



UPTOWN PLANNERS

JULY 5, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 7/05/16

Call to order by Leo Wilson at 6:04

In attendance: Cindy Thorsen, Gary Bonner, Leo Wilson, Roy Dahl, Ken Tablang, Jennifer Pesquiera, Soheil Nakhshab, Mat Wahlstrom (entered at 6:10), Bill Ellig, Bob Daniel, Maya Rosas, Jay Newington, Dana Hook, Amie Hayes, Michael Brennan, Tim Gahagan, Tom Mullaney

I. Board Meeting: Parliamentary Items/Reports:

A. Introductions

II. Bonner / Dahl motion to move item IV. 1. **AIRPORT AUTHORITY UPDATE & DISCUSSION OF INDIA STREET TRAFFIC SAFETY ISSUES** to the first item on the agenda. Motion passes unanimously.

Presentation by Bob Bolton and Keith Wilschetz, Director of Airport Planning and Noise Mitigation for the Airport Authority, will discuss future airport planning, the update of the Airport EIR, and issues relating to rental car facility traffic as it impacts India Street and Middletown. Local residents and business owners are requesting the city study ways to calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety, which has been negatively impacted by the routing of airport rental facility traffic onto India Street from Sassafras Street;

Presentation by Matt Ramon & various Middletown area residents who speak to concerns over higher speeds and traffic on India St from Laurel to Washington. Solutions include re-routing traffic to non-residential streets (Pacific Highway and Washington) and to increase access to the airport by mass transit. A majority of the large crowd in attendance express support for similar concerns and solutions. Another solution offered by Ron Roberts is signalization of the Palm and Redwood intersections.

Board Discussion:

Pesquiera – Signage, street stamps would help in the short term.

Daniel – Traffic studies were design focused and not ultimately effective. Agency discussions lead to traffic being routed to India St. Wishes to remove RACC traffic from India Street and airport traffic from India St. The City has been unable to implement traffic calming measures on India St.

Hayes – Concerned about an EIR including the implementation of more parking. Supports traffic calming.

Wahlstrom – Majority of problems are a result of the Marine Corps. Supports signage to direct people to non-neighborhood streets.

Ellig – Agencies need to work in good faith with the community on solutions. GPS routing could be a short term solution. Overpasses are a longer term solution.

Tablang – Additional parking is compounding the problem and desires a safer India Street.

Nakhshab – Concerned about all of the safety issues mentioned. Supports all of the short term suggestions to remedy the problems.

Mullaney – Suggests a task force of various groups that can have direct discussions with the Airport Authority.

Rosas – Supportive of the community. Wishes to see more of an investment of alternative modes of transit to the airport.

Hook – The neighborhood lacks adequate transit access to the airport. Encourages key stakeholders to work together on real short term and long term solutions.

Brennan – Airport should de-emphasize new parking before adequate transit access. We need a complete street solution for India St.

Wilson – Recommends the UP take a stance on this issue to send a message to the City

Dahl – Vehicle miles traveled may cause problems on the future EIR. He would ride an express bus to the airport if there were one.

Bonner – Short term solution for India St. Slow down India St. Medium range – Pacific Coast to the freeway. Long range – airport to freeway ramp. The question is if there is financing for the initial study.

Thorsen – Endorses a task force communicating with the airport. Supports short term solutions including signalization, removing traffic and traffic calming.

Gahagan – Wants to advise the City to get together with the community and airport on solutions.

Motion by Daniel/ Thorsen

We move to have uptown and the India issue stakeholders work with the airport authority, the city of San Diego, SANDAG, and any other direct interest authorities to effectively immediately implement the short term recommendations, such as traffic calming, India signage, and using pacific highway and Washington, presented tonight by moving the RCC sign to Washington Street on I-5 north and to work with such officials to find a long term solution of moving airport traffic off the residential corridor of Middletown – between Laurel and Sassafras within 3 months from today.

Motion carries 16/0/1 Chair abstains

Motion by Wahlstrom / Thorsen Uptown Planners preservation of parking on India St (language from Mat)

Motion carries 13/2/2 Against: Hook, Rosas Abstain: Brennan and Chair

- B. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order
- C. Approval of Minutes
- D. Treasurer's Report
- E. Chair/CPC Report

III. Public Communication: Non-Agenda Public Comment (3 minutes); Speakers are encouraged, but not required, to fill out a public comment form, and provide them to the Secretary at the beginning of the meeting.

Judith Crum – Mission Hills Garden Club presents initiatives to begin community gardens in Mission Hills. Presents Leo Wilson with a tomato plant.

IV. Representatives of Elected Officials:

Adriana Martinez, Chris Ward

V. Consent Agenda: Wahlstrom / Daniel to move AIDS Walk & Run to consent. Board votes unanimously in favor, Chair abstains

Daniel / Hook motion to move 1410 Lincoln St. Tentative Map to consent agenda 15/0/3 All in favor with Chair, Dahl, Wahlstrom abstain

Wahlstrom / Bonner motion to approve agenda, unanimous approval, Chair abstains

VI. Action Items: Projects:

a. **2724 REYNARD RESIDENCE NDP/SDP/V (“TRICANYON TOWNHOMES”) -- Process Three – Middletown** – Site Development Permit, Neighborhood Development Permit and Variance for environmentally sensitive lands for the construction of three 2,855 sq. ft. residential units on three 5,000 sq. ft vacant lots, retaining walls encroaching within the required yards and within the public right of way on Union Street (unimproved) west of Reynard Way. The 0.344 acre site is in the RS-1-2 zone; Affordable In-Fill Housing and Sustainable Buildings Expedite Program; Airport Influence Area; FAA Part 77 Noticing Area;

This project was noticed incorrectly and must be deferred.

Thorsen / Daniel motion that the project go before the Design Review Committee motion passes unanimously with Chair abstaining.

b. **1410 LINCOLN STREET TENTATIVE MAP – Process Three – University Heights** – Tentative -- Map to create eight residential condominium units on an 11,043 square foot site with the street address of 1410 Lincoln Street; - Moved to consent

c. **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AIDS WALK & RUN – Hillcrest** -- The 27th Annual AIDS Walk & Run will be held in Hillcrest on Saturday, September 24, 2016; Moved to consent.

VII. Potential Action Item: Planning/ Community Plan Update:

a. **AIRPORT AUTHORITY UPDATE & DISCUSSION OF INDIA STREET TRAFFIC SAFETY ISSUES – Five Points/Middletown** – (moved to item 1)

VIII. Subcommittee Reports:

1. Report and recommendations from the Community Plan Review Committee; Mullaney discusses Community Plan Review and recommends the board read the latest plan draft chapters 8, 9 and the EIR alternatives.
2. Approval of the membership of subcommittees; Mullaney puts forward two candidates Ellig and Thorsen to join the existing members on the Community Plan Review Committee.
Mullaney moves that two open seats be filled by adding Ellig and Thorsen
Hook offers a substitute motion to also include Maya Rosas on the committee

Motion to substitute carries 8/7/2: Those in favor: Tablang, Nakhshab, Rosas, Hook, Brennan, Dahl, Newington, Chair Against: Wahlstrom, Ellig, Daniel, Bonner, Thorsen, Gahagan, Mullaney Abstentions: Hayes abstains Pesquiera

Motion to approve Ellig, Thorsen and Rosas to serve on the Community Plan Review Committee carries 11/3/3: Those in favor: Newington, Gahagan, Bonner, Daniel, Dahl, Brennan, Hook, Rosas, Nakhshab, Tablang, Ellig Against: Mullaney, Wahlstrom, Thorsen Abstentions: Hayes, Pesquiera and Chair

IX. **Community Reports:**

Dana Hook will be starting the Public Facilities committee July 21st at KTUA, those interested should contact her.

Nakhshab will be startint the Design Review committee in the coming weeks, those interested should contact him.

X. **Adjournment** at 9:17 motion by Jay Newington, all in favor