". Both medians apologized for the inconvenience, but stated that they would follow up with editorials at a later date. The Peninsula Beacon News (5/28) and KUSI "Good Morning San Diego" (6/3) covered stories leading up to the forum.

The Mayor's Office started presentations with Destination Lindbergh followed by SDCRAA presentation - SDIA's opening day (TDP) Terminal Development Plans, SANDAG - Intermodal Transit Center and future regional transportation conceptual plans, CalTrans I-5 corridor study, traffic patterns and conceptual airport access points off Rosecrans, Pacific Coast Hwy and Harbor Drive, CalTrans Consultant - conceptual plans for high speed rail connections and C-3 – planning guidelines for alternative site for SDIA.

PCPB Question Card Vetter's provided moderator with audience question cards to ask panelists. A panel discussion reflecting questions took place and Moderator opened the floor to audience for additional direct Q/A to panel (approx 1hr).

This forum was an opportunity for an open and sincere debate regarding the ultimate build out of SDIA at Lindbergh Field. The audience was encouraged to come up with pertinent questions about current concepts and to suggest alternative solutions. PCPB member (Jay Shumaker) was provided a booth to exhibit an alternative land use plan if SDIA was relocated. C-3 panel speaker (Stephen Haase) outlined planning guidelines and legislative processes required for any alternative plan to be considered. PCPB has been actively engaged in this matter since July, 2007 and has taken several positions regarding SDIA expansion at Lindbergh Field. Please reference information and position letters posted <http://www.pcpb.net/airport.html>

FACTS & FINDINGS

1. 2006 Prop "A" to relocate SDIA to Miramar failed 2-1 with voters in Point Loma
2. PCPB 2003-2006 missed opportunities to engage community on "Land Use Compatibility" matters relative to SDIA and consequences on Prop "A" failure. At that time, PCPB could have collaborated with all agencies and surrounding community groups to build a regional consensus regarding SDIA's future.
3. Prop "A" was a no win situation, because it evolved into an issue of Military versus Community during a period of heightened National Security.
4. Commercial airport can not co-exist with MCAS Miramar at East Elliott (land adjacent to Miramar) due to military flight patterns. East Elliott's terrain is not feasible for a commercial airport.
5. SDCRAA lost an opportunity to negotiate any land at Miramar after BRAC completed its closure of El Toro Marine Base (OC).
6. CA Senate Bill # 10 does not impede SDCRAA's ability to consider relocating SDIA.
7. Community supports TDP consolidated Rental Car Facilities north, off tideland property.
8. Community supports TDP dual roadways to separate arrivals and departures.
9. Community understands TDP to add 10 new gates at T-2 and RON parking.
10. Destination Lindbergh alternative plan B-1 dated March 23, 2009 (attached) appears to be the only viable long term solution to SDIA's future. SDCRAA needs to resolve going concerns with MCRD for 27 acres or find a new location for SDIA.

Forum was a lighter then expected turn out, but overall a good program. Feedback from a few community members immediately after the program appreciated the venue and stated they learned a lot. Input is welcome from all community members in attendance. Special thanks go to Liberty Station / NTC Promenade for the venue and all participating Peninsula Community Planning Board who helped make this event happen.

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