



**UPTOWN PLANNERS**  
Uptown Community Planning Group  
Special Meeting  
February 20, 2019  
DRAFT MINUTES

Call to order by Chair Wilson at 6:06

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

Absent:

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions**
- II. **Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order** Wahlstrom/Dahl motion to place Action Items 1., 2. & 4. on consent agenda. Motion carries by voice vote.
- III. **Public Communication – Non-Agenda Public Comment**; 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.
- IV. **Consent Agenda** Motion to approve by Shertzing / Ellig, motion carries 10 / 0 / 1 chair abstains
- V. **Information Item:**
  1. **Normal Street Promenade Project** –Hillcrest -- Information Item: 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.

Project representatives and collaborators in attendance include Brittany Bailey (Chris Ward's Office), Chris Romano (SANDAG), Tyler Birch (Ward's office), Kathleen Ferrier (City of SD), Elizabeth Studdebaker (City of SD), Tanner French (City of SD), Benjamin Nicholls (HBA), Vicki Estrada (Project Consultant), Bethany (?), (unknown speaker), Chris

Kluth (SANDAG). Bailey & Romano present the project & invite the public to provide feedback at several stations in the room.

**Public Comment:**

Kristin Arms: Normal Street is an Historical site and the design should represent that history adequately

Ian Epley: Suggests we not let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Supportive

Clint Daniels: Supportive of the project and encourages more housing on this corridor to reduce demand for parking. States that parking issues should not derail the project.

Peter: Supportive of the project

Lou Railing: Asks what the continuing role of the project partners will be once the project is complete

David Snyder: Reads letter distributed to the board expressing concerns including parking, homelessness and other issues. Encourages a better plan for a real park with additional consultation from the City.

Darren Farnesi: Discouraged that he was not consulted by the City regarding parking concerns.

Trent St. Luis: Supportive of the project

**Board Comment:**

Ellig: Concerned that this project is only a nice sidewalk and bikeway and could be more. Does not see a need to move the project quickly. Interested in DMV development.

McGraw: Asks about traffic studies. Suggests that Washington Street is a dangerous pedestrian intersection and should be improved as part of the project.

Schertzing: Encourages community feedback and exploring trade-offs such as relocated parking for beautification improvements. Supportive of the project.

Wahlstrom: States this process has been a sham; that the project is moving too quickly for proper review and feedback.

Dahl: Supportive of the project. Suggests that the parking is not as much an issue in the south block as is being represented. Suggests that a ¼ mile walk from parking spots to businesses is a reasonable distance.

Brennan: Supportive of the project. Commends the project team for their outreach. He suggests that Pride plaza should be given additional space to expand in the future and states that there is an urgency to complete this project that has been in the community plan since 1988.

Ellig: Generally supportive, suggests the addition of historic components, LGBT elements, and signage.

Daniel: Concerned that the local businesses have not been engaged adequately. Will decide his position at the next meeting.

Pedqueira: Undecided

Newington: Undecided

Wilson: Suggests that the plaza or greenway could be extended into University Heights

**VI. Action Items:**

1. **[ITEM MOVED TO CONSENT] 4236 FOURTH AVENUE (“MOE TENTATIVE MAP EXTENSION”) – Process Three** – Hillcrest – Extension of time for Tentative Map No. 1397875 & Site Development Permit No. 1397874 to construct three residential condominium units, totaling 9,850 sq ft, at 4236 Fourth Avenue. The 0.11 acres site is in the RM-3-9 zone.
2. **[ITEM MOVED TO CONSENT] OLIVE STREET TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE – Special Event** – Bankers Hill – The ordination of the new bishop of the San Diego Episcopal Diocese will take place on June 15, 2019 at St. Paul’s Cathedral located at 2728 Sixth Avenue. Permit application for the temporarily closure of Olive Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on June 15, 2019 for the event.

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4. **[ITEM MOVED TO CONSENT] 4445 TERALTA PLACE (“CASEY EASEMENT VACATION”)** – Process Two – Mission Hills – Easement Vacation to vacate three utility easements at 4445 Teralta Place; the site is located in the RS-1-7 zone

**Adjournment: Ellig motions to adjourn, motion carries by voice vote at 7:30**