

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303796

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAR 14 2008

A RESOLUTION INITIATING A COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE PROGRESS GUIDE AND GENERAL PLAN AND THE SCRIPPS MIRAMAR RANCH COMMUNITY PLAN TO ADD A SECOND FIRE STATION IN THE SCRIPPS MIRAMAR RANCH COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the request for the initiation of an amendment to the Progress Guide and General Plan and the Scripps Miramar Ranch Community Plan in order to add a second fire station to serve the community originated with Council District 5; and

WHEREAS, Fire Station 37 was placed into service in August 2001; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2002, Engine 37, which is assigned to Fire Station 37, responded to 2,283 emergency incidents; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2007, Engine 37 responded to 1,578 emergency incidents; and

WHEREAS, although the volume of Engine 37's emergency incident activity is acceptable and provides for added capacity, the ability of Engine 37 to arrive at the scene of an emergency within the national response time standard of five minutes or less 90 percent of the time is compromised due to the size of Fire Station 37's response district; and

WHEREAS, Fire Station 37's response district is 22.5 square miles in size while the ideal fire station will cover an area of no more than 9 square miles; and

WHEREAS, Fire Station 37 is located on the north end of Scripps Miramar Ranch making it difficult for Engine 37 to quickly reach emergencies which occur on the south side of Scripps Miramar Ranch; and

WHEREAS, Engine 37 meets the five minute response time standard 32 percent of the time while the City-wide average is 45 percent; and

WHEREAS, based upon analysis of computer response models, it is projected that a second fire station located in the south Scripps Miramar Ranch area would increase Engine 37's response time to 43 percent; and

WHEREAS, emergencies occurring in south Scripps Miramar Ranch would be more quickly reached by the engine company assigned to the new fire station; and

WHEREAS, the ability to provide the national standard for an effective fire force of fifteen firefighters at a fire emergency within 9 minutes would increase from the current rate of 28 percent of the time to 50 percent as compared to the City-wide average of 59 percent; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2003, the Cedar Fire destroyed 312 homes in Scripps Miramar Ranch; and

WHEREAS, a second fire station is needed to maintain the public safety of all Scripps Miramar Ranch residents; and

WHEREAS, the plan amendment would focus on adding language to the Scripps Miramar Ranch Community Plan that states the need for an additional fire station in the community; and

WHEREAS, the plan amendment would focus on revising the Public Facilities and Services Element of the Scripps Miramar Ranch Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, identification of a project in the Scripps Miramar Ranch Public Facilities Financing Plan to build a second fire station and the allocation of funds to pay for construction

cannot occur until the need for the facility is identified in the Scripps Miramar Ranch
Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, the first step in this process is for the City Council to initiate the Progress
Guide and General Plan amendment and the Community Plan Amendment which would allow
staff to proceed with the analysis of the proposals and preparation of any necessary revisions to
adopted documents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with San Diego Municipal Code section 122.0103(a) the City
Council may initiate an amendment to a community plan; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council initiates
the amendment to the Scripps Miramar Ranch Community Plan, Progress Guide and General
Plan to add a second fire station to the Scripps Miramar Ranch Community Plan Area.

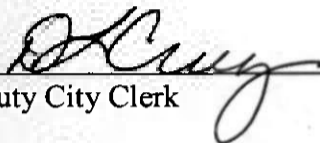
APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Rachel Lipsky
Rachel Lipsky
Deputy City Attorney

RL:pev
02/19/08
Or.Dept:Council 5
R-2008-693
MMS #5927
PLAN AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL Community Plan Amend – Initiate Amendment 11-01-04

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of MAR - 4 2008 .

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 3.14.08
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor