



UPTOWN PLANNERS
Uptown Community Planning Group
Special Meeting
January 24, 2018
DRAFT MINUTES

Call to order by Chair Wilson at 6:09

In attendance: (11) ~~William Smith, Jr., Jay Newington, Jennifer Pesqueira,~~ Bill Ellig, Amie Hayes, Ken Tablang, Tim Gahagan, Mat Wahlstrom, Michael Brennan, Leo Wilson, ~~Sehil Nakhshab,~~ Stuart McGraw, Tom Mullaney, ~~Bob Daniel,~~ Roy Dahl, ~~Dennis Seisun,~~ Kyle Schertzing

Absent: none

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order carried by voice vote

III. Public Communication – Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.3, as applicable to special meetings, members of the public will be provided the opportunity to make public comment regarding the special order of business on the agenda. There will be no non-agenda public comment.

IV. Special Order of Business

- 1. Normal Street Promenade Project** – Hillcrest -- Information Item/Workshop: City of San Diego/SANDAG -- the Normal Street Promenade will provide new public space in Hillcrest along Normal Street, between University Avenue and Washington Street. The existing traffic lanes on the west side of Normal Street will be replaced with a public pedestrian thoroughfare and promenade, and a bikeway. The future Normal Street Promenade may be utilized by the Hillcrest Farmers Market, San Diego Pride Festival & Parade, and other community events, such as street fairs, movies, concerts and art exhibits. The project also proposes parking space realignments on Normal Street between Lincoln Avenue and Washington Street.

Brittany Bailey from Councilmember Chris Ward's office presented the project overview and introduced the project team including Chris Romano with SANDAG, Elizabeth Studebaker with the City of San Diego, Tanner French with the Parking Districts, Brandy Sweitzer with SANDAG, Everett Hauser with the City of San Diego, Kathleen Ferrier with the City of San Diego, Leigh Freeman and Linda Culp with SANDAG.

Mike Singleton of KTUA presented Normal Street's history along with some of the proposed design details of the Normal Street Promenade project.

The community was invited to visit several presentation boards throughout the room and engage with various representatives of the project team. Community comments were collected through notes pasted on the presentation boards, community questions were answered at each station and community design preferences were gathered through direct feedback on presentation boards.

The community engagement portion of the meeting continued for approximately one hour allowing for community members to provide their feedback.

The meeting was brought to a close at approximately 8pm.