

Uptown Community Planning Group Meeting
February 7th, 2023
Meeting Held on Zoom
Minutes Produced by Matthew Brown

****FINAL****

Approved March 7, 2023

In Attendance: Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Stephen Cline, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Gail Friedt, Stuart McGraw, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia, Mat Wahlstrom

Not in Attendance: Brer Marsh

- I. Parliamentary Items/Reports
 - A. Introductions/Roll Call
 - B. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order
 1. Christopher Cole motions to approve
 2. Patty Ducey-Brooks seconds the motion
 3. All in Favor
 - a) Yeas: Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Stephen Cline, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Gail Friedt, Stuart McGraw, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia
 - b) Nays: None
 - c) Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom
 - C. Approval of Minutes (December 6th, 2022)
 1. Lu requests the addition of location of meeting and writer of minutes.
 2. Secretary accepts requested corrections
 - D. Treasurer's Report
 1. Treasurer Mary Brown Reports
 - a) Bank Balance: \$150.65
 - (1) No income or expenses
 - E. Balboa Park Committee Report
 1. Chair not present to provide update.
 - F. Airport Noise
 1. No updates at this time
 - G. Chair's/CPC Report
 1. 301 Spruce has a new project manager as of January 2023 named Robin McCartee, 619-687-5942, rmaccartee@sandiego.gov
 2. The board is approaching the timeline for approval of 301 Spruce Street. Due to this, there will be a special meeting for 301 Spruce Street project to be held via zoom on February 21st, 2023 from 6-9pm.
 3. Design review committee received a complaint from last committee meeting. Committee did not allow non-agenda comment at the beginning of the

meeting. Uptown Planners Chair addressed concern and provided guidance to all committee chairs for future meetings.

4. Planning Department Response to G. Friedt, https://uptownplannerssd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Uptown-Planners-Complaint-Evaluation-G-Friedt-1_27_2023.pdf
5. CPC Report: Update on SANDAG 2021 Regional Plan, <https://uptownplannerssd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/1-24-23-CommunityPlannersCommitteePPT.pdf>
6. City Council will vote on proposed sustainable development area overlays on existing transit priority area overlays which will include one mile distance metric to transit on February 14th. Time and Agenda not available at time of this meeting.
7. City attorney has rule that Covid Era exceptions for remote meetings will expire at 11:59pm on February 28th. Moving forward, hybrid and in-person meetings will be required. All board members must meet in-person.

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- A. Michael's Ipad thanked the Uptown Planners for store sign place at 5th and Redwood.
- B. Clifford Weiler asks if developer will show up for 301 Spruce St. special meeting? Also, would like to know if we will have a meeting if the developer does not show up to the meeting.
- C. Mat Wahlstrom states that he has not heard back from developer/applicant as of the time of this meeting. Regardless of applicants attendance, the meeting will happen.
- D. Jason Frye introduces himself as an Uptown Planners candidate and a member of the Hillcrest Town Council. Invites audience to attend Hillcrest Town Council meetings.
- E. Benny Cartwright states that he will no longer be the Uptown council member representative.
- F. Wesley Morgan thanked the board for acknowledging the complaint previously mentioned at Design Review Committee meeting.
- G. Christopher Cole was impressed by public comment at Design Review Committee meeting. Would like for the planning department to attend the special meeting on February 21st, 2023.
- H. Mary McKenzie states that hybrid meetings can be done utilizing a mobile hotspot.

III. Representatives of Elected Officials, Agencies, and Institutions

- A. Christopher Gris; Representative for Assembly Member Chris Ward's office
 1. New district lines took affect in December 2022. Downtown and Little Italy no longer in the district. 11 bills from Assembly member in 2022 signed into law bringing total number of bills to 18. Assembly member received recent promotions and appointments. Christopher.gris@asm.ca.gov
- B. Logan Braydis; Representative for Council Member Whitburn.

1. Council member heading safe sleeping initiative for homeless.
- C. Ivonne Velazquez; Representative with the Airport Authority
 1. Introduced herself as representative; ivelazqu@san.org
- D. David Mier; Representative with UC San Diego
 1. Hosting community open house; dmier@ucsd.edu
- E. Sharon Gehl states that Chris Ward was on the Uptown Planners
- F. Clifford Weiler asks Christopher Gris to summarize the building requirements and restrictions of ADU's
- G. Christopher Gris offers to answer questions via email written above

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. None Scheduled

V. Action Items

A. American Heart Walk

1. Christopher Cole motions to approve the letter of recommendation
2. Matthew Brown seconds motion
3. Yeas: Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Stephen Cline, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Gail Friedt, Stuart McGraw, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia
4. Nays: None
5. Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom

B. San Diego Pride SheFest, Parade and Festival

1. Michael was impressed with pride groups engagement
2. Christopher Cole motions to approve the letter of recommendation.
3. Mary McKenzie seconds the motion
4. All in favor
 - a) Yeas: Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Stephen Cline, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Gail Friedt, Stuart McGraw, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia
 - b) Nays: None
 - c) Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom

C. Parking Changes in University Heights (Metered Parking)

1. Mary McKenzie asks for justification for meters on north side of street.
2. Krystal mentions the south side has rental units while the northern side has a wall and units on that side has off street parking.
3. Lu Rehling asks what the 85% approval number is? Is that actual approval or non-objection. Also, what is the metering and the rate for the metered parking?
4. Krystal states the 85% is regarding the parking study they did. A team went out and measured how long vehicles remained in their parking space. They can then calculate an occupancy rate with this data. Anything above 85% occupancy leads to degradation and difficulty finding parking on the street. They are recommending a maximum of 4 hour parking which can be

purchased in increments under 4 hours. Mid-City parking committee has approved this proposal.

5. Mary Brown is concerned with the loss of residential parking with paid parking.
6. Christopher Cole asks if Krystal's department interacts with planning department.
7. Krystal mentions they do coordinate with planning department.
8. Roy Dahl emphasizes the importance of a healthy business district and parking turn over to support the businesses.
9. Stu McGraw supports the metered parking.
10. Lu Rehling moves in favor of recommendation of paid parking
11. Roy Dahl seconds
12. All in favor
 - a) Yeas: Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Stephen Cline, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Gail Friedt, Stuart McGraw, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia
 - b) Nays: None
 - c) Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom

D. Parking Changes in University Heights (Reverse Angled Parking)

1. Mary Brown asks about the benefits of reverse angled parking.
2. Krystal mentions better visibility when vehicles are pulling out of parking space.
3. Lu Rehling does not understand the meaning of reverse angled parking.
4. Vehicles would back into the angled parking space.
5. Paul Jameson states that reverse angle is much safer for bicyclists and that all roads are bike routes.
6. Mary McKenzie would like to know how many disabled parking spaces there will be.
7. Krystal states that there are requirements for ADA parking. She will get back to Mary about exact number.
8. Christopher Cole asks if there are any complaints of reverse angled parking accidents.
9. Krystal has not heard of any issues or conflicts
10. Patty Ducey-Brooks motions to approve straight on parking and to not accept the recommendation of reverse angled parking.
11. Roy seconds the motion
12. All in favor
 - a) Yeas: Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Christopher Cole, Roy Dahl, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Roy Dahl, Gail Friedt, Stuart McGraw, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia
 - b) Nays: Stephen Cline
 - c) Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom

E. Parking Revenue in University Heights

1. Roy Dahl confirms that the parking is north of El Cajon Blvd.
2. Stu McGraw motions to approve draft resolution as presented

3. Lu Rehling Seconds the motion
4. All in favor
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 - b) Nays: None
 - c) Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom
- F. Determination Regarding Candidates for Election and Potential Candidate Forum
 1. Sharon Gehl states an issue with the service of the remaining year for Helen Rowe-Allens seat.
 2. Clifford Weiler wants to know how candidate names will be listed on the ballot. He prefers they are randomly listed given his last name starts with a 'W.'
 3. Wesley wants to know why the candidate deadline has been moved from February 7th to the end of February.
 4. Board states this is an error on the candidate form and that the bylaws state otherwise.
 5. Allen Edwards does not agree with the ruling.
 6. Mary McKenzie states that the bylaws may be flawed but that is what they state. Mary also states that the applicant name arrangement has not been determined.
 7. Lu Rehling asks about committees recommendation for seat appointments. Also, will there be a candidate slate to present tonight?
 8. Stephen Cline motions to appoint Mat Wahlstrom to serve out Helen's term.
 9. Lu Rehling seconds the motion
 10. Mary McKenzie states that the committee decided to appoint Mat to serve the remainder of Helen's seat. Decision changed after one-on-one conversations with committee members.
 11. Christopher Cole asks about number of applications vs number of upcoming open seats.
 12. Mary McKenzie states there are 8 applicants and 8 openings as of this time of the meeting.
 13. All in favor
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 - b) Nays: None
 - c) Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom
 14. Mat Wahlstrom accepts the appointment and declares that he will not be running for the 2024 election.
 15. Lu motions to approve locations and times of election
 16. Mary Brown seconds the motion
 17. All in favor

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 - b) Nays: None
 - c) Abstains: Mat Wahlstrom
18. Mary McKenzie motions that the board approve a candidate forum substance and location TBD by election committee.
19. Christopher Cole seconds
20. Stephen Cline mentions that a candidate forum may not be necessary given the number of candidates. Recommends candidate statements and videos posted on planners website.
21. Mary McKenzie withdraws her motion.

VI. Information Items

A. Update on Maple Canyon Restoration

- 1. Daniel Yelsits choses to make a presentation on the restoration.

VII. Administrative Action Items

A. Ad Hoc Election

- 1. Meeting Date/Time - TBD

B. Ad Hoc Plan Hillcrest

- 1. No meeting planned

C. Design Review

- 1. No new business.

D. Historic Resources

- 1. No new business.

E. Operations & Outreach

- 1. Have not received new guidelines for CPGs. JPEG attachments required to submit message to planner chair. Still working on resolution, but note regarding JPEG is in place.

F. Public Facilities

- 1. No new business

VIII. Confirmation of Next Monthly Meeting

- A. February 21st, 2023

IX. Adjournment

Supporting materials: <https://uptownplannersd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/230207-Uptown-Planners-Regular-Mtg-SUPPORTING-MATERIALS.pdf>