

I. Call to Order 6:05 p.m.

1. Introductions: [Members present] Bob Daniel, Bill Ellig, Roy Dahl, Michael Brennan, Soheil Nakhshab, Brer Marsh, Clint Daniels, Matt Medieros, Steve Cline, Tom Mullaney, Stewart McGraw, Gail Friedt, Bill Smith, Amie Hayes, Tim Gahagan
2. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order motion by Bill Ellig/ Clint Daniel, passed by voice vote
3. Approval of November Minutes Public comment: Sol Shumer requests that page numbers be added to future minutes. Michael Prinze recommends that subcommittee motions be included in future board meeting minutes. Minutes approved by voice vote.
4. Treasurer's Report: No activity, present account balance remains \$150.56
5. Chair/Community Planning Chair Report: Chair reports that Brer Marsh was qualified to run in the board election as a designee of Meshugga Shack. His membership status remains unchanged. Matt Medeiros states he attended the monthly CPC meeting and reports two items. 1) Item regarding cannabis sales was discussed regarding distance from schools/ churches 2) Proposed bylaws updates were discussed for community planning groups. The Land Use and Housing Committee will be meeting this week at City Hall to advance these updates.

II. Subcommittee Reports

1. **Ad Hoc Operations/Outreach** – Matt reports that traffic counts on our Uptown Planners website has been significant. He asks for the board to consider a document drop down tab for easier navigation. He also asks for any tech savvy interested members to step forward if they would like to help manage the website.
2. **Design Sub-Committee** – Brer Marsh reports that their committee met this month and will discuss their items later in the agenda.
3. **Public Facilities** – Clint Daniels reports they met this month and will have items later on in the agenda.

III. Public Communication

Non-Agenda Public Comment; Speakers are required to fill out a public comment form and submit it to the Secretary at the start of the meeting. Commenters have one chance to speak and are limited to two minutes. Bill Ellig: States that he has a petition for Richard Berrera to run for office and will leave that for signatures in the back of the room.

Chris Cole – Uptown Planners Airport representative: States that an environmental impact report is available on san.org for existing fuel tank farm to be increased in size.

Carol Emerick: Speaks about the Ocean discovery center in City Heights. Recognizes the passing of Michael Tylacker, landscape architect with KTUA. Reports that arbor Day Foundation is offering free trees to residents. Encourages the public to attend our public facilities meetings.

Lou Railing: Reports that Richmond street between Pennsylvania and Myrtle has been provided with a new sidewalk and bike path and is a great improvement to the neighborhood.

Sharon Gehl: Encourages public to run for the next election

Stewart McGraw: Recognizes the University Heights neighborhood group for decorating the Washington Street Bridge with holiday lights.

Bill Ellig: Recognizes Clint Daniels and Brer March for their effective leadership of their respective committees.

IV. Representatives of Elected Officials

Jawad Albagdadi: Speaks about the office of Susan Davis and her activities in the last month.

V. Consent Agenda 6:45 p.m. Motion to approve by Mat Medieros / Clint Daniels, carried unanimously

1. **[ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT] Project Review - 3849 Eagle Street, Street Vacation #645083:** This project was discussed at the Design Review Subcommittee meeting on November 21 and minutes were provided to the public prior to this meeting. This project has been recommended for approval. Brer introduces the item and states this vacation request is the result of a title error with the City who has a paper street on the area in question. This is primarily a legal issue with

Public Comment

Jennifer Thomas: States that this land is not a street, it is a cemented driveway area. Concern with the motivation of what is planned for the property.

Sylvia Barragan: Neighbor across the street, confused as to why this issue is being pursued and brings up the money being spent on this vacation.

Jules Borack: Neighbor across the street. Describes a wall and is curious as to whom owns the wall in question.

Carol Emerick: The property owner has paid additional funds to the City in this process.

Medeiros / Cline motion to advance the committee's recommendation of approval. Motion carries unanimously.

- 2. Project Review – 3563-3565 7th Ave, Burnham Carriage House CUP Amendment #641134:** This project was discussed at the Design Review Subcommittee meeting on November 21 and minutes were provided to the public prior to this meeting. The project has been recommended for approval.

VI. Action Items 6:50 p.m.

- 1. Maple Canyon Project:** Construction of Maple Canyon Restoration - Phase I consists of the replacement of sixteen U6L storm drain systems throughout Bankers Hill that outfall into Maple Canyon and includes the construction of a new storm drain system within Maple Street between State Street and the downstream end of Maple Canyon. Storm drain sizes vary between 18", 24", 30", 36", 42", and 48". Construction also includes storm drain inlets, cleanouts, energy dissipators, trench resurfacing, pavement resurfacing, curb ramps, sidewalk, curb and gutter, retaining wall, street repair, revegetation, access road improvements, streambed restoration, and all other work and appurtenances in accordance with these specifications and drawings numbered 38321-01-D through 38321-93-D.

Public Comment

Mat Wahlstrom: States that the plan has significantly improved since the earlier designs for the project. Is encouraged to see the project move forward.

Eric Bowlbi (San Diego Canyonlands): He is proud to see their concepts incorporated into the project. States they would like to work with the City on some items that were not included. They would like to create a toolkit for Maple Canyon to replicate in other canyons including a CEQA exemption. Advocates for a 5-year management for a successful re-vegetation establishment. Advocates that engineered 'elbow' clean outs be revised and removed as much as possible in the plan.

Carol Emerick: Asks if this is a prototype for other canyons [Answer, no]. Questions the concrete structures and the need to have them in the project. [Answer, Black Mountain Ranch has similar drainage outlets to this project]. Asks for the width of the accessways [Answer, 8 feet]. Asks whether they are working with the various parks along the canyon [Answer, yes and they have eliminated additional outfall structures going into the canyon]. Has concern over lowest bidder selection and potential lowering of biological goals for the canyon. Concerns over contractors and quality of work [Answer, it is the lowest responsible bid that is awarded the project and contractors will be held to specific measurable performance standards].

Clay Tschudy (San Diego Canyonlands): Asks that the board wait to make a recommendation on this project until the CEQA report is issued. He is invested in making sure that this project is successful.

Roy McMakin: Nearby property owner. He advocates that time is of the essence, appreciates the work the City has done to consolidate this project into one integrated process. He is eager to see the project move forward.

Board Comment:

Roy Dahl: Asks San Diego Canyonlands whether they receive grants or donations [Answer, yes].

Amie Hayes: Asks about the grading and soil disturbance and advocates for a 5-year maintenance plan for habitat restoration [Answer, grading is related to erosion repair, not re-grading of the entire canyon. They are required to minimize the area of disturbance for the project. Typically, revegetation establishment periods are 90-days and this project has a significantly extended 25-month revegetation establishment period. Success criteria must be achieved and approved by the project biologist].

Bill Smith: Mentions a stormwater problem in University Heights and asks whether the City is responsible [Answer taken offline].

Tom Mullaney: Appreciative of San Diego Canyonlands. Supportive of the project subject to the City

returning to the board after CEQA report is issued.

Gail Freidt: Supportive

Clint Daniels: Supportive, would like to see the item after CEQA. Wants to see the design solution be more natural and take the time it needs to establish.

Brer Marsh: Asks about the area that new infrastructure will take within the canyon [Answer, they can follow up with this information]. Asks about mitigation for construction [Answer, this project is considered rehabilitation without negative impact]. Would like to see the applicant after CEQA report is issued.

Brennan: Supportive. Advocates for vegetation management longer than 25-months and a more natural stabilized stream bed without concrete drop structures.

Roy Dahl: Supportive of the project moving forward subject to coordination between San Diego Canyonlands and the City.

Bob Daniel: Supportive of the project.

Board Motion

Dahl / Medeiros: Motion to approve the Maple Canyon restoration project phase 1 and 2 as presented to the board.

Motion carries 10 / 2 / 3

2. In favor: Bob Daniel, Bill Ellig, Roy Dahl, Michael Brennan, Matt Medieros, Steve Cline, Stewart McGraw, Gail Friedt, Bill Smith, Amie Hayes]

Against: Mullaney and Gahagan

Abstentions: Marsh, Clint Daniels and Chair

3. **Hillcrest-Focused Plan Amendment Subcommittee:** Michael Prinze has suggested that Uptown Planners form a specific subcommittee to address the Hillcrest-Focused Plan Amendment. We will decide whether we feel this is a good option and appoint board members as necessary. We will also discuss committee size, how it will be handled, number of meetings, etc. Michael Prinze presents the item and suggests that a subcommittee should be established.

Public Comment

Mat Wahlstrom: Unsure whether to be in support or against this item. The discussion at the last meeting did not establish board members or public members for a subcommittee on this item.

Patrick Santana: Would like to see the community have as large an engagement and outreach opportunity as possible for this process.

Amie Hayes: Would support an ad hoc subcommittee on this topic.

Tom Mullaney: During the Community Plan Update the entire board was included in the process. States that the City did not incorporate public feedback with the recent Morena plan and warns against that in our update process.

Matt Medieros: Supports a sub-group working on this issue.

Clint Daniels: Appreciates the City reaching out to our board on this item. Supportive of a subcommittee on this topic.

Brer Marsh: Suggests that this subcommittee should consist at a minimum of board members who live in Hillcrest. Suggests a quarterly all-board update from the subcommittee.

Brennan: Supportive of a subcommittee.

Dahl: Supports a committee of the entire board.

Bill Ellig: Supportive of a committee of the entire board. Suggests that the entirety of the community plan should be updated after this process is completed.

Bob Daniel: Supportive of a focused subcommittee to handle this topic.

Nahkshab: Agrees that a subcommittee would be most efficient and that any decisions of the subcommittee would come before the entire board.

Board motion: Clint Daniel / Medeiros - Establish a subcommittee of eight members of the board; three of

which will be standing committee chairs recognized as Amie Hayes, Clint Daniels and Brer Marsh; the other 5 will be selected at the discretion of the Chair and the Chair shall serve as an ex-officio member.

Motion carries 11 / 3 / 1

In favor: Bob Daniel, Bill Ellig, Michael Brennan, Brer Marsh, Clint Daniels, Matt Medieros, Steve Cline, Gail Friedt, Bill Smith, Amie Hayes, Tim Gahagan

Against: Dahl, Mullaney, McGraw

Abstentions: Chair

Ellig offered friendly amendment [not adopted]: Every 3 months committee shall present to full board.

Mullaney offered friendly amendment [not adopted]: The subcommittee shall include a balance of new members and those who participated in the community plan update process.

Roy Dahl asks how many board members are interested in serving on the board, nearly all members expressed interest by raising their hand.

Separate motion: Mullaney / Ellig: Recommend that Chair provide a balance of members that were involved in the community planning update of 2016 and new members to the board.

Motion carries 7 / 6 / 1

In favor: Bob Daniel, Bill Ellig, Roy Dahl, Tom Mullaney, Stewart McGraw, Amie Hayes, Tim Gahagan

Against: Brennan, Marsh, Matt, Clint Daniels, Gail Friedt, Bill Smith

Abstentions: Steve Cline and Chair

Separate motion: Gail Friedt/Roy Dahl: Hillcrest residents shall be given priority to serve on the subcommittee. Motion carries unanimously. 13 / 0 / 1 Chair abstains.

Tom Mullaney is nominated by the Chair to be a standing member of the subcommittee.

Roy Dahl is nominated by the Chair to serve as Chair of the subcommittee.

- 4. Subcommittee Members:** Based on our discussions at the November Uptown Planners meeting, we will elaborate by formally recognizing board members that attend specific subcommittee meetings as official members of their respective subcommittees.

Board Discussion:

Mullaney motion (no second): Each subcommittee should consist of 3 members of the board, additional members may attend and vote up to 8 members at large.

Brer substitute motion (no second). Subcommittees shall consist of up to 5 board members and members of the public would have minority.

Ellig motion (no second): Subcommittee membership rules should remain unchanged.

Public Comment:

Mat Wahlstrom: Suggest the board should keep subcommittees as they are, or decide whether to include non-board members to be on subcommittees.

Ian Epley: Subcommittees should consist of a reasonable number of members so that a quorum is not difficult to meet.

Lou Railing: Reads what our bylaws state on this topic.

Board Comment:

Motion by Marsh/Friedt: Subcommittees shall have standing board members, voting members, members of the public can be standing members.

Substitute motion by Mullaney/Ellig: Subcommittees shall only consist of standing board members, members of public can attend but will not have a vote.

Motion carries 7 / 6 / 2

In Favor: Bill Ellig, Roy Dahl, Tom Mullaney, Stewart McGraw, Bill Smith, Amie Hayes, Tim Gahagan

Against: Michael Brennan, Gail Friedt, Steve Cline, Matt Medeiros, Clint Daniels, Brer Marsh

Abstentions: Bob Daniel and Chair

5. **Non-member Subcommittee Appointments [Removed by action item above]:** Patrick Santana has been recommended for appointment to the Design Review Committee. We will discuss and vote on this appointment.

VII. Information Items

VIII. Letters of Support 7:50 p.m.

1. **Letter of Support: SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan and Uptown Streetcar (Action):** At its October 25, 2019 meeting, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved the updated 2019 Regional Transportation Plan (Item 14). This plan includes the development, construction, and implementation of streetcars within the Uptown neighborhood by 2025. The Public Facilities Committee recommended offering a letter of support for the project including supporting planning, environmental, and design work in the SANDAG 2021 annual budget.

Public Comment:

Lou Railing: Supportive

Board Discussion:

Clint Daneils: Supportive

Tom Mullaney: States the cost for this transportation project is prohibitive and there are better alternatives that should be explored.

Motion by Bob Daniel/ Friedt: Motion to approve letter as written.

Motion carries 13 / 1 / 1

In favor: Bob Daniel, Bill Ellig, Roy Dahl, Michael Brennan, Brer Marsh, Clint Daniels, Matt Medieros, Steve Cline, Stewart McGraw, Gail Friedt, Bill Smith, Amie Hayes, Tim Gahagan

Against: Tom Mullaney, Chair abstains

Meeting adjourned at 8:53.

