



UPTOWN PLANNERS

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 4/05/16

Call to order by Michael Brennan at 6:00, Brennan recommends Roy Dahl serve as Chair until Officers are selected, Board consents.

In attendance: Cindy Thorsen, Gary Bonner, Roy Dahl, Ken Tablang, Jennifer Pesquiera, Soheil Nakhshab, Mat Wahlstrom, Bill Ellig, Bob Daniel, Maya Rosas, Jay Newington, Amie Hayes, Michael Brennan, Tom Mullaney (entered at 6:10)

I. Board Meeting: Parliamentary Items/Reports: (6:00 p.m.)

A. Introductions

B. Adoption of the Agenda and Rules of Order

Rosas motions to postpone selection of appointment to fill Kyle Heiskala's vacancy, second by Nahkshab, motion fails 4/7/1 Nahkshab, Brennan, Tablang, Rosas for, Dahl abstains

Tom Mullaney enters meeting at 6:10

Soheil motions to change the order of the agenda by selecting officers first, then appointing a nominee to fill Kyle Hieskala's vacancy. Second by Rosas, motion fails 3/9/1 Rosas, Nahkshab, Brennan for, Roy abstains

Motion to adopt agenda by Daniel, second by Bonner

Motion carries 3/9/1 Rosas, Nahkshab, Brennan against, chair abstains

C. Nominations & Selection – member to fill out Kyle Heiskala's remaining term (3 yrs)

* Notice for this board position was provided on 3/1/2016.

Wahlstrom motions: UP will follow board elections bylaws for attendance requirement to be eligible for appointment. All appointees must have attended 3 previous meetings in the past year. Second by Daniel

Motion carries 10/3/1 Rosas, Nahkshab and Brennan against, Chair abstains

5 potential appointees present including Josh Clark, Leo Wilson, Spencer Caldwell, Behest Mandana, David Lundin

Spencer Caldwell states he has not met the eligibility requirements

Behest Mandana also has not met the eligibility requirements

David Lundin nominated himself.

Josh Clark, David Lundin and Leo Wilson introduce themselves to the board.

Brennan asks to cede his appointment discussion time to Kyle Heiskala so that he may speak to the board about whom he would like to see fill his vacant seat. The Board declines. Brennan motions to suspend rules to allow the public a chance to speak on the matter. Motion fails 4/9/1 Rosas, Nahkshab, Brennan, Tablang for, Chair abstains

Open ballots are cast by all present board members, ballot results in 9 votes for Wilson, 5 votes for Josh Clark

Wilson joins board

D. Election of Officers

1. Chair: Jennifer Pesquiera nominates Leo Wilson, Amie Hayes nominates Tom Mullaney

Tom reports he is not the best to serve as Chair, withdraws his name from consideration but reports he is willing to serve as Vice Chair

Pesquiera's motion to nominate Wilson as Chair carries 10/2/2 against Brennan & Rosas, Amie & Roy abstain

2. Vice Chair

Cindy / Bonner nominate Tom Mullaney as Vice Chair, nomination carries 14/0/1 chair abstains

3. Secretary

Daniel / Dahl nominate Brennan as Secretary, nomination carries 14/0/1 chair abstains

4. Treasurer

Wahlstrom / Thorsen nominate Dahl as Treasurer nomination carries 14/0/1 chair abstains

E. Approval of Minutes – carried to the next meeting

F. Treasurer's Report - Dahl reports we have \$21 after elections expenses and recorder expense

G. Website Report – Wahlstrom reports the website has been updated as per the Brown Act, links to our minutes need to be updated to work with City's new website.

Bob Daniel motions to thank Mat Wahlstrom for his work on maintaining the website, through voice vote the board agrees.

H. Chair/CPC Report

Chair and Vice Chair will attend CPC meetings. Dahl nominates Mullaney for CPC, motion carries 14/0/1, Chair abstains

Wahlsrom motions to expand public comment to 3 minutes, second by Daniel, motion carries 14/0/1 chair abstains

II. Public Communication: Non-Agenda Public Comment; Speakers are encouraged, but not required, to fill out a public comment form, and provide them to the Secretary at the beginning of the meeting. (Time Limit: 3 Minutes)

Jim Frost: Events on 6th Ave and Balboa Park, disruptive to the neighborhood. Asks that the board not approve any events until the City mitigates for use. Asks that the meeting minutes be posted to the website.

Sharon Gehl: Mission Hills Town Council D3 forum will be held April 21st at Francis Parker School. 4th of July community picnic at Pioneer Park at noon.

Ian Epley: The "fix" is in as the Chair has been appointed twice in the past. Appreciates that the election was so well attended.

Leo recommends extending election voting times and having candidate statements on the website. Subcommittee may be useful in amending the elections bylaws.

Alexander: Regrets that the public were not allowed to comment during the appointment process.

Rich Goren: Applauds election turnout, suggests we find a new way of voting that allows full participation in the meeting.

Carol: What is the population of Uptown? It is approximately 36,061 (per Mat Wahlstrom)

III. Representatives of Elected Officials:

Mark Zambon (Susan Davis), Adrianna Martinez (Todd Gloria), Chevelle (Toni Atkins)

IV. Consent Agenda: None

V. Potential Action Items – LETTERS OF SUPPORT: None

VI. Potential Action Items – NON-MAP WAIVERS:

1. FIVE POINTS NEIGHBORHOOD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (Continued to subsequent meeting – applicant not present)

2. PROPOSED TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION FOR MIDDLETOWN – Presentation by Matthew Ramon, resident and Beckie Webster, resident 1) Overview of impact analysis and mitigation measures proposed by City of San Diego and the San Diego Airport Authority 2); How the proposed mitigation measures would affect businesses and residents of Middletown (specifically India Street from Laurel to Sassafras Street); 3) Recommendations from Middletown businesses and residents to modify the existing plans.

Board Motion

Motion by Wahlstrom second by Rosas. Uptown Planners requests that the City and Airport Authority make a presentation to the board about this project. Motion carries 14/0/1, Chair abstains

3. 1826 Washington Place - Presented by Laura DuCharme Conboy, AIA of DuCharme Architecture - Neighborhood Development Permit for the demolition of two existing singledwelling units at 1826 and 1836 Washington Place and the construction of a single dwelling unit totaling 7,274 sf (6,159 sf Habitable Area + 1,115 sf Garage) within the RS-1-1 and RS-1-7 zones. A portion of the site is located on environmentally sensitive lands.

Board Discussion

Thorsen: bulk and scale, does this home fit into the neighborhood?

Daniel: Questions the outstanding City cycle review comments

Brennan: It appears to be site sensitive and an appropriate addition to the neighborhood

Nakhshab: Compliments the design

Mullaney: FAR complies as it is under 50%

Ellig: How many similar lot combinations have been done in that neighborhood? Garage on 2nd story, relation to bulk and scale?

Hayes: Requests identification of MHPA area. One of the two buildings to be demolished is a contributing historic resource.

Rosas: This project is a good example of why we should start a development review committee

Board Motion

Daniel / Dahl motion to approve as presented

Motion carries 10/2/3

For: Newington, Thorsen, Daniel, Brennan, Nakhshab, Mullaney, Ellig, Bonner, Tablang, Dahl

Against: Rosas, Hayes (reasons include 1. Removing two contextual residences and creating one large property that lowers density, and 2. An historic contributing resource will be demolished)

Abstentions: Wahlstrom, Pesquiera, Chair

4. 3740-3750 Third Avenue - Map Waiver for creating Condominium entitlement on a project that is currently under construction - Presentation by Robert Bateman of San Diego Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. - The question for the community planning group is whether they approve or disapprove of a change in ownership from apartments to condominiums on a project that is currently under construction. Total number of units is 12.

Board Motion

Motion to approve by Thorsen / Nakhshab, motion carries 12/2/1 Dahl & Wahlstrom against, Chair abstains

VII. Information Item: (8:00 p.m.)

1. UPTOWN BIKEWAYS PROJECT – presentation by Linda Culp SANDAG, about: The proposed project would provide bikeways on more than 12 miles of existing urban roadways in the City of San Diego, including the Uptown community with connections to Old Town, Mission Valley, Downtown, North Park, and Balboa Park. The purpose of the project is to make it more convenient, attractive, and safe for people who bike and walk by making roadways safer for all users. (Presentation Time Limit: 10 Minutes)

Board Comments

Rosas: The missing critical gap on University should be improved

Dahl: 4th/5th in Hillcrest should have east west mid block connections

Bonner: We need a complete east / west bikeway, missing segments are difficult and need to be dealt with

Ellig: Asks that SANDAG revisit University Ave missing gap, install bike boxes at intersections
Mullaney: A continuous east/west path needs to be implemented. The network with a large missing link is useless as designed.

Nahkshab: Agrees with Tom M. and offers help SANDAG with renderings of the project by his staff.

Brennan: Applauds SANDAG for staying the course through the difficult project. Remarks that overall parking gains associated with the project are seen as a benefit to the community. Requests that landscaping be added to pop outs and suggests that neighborhood groups like the HBA are willing partners to maintain these. The missing gap along University Ave. should be provided with at least with traffic calming and pedestrian improvements in the short term as directed by the SANDAG transportation subcommittee in June 2015.

Wilson: Applauds the fact that parking has been preserved but adds that service vehicles need to be worked out in the design. Pop outs and bus stops need additional work and Washington should be considered for an east / west connection.

Daniel: Questions about Washington west street design

Wahlstrom: Sharrows were a compromise for University Ave. No one at UCSD has been contacted about the bikeway proposed on Bachmann. He recommends SANDAG reach out to UCSD.

Pesquiera: Approves of the 5 Points area design

Maya requests that the SANDAG item be on the next meeting's agenda as an action item. Leo agrees.

2. PURE WATER SAN DIEGO - presentation by Mehdi Khalili, Civil Engineer for the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department, about: The Pure Water San Diego program, a phased, multi-year program to use water purification technology to clean recycled water so it can be safely added to the local drinking water supply. The program will decrease San Diego's reliance on imported water and will ultimately provide water to all communities in San Diego.

Board Discussion

Rosas: Questions where the Pure Water plant is located. Khalili reports it is in the UTC area and a new one will be built near Harbor Drive in a later phase.

Wahlstrom: Large scale cisterns should be part of our water strategy

3. City of San Diego Transportation Engineering Operations Division: 6th Avenue Safety Improvements – presentation by Gary Pence, Senior Engineer of Traffic Operations: The discussion item will include the implementation of a road diet/lane reduction on 6th Avenue from Laurel Street to Elm Street in an effort to 1) reduce crash frequency; 2) improve pedestrian safety via new marked crosswalks with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons; 3) reduce speeding; 4) install new Class II buffered bike lanes.

Board Discussion:

Daniel: Can we mitigate parking and bike traffic problem? A: This is a standard design and comes with trade offs.

Thorsen: Green paint for the bike lanes? A: This would be used for conflict areas.

Wilson: Concerned that traffic will still be traveling too fast.

Maya: Applauds the City's efforts with this project

VIII. Potential Action Items – MAP WAIVERS: None.

IX. Community/Board Reports: Potential Action Item: None.

X. Community Plan Update

1. New Board to calendar review of remaining elements of Community Plan Update:

Community Plan Update:

Motion by Cindy / Gary to nominate Tom as Chair of ad hoc Community Plan Update subcommittee vote: 14/0/1 Chair abstains

Public Facilities:

Motion by Mullaney / Nakhshab to re-activate public facilities standing subcommittee and nominate Dana Hook as Chair, motion carries 14/0/1 Chair abstains

Design Review:

Motion by Brennan / Pesquiera to form a standing subcommittee on Design with Nakhshab as Chair, motion carries 14/0/1 Chair abstains

Bylaws:

Wahlstrom / Thorsen motion to create a Bylaws Subcommittee and nominate Daniel as chair, motion carries 14/0/1 Chair abstains

Historic Resources:

Jay / Nakhshab motion to create an Historic Resources subcommittee with Hayes as Chair, motion carries 14/0/1 Chair abstains

a. Implementation/Zoning

b. CPIOZ

c. Urban Design

d. Draft EIR Alternatives

e. 1/26/16 changes to Mobility, Recreation, Public Facilities, etc.

2. New Board to review the following Element(s) tonight:

a. Park Survey - Marlon continued to subsequent meeting

** The draft update to the Uptown Community Plan has been released. The City of San Diego Planning Department is now accepting public comment on the draft plan update; prior to the final plan update being issued, and the preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Report. A copy of the draft Uptown Community Plan Update may be found at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/uptown/index.shtml>

Wahlstrom motions to adjourn

XI. Adjournment (9:47 p.m.)