

Uptown Community Planning Group Meeting
September 6, 2022

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In attendance: Mary Brown (Until 7:30 PM), Matthew Brown, Stephen Cline, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Gail Friedt, Brer Marsh, Stuart McGraw, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia, Mat Wahlstrom

I. Parliamentary Items/Reports

A. Introductions/Roll Call

B. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order

1. Correction: Mike Bone presenting Action Item 1
2. Typo: Street Address 842 Washington St. for Item 3
3. Typo: Karen Ruggels, not Ruggles.
4. Correction: Ad Hoc Plan Hillcrest meeting moved from September 15th to September 29th
5. Historic Designation & Design Review moved up to non-agenda public comment to accommodate Mary Brown's Schedule
6. Motion to Approve Agenda by Christopher Cole
 - a) Tony Silvia seconds the motion
 - b) Yays: Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Gail Friedt, Brer Marsh, Stuart McGraw, Tony Silvia
 - c) Nays: Lu Rehling
 - d) Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom

C. Approval of Minutes (August 2nd)

1. August 2, 2022 Minutes
 - a) Mary McKenzie motions to table approval until next meeting
 - b) Christopher Cole seconds

D. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer Mary Brown Reports
 - a) All checks received from city have been deposited
 - b) All checks paying out expenses for Uptown Planners have cleared
 - c) New Balance: \$150.65

E. Chair's/CPC Report

1. IB620 - Covers which items are sent to Uptown Planners
2. Explanation of vote options: Move to Approve As-Is, Move to Deny, Move to Approve w/ recommendations, Move to Approve w/ Conditions
3. New stop sign at corners of Ingalls Street and W. Montecito Way
4. CPG Reform - Docketed for City Council on September 13th. Agenda not available at this time.
 - a) Lu Rehling could not find a link to what the CPG reform is and would like guidance. Also wants clarification on what the chair would like posted to the website.
 - b) Mat Wahlstrom provided clarification on the matter.

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- A. Roger Lewis, President of San Diego Commons, would like community support and an agenda spot next month to discuss ‘reconnecting communities grant.’
- B. Clifford Wiler would like to address Benny Cartwright regarding ‘Reasonable Density.’ We are running out of water, parking, and electricity. Encourage public officials that they represent the public, not the people moving in in the future.
- C. Don Liddell did not see meeting minutes. Has heard rumblings of Olive Street Park. After some technical difficulties, Don announced that he would like to hear from the developers of 301 Spruce St. Finally, Don would like an update on the upcoming election of Uptown Planners.
- D. Lu Rehling is frustrated that consent items from Historic Designation have not been included on agenda. Would like to see a policy regarding the inclusion of subcommittee approved motions as consent items on meeting agenda.
 - 1. Mat Wahlstrom did consult with chair committees about putting these motions on the agenda. It was determined that they would not be included on the agenda. Suggests Lu is not satisfied with Mat’s decisions.
 - 2. Lu calls for Point of Order to Mat’s comments.
 - 3. Christopher Cole sat in on committee meetings. Developers have been kind enough to sit in on meetings and should be placed in consent agenda to present their projects.
- E. Mary Brown presenting Design review and Historic Designation on behalf of Patty Ducey-Brooks (Absent)
 - 1. Design Review
 - a) Sean De La Lat project on 3585 India St. Street Vacation for side street. Not enough information for a recommendation from committee. Provided with a list of items needed before board recommendation.
 - 2. Historic Designation
 - a) Home owner planning to increase size of home located in Marston Hills. Will keep front of home for Historic Designation qualification. Committee has requested more information before suggesting letter of recommendation from the board.
 - b) Park Blvd Residential Historic District has been an ongoing cause. Would like the area designated as Historic District. Patty has reached out to Development Services who plans on getting to this eventually. Committee wants letter of recommendation from board to make area a historic district.

III. Representatives of Elected Officials, Agencies, and Institutions

- A. Benny Cartwright, Representative of Counsel member Whitburn
 - 1. Olive Street park should commence this winter. Legal hurdles have cleared. Park will include AIDS memorial.
 - 2. Addressed Clifford’s concerns regarding density. Counsel Member Whitburn supports more affordable housing and is doing more for homelessness. He does not want massive tower housing or apartments in single family areas. Believes in ADU’s and more housing. Counsel member Whitburn is open to coming to Uptown Planners Meeting personally.
 - 3. Budget Season is here. Survey: What do we want in next years budget? (Link Below)
 - 4. Thanks for listening everyone and I appreciate all your input! The District 3 Budget Survey is here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRxxsRX7xBq_nG0fgSXznkbkenyTcPLocejR6mwRVclUXFwg/viewform

5. Contact me anytime at bcartwright@sandiego.gov or 619-510-6883.
 - a) Clifford Wiler is not against homeless but adding ADU's and knocking down landmark buildings won't solve the issue. Wants to know is anybody looking at strain on water and infrastructure? Believes small units are untenable. Finally, quotes: Once you identify problem, spend 10% on problem and 90 % on solution.
 - b) Lu Rehling asked about reports on counsel member Whitburn's expectation on Build Better San Diego. Mentions that it would be better to know about the survey in August for more public input.
 - c) Mary Brown followed up about former Mission Hills library. How long after historic designation challenge is the deadline?
 - d) Gail Friedt mentions that speakers should be careful addressing 200 sq ft apartments as they are homes for people.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. None Scheduled.

V. Action Items

- A. Request for Letter of Support for 2022 San Diego Heart & Stroke Walk - Mike Bone
 1. September 17th, 2022 in Balboa Park/Banks Hill
 2. Thank you for the support. -
https://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=7025&pg=informational&type=fr_informational&sid=1020
 - a) Christopher Cole motions to Approve for letter of support
 - b) Lu Rehling seconds the motion
 - c) Yays: Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Stephen Cline, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Gail Friedt, Brer Marsh, Stuart McGraw, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia
 - d) Nays: None
 - e) Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom
 - f) Motion Passes
- B. Request for Letter of Support for 19th Annual Race for Autism - Sharon Leon
 1. April 1st, 2023 in Balboa Park/Bankers Hill
 2. Thank you to all of you for your support of the Race for Autism!
www.raceforautism.org and www.NFAR.org
 - a) Christopher Cole asked if it's too later to change the date. Concerned about event on April fools Date.
 - b) Mary McKenzie confirmed if the event is handicap accessible.
 - c) Christopher Cole motions to approve letter of recommendation
 - d) Lu Rehling seconds the motion
 - e) Yays: Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Gail Friedt, Brer Marsh, Stuart McGraw, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia
 - f) Nays: None
 - g) Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom
 - h) Motion Passes
- C. AT&T Modification - SD0524 - Christine Strileckis

1. Requests to renew entitlements under Site Development Permit at 824 Washington St.
 - a) Matthew Brown motions to Approve As-Is
 - b) Christopher Cole seconds the motion
 - c) Yays: Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Stephen Cline, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Gail Friedt, Brer Marsh, Stuart McGraw, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia
 - d) Nays: None
 - e) Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom
 - f) Motion Passes
- D. SRM Hillcrest - Karen Ruggles & Brittany Ruggels-Wallace
 1. Provided new renderings. Discussed updates to increase in Bicycle and Automobile parking, as well as safety.
 - a) Carol Emerick has questions about rate of affordable unit and rate ranges for other units. Can workers in area afford this building? Is there any solar electricity?
 - b) Matt S. Supports more bicycle parking. Disappointed that automobile parking increased. Asked if there is E-Bike vertical Parking.
 - c) Nevo Madnezi reiterates Matt S' comments.
 - d) Michael Donovan asks if natural gas will continue.
 - e) Lilly Irani reiterates comments around affordability.
 - f) Brittany Ruggels responds that affordable rates are based on family and unit size. There is no plans for solar at this time, though they would like to move away from natural gas. Brittany confirms that E-Bikes will not be on racks and the possibility of two-wheel E-Bike parking.
 - g) Paul Anderson wants to move away from natural gas.
 - h) Brer Marsh states that the updated renderings are great. Would like information about any response from CalTrans and the signal at the intersection of 8th Ave. and Washington St. Motions to approve as-is.
 - i) Karen stated that CalTrans commented and that these comments were addressed.
 - j) Brer Marsh recommends pedestrian bump outs
 - k) Lu Rehling is disappointed in the lack of solar. Wants to address affordability and the affordability matrix that was shown. Lu would like to see the developers to do more with affordability than is currently been done.
 - l) Brittany confirms that the affordability is based on the zoning, not the actual building density.
 - m) Roy appreciates the increase in automobile parking.
 - n) Mary McKenzie asked how tall the building is. Comments that electric is not clean at all and is detrimental given the production process. Doesn't understand the benefits of electric bicycles.
 - o) Brittany states that the highest building is 192 ft. Also states that electric bikes increase mobility.
 - p) Matthew Brown expresses gratitude for the inclusion of security on-site and for the increase in vehicle parking.
 - q) Gail Friedt states that E-Bike help riders get further.
 - r) Brer Marsh states that parking boosts costs.
 - s) Lu Rehling states that costs did not change when automobile parking was increased. Also asks what the motion on the floor is.
 - t) Brer Marsh states it is a motion to approve.

- u) Roy Dahl seconds the motion.
- v) Mat Wahlstrom mentions that the city provided information at 3pm on the afternoon of this meeting. Concerned with page 15 of report which does not include cleared affordable housing permit conditions. Also, solar is a missed opportunity. Urges that they consider raising the number of affordable housing units.
- w) Brer Marsh motions to approve as-is
- x) Roy Dahl seconds the motion
- y) Lu Rehling states that we should not approve this project due to a lack of information and it does not reflect the communities interests.
- z) Christopher is concerned that there are still changes and that we may be premature in supporting something that is in flux.
- aa) Mat Wahlstrom agrees with Lu and Christopher.
- bb) Yays: Matthew Brown, Stephen Cline, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Gail Friedt, Brer Marsh, Stuart McGraw, Tony Silvia
- cc) Nays: Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling
- dd) Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom

VI. Information Items

- A. None Scheduled.

VII. Administrative Action Items

- A. Ad Hoc Election
 - 1. Mary McKenzie announces committee members: Stu, Mary Brown, Chris Cole, and Matthew Brown. Arranged for meeting on September 17th.
- B. Ad Hoc Plan Hillcrest
 - 1. Roy Dahl announces that the meeting is delayed in hopes of having an in-person meeting. This meeting will be a workshop environment.
- C. Operations & Outreach
 - 1. Will address changes to CPG's once the city announces the changes.
- D. Public Facilities
 - 1. No updates. Will schedule a meeting in early October.
- E. Balboa Park Committee
 - 1. This month's meeting was cancelled. Rescheduled for October 6th.
 - 2. Committee approved bike and bus lanes for area. City is planning to present final design on October 6th.

VIII. Confirmation of Next Monthly Meeting

- A. October 4th, 2022

IX. Adjournment