



# UPTOWN PLANNERS

Community Planning Group Meeting  
March 1, 2022

**\*\*\*FINAL MINUTES\*\*\***  
**APPROVED 5/3/22**

Meeting Location:

Joyce Beers Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street, Hillcrest

Uptown Planners board members present:

Helen Rowe Allen, Steve Cline, Chris Cole, Roy Dahl, Gail Friedt, Tom Mullaney, Mary McKenzie, Matt Medeiros, Mat Wahlstrom

Uptown Planners board members absent:

Mary Brown, Michael Brennan, Clint Daniels, Brer Marsh, Stu McGraw, Lu Rehling, Bill Smith

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The March 1, 2022 Uptown Planners monthly meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Uptown Planners Chair Tom Mullaney.

The Chair announced that the primary purpose of the meeting was to oversee the final day of the annual election of board members, and announce the results.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Those present, absent indicated above.

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chair presented the March 1, 2022 meeting agenda for adoption and asked the board to consider an amendment to the agenda as follows:

Should Uptown Planners board and committee meetings return to in-person attendance at Joyce Beers Community Center or some other location, or should they continue to be held on zoom?

Roy Dahl moved adoption of the March 1 meeting agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Chris Cole and passed unanimously.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No meeting minutes were presented for approval.

board meeting and would conclude at 7:30pm. Votes from the entire 3 day voting cycle would be counted beginning at 7:00pm and the total vote count and the names of the three winning candidates would be announced between 8:00-8:30pm.

## II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. STEVE CLINE, Chairperson, Election Committee

The Committee Chair reported that voting was being held concurrently with the meeting.

### 2. SHANNON MULDERIG, Senior Planner, Project Manager for Plan Hillcrest, City Planning Department. ONLINE ENGAGEMENT TOOL

The launch of an Online Engagement Tool for the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment will be available next week for anyone who wishes to participate. The online engagement tool (survey) ends Thursday, March 31, 2022. (This was later extended to midnight on April 11).

## III. REPRESENTATIVES

### **DAVID MIER, Representative for Community Relations, UC San Diego.**

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, UC San Diego Hillcrest Redevelopment

The UCSD redevelopment features new facilities, amenities and expanded patient care. Upcoming is the road closure of Bachman Place between Hotel Circle South and Montecito Way. It is anticipated that Bachman Place will be closed for at least 22 months beginning Monday, April 4, 2022.

Expect an increase in demolition, excavation and new construction. To date, one parking structure has been demolished. One parking structure remains open for employees and patients only. Pedestrian through-traffic is strongly discouraged. Notification of this update will be mailed to 3,500 nearby residents and businesses.

Attempts to notify the unhoused population living in adjacent canyons will be made. Mr. Mier asked that questions, comments, concerns, or complaints be directed to: Barbara Anderson, UCSD Project Manager, 858-967-6464 or baanderson@ucs

### **ABBEY REUTER, Community Representative, Supervisor Nathan Fletcher.**

District 4 Supervisor Nathan Fletcher was elected to a second term as Chairperson of the 2022 San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

The County Board of Supervisors and the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) have made 9 surplus properties, totaling 13 acres of real estate, available for development as affordable housing.

The County Board of Supervisors appropriated \$3,875,000 in state funding for a Micro-business Grant program for 1550 micro-businesses through the County, found at: San Diego [county.gov/microbusinessgrant.html](https://www.sandiego.gov/microbusinessgrant.html)

A search to fill the position of Interim San Diego County Sheriff is underway. Sheriff Bill Gore announced his retirement effective February 3, 2022.

Supervisor Fletcher's 3 Year Impact Report 2019-2021 regarding Making a Difference in People's Lives, Improving Communities and Building A Better Future can be found at: [nathan.fletcher@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:nathan.fletcher@sdcounty.ca.gov)

#### **IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was offered.

#### **INFORMATION ITEM**

##### **FUTURE BOARD, COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Chair called for a general discussion regarding the format and venue of future meetings. Some board members preferred in-person meetings. Some preferred to continue on zoom. The advantages of each were reviewed along with a suggestion that a hybrid of the two, in person and zoom, should be considered. Ian Epley, in public comment, commented that the Mission Hills/Hillcrest-Knox Public Library was equipped to accommodate a hybrid in person and zoom format. After further discussion, it was concluded by the board members present that a hybrid meeting format at the Mission Hills/Hillcrest library would be suitable and should be a subject for consideration as an action item at the next publicly noticed board meeting.

#### **V. TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT**

The chair announced temporary adjournment of the board meeting to reconvene at 8:00pm.

#### **VI. ELECTION RESULTS**

At 7:55pm, the Board Chair called the meeting back in session and at 8:00pm, asked the Election Committee Chair Steve Cline to announce the voting results of the 2022 board election:

Total Votes Counted: 925 (2021 total votes: 1018)

Candidate Vote Count:

Tony Silvia, 553  
Patty Ducey-Brooks, 551  
Matthew Brown, 546  
  
Oscar Tavera, 372  
Caiti Borruso, 369  
Michael Donovan, 368

Chairperson Tom Mullaney recognized all the candidates and congratulated the winners, Tony Silvia, Patty Ducey-Brooks and Matthew Brown.

The Chair announced that effective April 4, terms of office expire for 3 board members: Bob Daniel, Bill Smith and Tom Mullaney. The board members present thanked them for their service. The winning candidates will take office at the next scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair called for adjournment, motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10pm.

**ACTING SECRETARY: Helen Rowe Allen**