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SVTC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 26th, 2023

7:00 pm

Google Meets Meeting

Present from the SVTC Board:

Lil Nover, Julia Schriber, Susan Carolin, Jeaneth Green, Sean Tompkins, Jutta Birkenthal

Absent:

Harsh Sangani (with prior notice)

Guests:

Elected Officials:

- a. Rachel Dugan from Congressman Scott Peters' office
- b. Jawad Al Baghdadi: Congress 53rd District Sara Jacobs' office
- c. Alana Austin from City Council D6
- d. Miki Holmes from assembly member Chris Ward's office

Khoa Nguyen, Land Use Consultant

Suzi C, Pacific Ridge Resident

President Lil Nover called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- I. Lil made a motion to approve the agenda. Julia seconded and all voted Yes to approve.
- II. Julia made a motion to approve the November 17th 2022 meeting minutes. Sean seconded and all voted Yes to approve.
- III. Elected Officials/Government Agencies

- a. Rachel's talking points.

Three new inters started working in Congressman Scott Peters' office.

Congressman is working on amending the Disaster Recovery Reform Act and H.R.1984 which would speed up getting funds to people in need after a disaster.

b. Jawad's talking points.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Congresswoman Sara Jacobs introduced the Secure Access for Essential Reproductive (SAFER) Health Act to strengthen the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act in the post-Roe era.

She also introduced bipartisan legislation to combat veteran homelessness, The Return Home to Housing Act.

On January 17th she joined the virtual roundtable discussion hosted by the San Diego Hunger Coalition to discuss measures to end food insecurity and hunger in San Diego.

Moving office to a new location.

c. Miki's talking points.

Chris Ward was voted to be a Speaker pro Tempore of the California State Assembly. Their office moved to a new location in University Heights area.

IV. Committee Reports

a. President's Report

Lil gave a recap regarding the Sorrento Valley Post Office closing matter. We are still waiting to hear back from the US Postmaster General.

V. New Business

a. Toys for Tots Drive was a success. We donated about 35 toys.

b. CPU update

Sean has agreed to run for the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group board.

c. Lil gave an overview of San Diego Network of Town Councils plans for 2023.

d. Our storage unit costs are about to go up again and since we don't have an income any longer to cover the cost (Amazon stopped their Smile program that has been paying for the storage), we should stop using a storage unit.

e. Elections.

Everybody agreed to continue on his or her current position.

f. Discussion of a new Longfellow Real Estate Partners development next to the Wateridge condominium complex. Current one and two-story buildings will be replaced with six eight to twelve-story buildings that will likely cause already bad traffic to get worse in Sorrento Valley.

VI. Old Business

a. Sean gave an update on the traffic signal at Roselle Street and Sorrento Valley Blvd.

The current timing of the lights causes traffic's holdup and the existing system is unable to adequately accommodate the required changes. There are 5 phases planned to improve the intersection, and there has been a discussion that funding from earlier phases might be able to be applied to phase 5 to expedite its initiation. Phase 5 includes removing one track, changing the pedestrian walkway and changing the technology that controls the lights. The funding for phase 5 is yet to be approved.

Given that members of SVTC have intermittently attempted to see action on this project for over 2 years without movement, it was suggested that a letter to the right office or individual might help raise the profile of this issue.

Action Items:

1. Sean will attend 2 Mira Mesa Community Planning Group meetings in order to become a qualified candidate.
2. Pick the date to clean the storage unit.
3. Sean will write a letter regarding the lights that cause traffic's holdup.

Adjournment: Lil adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Juta Birkenthal, Recording Secretary