Barrio Logan group formed

17-member body to review projects, advise on new community plan

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Barrio Logan, whose long-sought community plan update was rejected by a majority vote in a citywide ballot measure earlier this year, on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, City Council approved the first community planning group for the 1,000-acre community southeast of downtown.

The 17-member group will advise the City Council on development projects and issues, just as nearly 40 other grassroots groups in the city have done for decades.

Previously, temporary task forces and stakeholder groups have served that function but dissension within the community doomed attempts to form a permanent body.

Dissension resurfaced at the council hearing, when representatives of barrio shipyards and maritime businesses objected to being excluded from the panel selected by the community’s representative, Councilman David Alvarez.

“Major industries in Barrio Logan are not represented,” said William Hall, chairman of the San Diego Port Tenants Association board, who noted they take up 58 percent of the community’s planning area on land controlled by Navy and port district. The port and Navy will have nonvoting representation.
But Alvarez said in light of the “ugly situation” that led to the plan’s defeat, he wanted the planning group to begin its work and not end in failure once again. The Environmental Health Coalition, which led the drive in support of the plan, also was excluded from membership.

He said he picked the panel from business owners, community leaders and residents who attended a town hall recently or expressed interest in serving in recent months. When Councilman Mark Kersey said three additional members from the maritime interests should be added, Alvarez objected.

“We need healing and don’t know that adding any specific sectors would bring that at this point,” he said.

The council voted unanimously to recognize the new group and seat Alvarez’ nominees.

Mayor Kevin Faulconer, who opposed the plan when he was on the council because of the way the maritime interests were treated, welcomed the new group but through a spokesman called it inadequate in reflecting all the barrio’s interests.

“Future steps must include all of the community’s stakeholders, including the shipbuilding industry that is so important to Barrio Logan and the regional economy,” said spokesman Craig Gustafson. “The mayor’s office is continuing to meet with stakeholders on this issue.”

The members are expected to begin meeting in January and the first election of half the seats will be held in March 2016 and other half two years later.
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Ok so how are we going heal and resolve the community problems with over half of the of the true stake holders not represented. Once again the true loser is the community. Please pray for Barrio Logan.

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