

UPTOWN PLANNERS

Uptown Community Planning Group Meeting

May 7, 2019

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: Amie Hayes, Bob Daniel, Brer Marsh, Clint Daniels, Gail Friedt, Matthew Medeiros, Michael Brennan, Roy Dahl, Stephen Cline, Tim Gahagan, Zach Bunshaft, William Smith, Bill Ellig, Soheil Nakshab, Tom Mullaney.

Absent: Dennis Seisun & Stu McGraw.

I. Call to Order and Introductions - Meeting called to order by Soheil at 6:00pm

II. General Information and Officer/Committee Reports

1. Email communication protocol and etiquette

Soheil emphasized the need for civility & democracy in all communications. Amie believes emails should be sent only through the Chair, not each sub-committee chair, to reduce issues, confusion, and ethics violations.

2. Board Meeting etiquette - same sense of civility & democracy is expected at meetings.

3. Officer Reports

a. Ad Hoc Operations/Outreach Committee Meeting Recap

Met on April 29th and prepared a list of possible recommendations to enhance transparency and outreach, some of which like new banners, namecards, business cards, would require use of funds. Other suggestions included using a physical timeclock and reducing public comment maximum time limit. Soheil recommended that these suggestions be refined at the

b. Public Facilities Committee Recap

Met on April 27th at the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library and discussed Impact Fee Studies to set priorities of development impact fees in our area. The focus was on identifying projects capable of matching funds from the State, projects with a focus on public safety, the Ed. Center. The budget request letter that is an action item was developed at this meeting.

c. Design Committee Recap

Did not meet in April. Next meeting is set for May 15th at 6pm at the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library.

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.

1. Public Comment

a. David Mier with UCSD Health Spoke about a 3 day road closure of Bachman Place due to a sinkhole.

b. Chris Cole spoke to introduce himself to new board member. He is the board representative to the Aspire Center and Airport. Bob Daniels has his contact information if needed.

- c. Adrian Kwiapkowski introduced himself as a candidate for City Council District 3. He is a former Hillcrest resident and a current Mission Hills resident.
- d. Chris Olsen, also running for City Council District 3, spoke in his capacity with the Independent Budget Office about public comment for budget priorities at City Hall on Monday, May 13th at 6pm.
- e. Carol Emerick asked for an update on the Maple Canyon Restoration. Brer mentioned that the City has been invited to speak about this, but will be invited again.
- f. Sharon Gehl passed along appreciation for new efforts to spread awareness of meetings, clean-ups, and other community events on social media.
- g. Mat Wahlstrom urged that Planners cannot mention that they are speaking or acting on behalf of the Board as a whole unless they have specifically been authorized by the board. He pointed to a specific letter in which a sub-committee chair invited a local entity to speak at the next meeting. Soheil urged that he will ensure that new members are aware of this rule and that this will not be allowed going forward.
- h. Adrian with I love a Clean San Diego thanked the community for participating in the Earth Day clean-nups.

2. Civic & Elected Official Representatives Remarks

- a. Officer Surwilo discussed shift changes occurring and the need to ensure that communications are open and frequent with new officers on shifts to help them more effectively learn the area and issues. He expressed the need to clarify an article in the Union Tribune that claimed the SDPD does not have procedures in place for interactions with the Trans community. He said that Tyler Renner will clarify in his report that there are procedures in place, but they have not been readily available to the public. He also mentioned that there will be a "Coffee with Cops" event on May 14th at WestBean in Bankers Hill.
- b. Tyler Renner with Councilmember Chris Ward's Office said that community meetings will be held to engage the Trans community. He reported that an RFP will be submitted in the coming months for identified properties in the district for permanent supportive housing. He also mentioned that District 3 has the longest list of budget priorities of any district and that the Promenade appears to be on track and on budget.
- c. Javier Gomez from State Assemblymember Todd Gloria's office mentioned that the 31st of the month is the deadline for each chamber to pass a bill to the other. He announced that the Small Business Month Awards will be held May 24th at 5:30pm at West Coast Tavern and constituents are encouraged to go online to their website to nominate local small businesses.
- d. Jawad Al Baghdadi spoke from Congresswoman Susan A. Davis's Office and announced that in June their office will be receiving a Veterans Fellow to assist the Congresswoman in the district with veterans casework, outreach, and issues.

IV. Consent Agenda

Bill moved to add the T-Mobile Action Item to the consent agenda, Matt 2nd, unanimous vote in favor of adding to consent agenda and passing it. (15/0/0).

V. Information Items

1. Notice of Right to Appeal (NORA) for the Remaining Small Diameter Cast Iron (CI) Water Phase 3 project – The City of San Diego made this environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The affected area in our jurisdiction is Juniper Street to Curlew Street. This determination is appealable to the City Council within 10 business days of the posting of this Notice (May 10, 2019).

Soheil shared that if you have an appeal, to do so.

2. Community Orientation Workshop – New elected members of community planning groups are required by City Council Policy 600-24 to attend a community orientation workshop within 60 days of being elected. The upcoming session is Saturday, May 18 at the City Concourse Silver Room located on C Street downtown. Attendees should arrive no later than 9 a.m. to receive credit for the training. You may RSVP by Friday, May 10.

Soheil said to email him upon completion of the workshop.

3. Uptown Planners Bylaws – Status of bylaw revisions and final changes (Michael Prinz and Tom Mullaney)

Michael Prinz stated that these bylaw reviews were approved in June of 2018 with no controversy. Tom's final revisions have not been added, but once completed will be submitted to Michael. Because there will be no substantive changes, there will be no need for it to come back to the Board for a vote. Any changes to bylaws can be made subsequently and the Ad Hoc Committee is currently working on recommendations to do so.

VI. Action Items

1. Executive Committee Assignments: CPC and BPC – Motion to nominate a backup CPC representative and discuss the appointment of new BPC. BCP is a mayoral-appointed Position.

Soheil will serve as CPC and asked if there was interest from multiple Planners to be his back-up. Clint & Tom both expressed interest. Bob moved to have both be alternates and have 1st & 2nd alternate be left to the discretion of the Chair, Zach 2nd, vote was unanimous. (15/0/0).

Brer expressed interest in serving as our representative to the BPC, Matt moved to nominate Brer, Clint 2nd. In discussion, Tom mentioned that Tom Liddell has been serving as our representative for years and should be notified. Roy moved to table until next month so that Tom has the opportunity to speak to the Board, Tom 2nd, vote called, motion passed. (8/5/2) Tom, Amie, William, Tim, Bob, Roy, Michael in favor, Clint Gail Zach Matt, Stephen opposed, Brer & Soheil abstained as nominee to the position and chair respectively. Matt moved to have Brer serve as alternate until the meantime, Roy 2nd, unanimous vote. (15/0/0).

2. Chris Ward's FY 2020 Budget Priorities Vote – The Public Facilities Subcommittee unanimously voted that Tom Mullaney and Clint Daniels draft a letter of support for a select set of Chris Ward's FY 2020 budget priorities. They ask for the board to support the letter as they deliberate on the FY 2020 City budget in May and June.

a. Public Comment

1. Sol Schumer asked where this letter was posted. The letter was posted on uptownplanners.org
2. Chris Olsen emphasized Vision Zero and Climate Action and recommended someone from the Planners speak on behalf of the Board during public comment at City Hall.

3. Tom Mullaney who authored the letter recommends everyone talk to Councilmember Chris Ward's office independently and continuously about their priorities.
4. Mat Wahlstrom cautioned with one Planner speaking to Chris Ward's office on behalf of the board.

b. Board Comment

1. Bob believes this budget is missing the mark when it comes to Balboa Park and the missed opportunity of Plaza De Panama.
2. Bill Ellig offered a substitute paragraph focused specifically on the Ed. Center property. Stephen urged that this should be submitted separately so as not to conflict with other priorities. William believes SD Unified will leave the site if all of these requests were incorporated.

Clint moved to accept the letter as is, Matt 2nd, motion passed (14/1/0) William opposed, all else in favor.

Bob moved that Bill's letter be submitted to Chris Ward's office separately to follow up on our specific requests for the Ed. Center. Matt moved to amend the motion to express that these requests are preliminary in nature. Bill 2nd. Motion passed (13/1/1). William opposed, Clint abstained over the process, all else in favor.

3. UPCD Bankers Hill – Walk the Walk Signage waiting on supporting materials
Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Library

a. Public Comment

1. Sol Schumer asked about a "You are here sign" and requested the sign be covered in turtle wax to avoid damage from graffiti.
2. Ian Epley mentioned the importance of the "last mile" and that this helps the public understand the accessibility of the area.
3. Angela Silmon asked if the sign could feature more amenities and serve as a "wayfinding sign."

B. Board Comment

1. Brer emphasized the need to be ADA compliant in placement of signs.

Matt moved to support the signs, Zach 2nd, motion passed unanimously (15/0/0).

Soheil noticed the next meeting for June 4, 2019, 6:00p.m. at the Joyce Beers Community Center & the Ad Hoc Operations/Outreach Committee: May 20, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Mission

Bob moved to adjourn, Zach 2nd, approved by acclamation at 8:05pm.