



Sorrento Valley Town Council

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SVTC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 21st, 2022
7:00 pm
Google Meets Meeting

Present from the SVTC Board:

Lil Nover, Susan Carolin, Jeaneth Green, Juta Birkenthal

Absent:

Julia Schriber (with prior notice), Harsh Sangani (with prior notice), Sean Tompkins (with prior notice)

Guests:

Elected Officials:

- a. Rachel Dugan from Congressman Scott Peters' office
- b. Michaela Valk from Mayor Todd Gloria's office
- c. Denise Torres from City Council D6 Chris Cate's office

Tommy Hough, candidate for San Diego City Council D6
Vicky, 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. Juta seconded and all voted Yes to approve.
- II. Juta made a motion to approve the March 17th 2022 meeting minutes. Jeaneth seconded and all voted Yes to approve.
- III. Lil introduced Tommy Hough, candidate for San Diego City Council
- Tommy's talking points

Tommy has always been an advocate for the use of rooftop solar and was recently endorsed by Hammond Climate Solutions. He is not happy with SDGE, which he believes is constantly trying to find ways to undermine rooftop solar use.

Tommy disagrees with the city's decision to redesign a road along a stretch of Gold Coast Drive in Mira Mesa that now accommodates two lanes of bike traffic leaving only one lane for vehicles. In his opinion, it is an example of not involving the community in important decision-making.

Tommy is also concerned about the proposed rezoning of south University City considering the fact that there is limited access in and out of that area. University City is not a job center and they don't have a public transit there. Tommy has been advocating for years to build affordable housing in the Miramar area. There is more info available about upcoming forums at tommyhough.com/events.

IV. Elected Officials/Government Agencies

· Rachel's talking points:

It was the last day to submit for the Congressional Art Competition that is open to all high school students in the 52nd Congressional District.

Rep. Scott Peters co-signed the bill (Affordable Insulin Now Act) that caps out-of-pocket costs for insulin at no more than \$35 per month in Medicare Part D and commercial health insurance.

President Biden signed into law Rep. **Scott Peters'** STANDUP Act, which will encourage schools to implement suicide prevention training for students in grades 6 through 12.

Juta had a question regarding Data Elimination and Limiting Extensive Tracking and Exchange Act (DELETE Act), that awaits a potential vote in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. What are Rep. Scott Peters' thoughts on the DELETE Act? She would also like to know, what is CA doing to protect its residents from offenders like BlockShopper that does not comply with the current CA Right to Deletion of Personal Information law under the CCPA?

· Michaela's talking points:

Mayor Todd Gloria presented the city budget to the San Diego City Council last Monday.

The Mayor's budget is called "Ready to Rebuild". The budget's focuses:

Critical infrastructure needs like investment in water, sewer, and storm water infrastructure.

Public safety: Mayor Gloria proposes a pay increase for police officers and increasing recruitment efforts for two police academies.

Funding to fight homelessness with additional funding dedicated to increasing shelter capacity.

Lil asked about tree trimming on Sorrento Valley Boulevard.

· Denise's talking points:

Police shortage.

Councilmember Chris Gate will be hosting the D6 Budget Townhall somewhere in Kearny Mesa.

More information (location, time, etc.) will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Business of the Week is The Godfather Restaurant in Kearny Mesa.

V. Committee Reports

Presidents Report

Lil called Alex Frost regarding the community plan update (CPU). They are currently working with a historian in order to recognize three neighborhoods that are currently on the Mira Mesa Community Plan. They will be ready with the draft for the May 18th meeting.

VI. New Business

a. Annual D6 Night Market. SVTC will not attend this year.

b. Weeds are growing back on median that we cleaned.

VII. Old Business

a. Neighborhood Little Library update – No update

b. Lil talked about reflective yellow stripes that could be mounted at the bottom of the hill to warn drivers.

Action Items:

1. Lil and Michaela will visit the spot on Sorrento Valley Blvd where the trees need to be trimmed.

2. Lil will contact Kristin Camper to see if Col Bedell is available to join SVTC meeting.

We are concerned about the jets and helicopters flying low over our homes in increased frequency.

Adjournment: Lil adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Juta Birkenthal, Recording Secretary