

UPTOWN COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING

April 5, 2022

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: Helen Rowe Allen, Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Stephen Cline, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Gail Friedt, Brer Marsh, Stuart McGraw, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia, Mat Wahlstrom
Absent: Michael Brennan, Clint Daniels, Matt Medeiros

I. Call to Order (Stu McGrath, Vice Chair)

1. Introduction of three new board members. Matthew Brown, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Tony Silvia
2. Adoption of Agenda

Mat Wahlstrom moves to place Action Item #3, Stop sign installation, to top of action agenda. Tony Silvia seconds. In favor: Unanimous.

Mat Wahlstrom moves to adopt agenda as amended. Chris Cole seconds. In favor: Unanimous. Non-voting Chair abstained.

II. Election of Officers

1. Motion to elect Mat Wahlstrom as Uptown Planners Chair by Helen Rowe Allen.
2nd: Mary Brown

Nomination of Roy Dahl as Uptown Planners Chair by Stu McGraw. 2nd: Gail Friedt.
(Board member Mary McKenzie arrives at meeting.)

Roy Dahl expresses his support for Mat Wahlstrom as Chair.

Helen calls the question. In favor of electing Mat Wahlstrom as Chair: Tony Silvia, Helen Rowe Allen, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Matt Brown, Mat Wahlstrom, Mary Brown, Lu Rehling, Mary McKenzie, Chris Cole. Against: Stephen Cline, Gail Friedt, Brer Marsh.

Passed: 9-3-1. Non-voting Chair Abstained.

Mat Wahlstrom assumes Chair position.

2. Mat Wahlstrom nominates Stu McGraw as Vice Chair. 2nd: Helen Rowe Allen. In favor: Unanimous. Non-voting Chair Abstained.

3. Mat Wahlstrom nominates Mary Brown as Treasurer. 2nd: Roy Dahl.
In favor: Unanimous. Non-voting Chair Abstained.

4. Mat Wahlstrom nominates Mary McKenzie as Secretary. 2nd: Mary Brown.

In favor: Unanimous. Non-voting Chair Abstained.

III. Reports

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Jan. 24, Feb. 1, Mar. 1.

Helen Rowe Allen moves that approval of these minutes be delayed until the May 3 meeting because they were not posted in a timely fashion. Further, Allen asks to be noted as acting secretary for the March 1 meeting. Bylaws do not specify timeline for posting drafts of minutes.

Motion carries, 11-1-1. Lu Rehling opposed. Non-voting Chair Abstained.

2. Treasurer's report. Mary Brown. UP balance: \$150.65. Reimburse Blue Yeti \$107.74

3. Committee report. CPC. Helen Rowe Allen.

The Community Planners Committee, the citywide committee described by the San Diego Planning Department as "The CPC keeps communities in communication". CPC includes all 42 community planning groups, 1 representative from each group. At CPC's March 22 general meeting, Uptown Planners was represented by Tom Mullaney; Helen Rowe Allen also attended.

Regarding BUILD BETTER SD. Planning Department project team members presented a slide show and comment regarding Mayor Todd Gloria's proposed Build Better SD citywide initiative to give what he describes as "prioritized investment" in those neighborhoods the Mayor identifies as "underserved." In response to the Mayor's proposal, CPC asked the Planning Department for more information. It tabled further consideration of BuildBetterSD to CPC's next general meeting Tuesday, April 26.

CPC discussed D1 Councilmember Joe LaCava's proposal to, in the Councilmember's words, "reform San Diego's CPGs." CPC reviewed, commented on and explored various possible outcomes if the LaCava CPG revisions were adopted by the City Council as written. Revisions were suggested.

CPC Chair Wally Wulfeck announced his resignation, stating that he was "termed out."

4. Committee report. Operations & Outreach. Lu Rehling. Hybrid meeting investigation. Discussion followed.

5. Committee report. Ad Hoc Election Committee. Steve Cline. Final report.

There were 925 votes cast. Cline: It serves the Board to increase outreach. Utilizing the library undoubtedly increased number of voters. Steve urged the BOD to continue exploring different options, including electronic, to increase voter turnout. Lu: it's an ad hoc committee but doesn't necessarily need to wait until December to be reconstituted. Roy advises putting further discussion on the agenda for next month.

IV. Representatives of Elected Officials.

1. Mayor Todd Gloria. Mary McKenzie reads a report submitted by Kohta Zaiser, deputy director of community engagement. Report attached to these minutes.
2. David Mier. UCSD Medical Center. Update: Bachman Place closure.

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Sharon Gehl: The City's current plans are good for the Climate.

VI. Action Item. Appointment of Committee Chairs (at Chair's discretion)

1. Plan Hillcrest Roy Dahl approved as Chair, unanimously.
2. Design Review. Brer Marsh approved, with Lu Rehling opposed. Brer abstained.
3. Historic Resources. Patty Ducey-Brooks, approved unanimously with Patty Ducey-Brooks abstaining.
4. Public Facilities. Stu McGraw, approved unanimously.
5. Operations & Outreach. Lu Rehling, approved unanimously.
6. Ad Hoc election committee will be on May's agenda.

VII. Action Items. Projects.

1. Stop Sign Installation, 5th and Redwood. Proposal to the City. Michael Meacham. Meacham requests a letter of support to update the proposal.

Lu Rehling moves to support. 2nd: Steve Cline seconds. Unanimous in favor. Non-voting Chair Abstained.

2. Dish Wireless. Deca Condos. Modifications to existing facility. 3740 Park Blvd. Project number 699012. Kerrigan Diehl.

Roy Dahl moves to approve. 2nd: Lu Rehling. Approved unanimously. Non-voting Chair Abstained.

3. ATT Wireless. Casa Grande. Modifications to existing facility. 1751 University Ave. Project number 699072. Christine Strileckis.

Lu Rehling moved to approve. 2nd: Steve Cline. Approved unanimously. Non-voting Chair Abstained.

VIII. Action Items. Planned committee meetings

1. Plan Hillcrest. Scheduled for April 21 on Zoom.
2. Design Review. Discussion followed about the role of the Design Review Committee, whether to be proactive and seek out projects or to wait to be given the relevant documents.

Brer Marsh resigns as Design Review Committee Chair.

Patty Ducey-Brooks is selected as the new Chair. Approved: 8-3-2 with Chris Cole, Gail Friedt, Steve Cline opposed. Patty Ducey-Brooks abstains. Non-voting Chair Abstained.

IX. Confirmation of next monthly meeting. May 3, 2022.

In person at the Joyce Beers Community Center

X. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. McKenzie
Secretary