



UPTOWN PLANNERS

Uptown Community Planning Group

Board Election

March 5, 2019

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Joyce Beers Community Center, Uptown Shopping District

UPTOWN PLANNERS BOARD ELECTION

Election called to order by Leo Wilson at 5:45pm

Seven seats were filled during the election on March 5, 2019. Board terms are for four years beginning on April 2, 2019.

List of Candidates:

- 1.) Michael Brennan, Hillcrest**
- 2.) Zach Bunshaft, Hillcrest**
- 3.) Stephen Cline, Mission Hills**
- 4.) Clint Daniels, Mission Hills**
- 5.) Gail Friedt, Mission Hills**
- 6.) Brer Marsh, Mission Hills**
- 7.) Roy McMakin, Bankers Hill/Park West**
- 8.) Matthew Medeiros, Hillcrest**
- 9.) Charles Pennell, Bankers Hill/Park West**
- 10.) Louise Rehling, Hillcrest**
- 11.) Kyle Schertzing, Mission Hills**
- 12.) Donna Shanske, Bankers Hill/Park West**
- 13.) Mat Wahlstrom, Hillcrest**
- 14.) Leo Wilson, Bankers Hill/Park West**

Who May Vote on March 5, 2019: To vote an individual must present identification proving residency, property ownership, or business ownership in Uptown: Identification can be in the form of a driver's

license, utility bill, tax bill, business license, or rent receipt – any document that has the individual's name and street address. Photocopies of documents are acceptable.

When to Vote: Ballots will be handed out to eligible voters, upon presentation of proper identification, once the March 5th meeting is called to order. As a courtesy, it is suggested that before completing the ballot, voters first listen to the three minutes statements each candidate will make regarding their qualifications and reasons they would like to serve, or continue to serve, on the Board. There will also be written statements from each candidate posted on the Uptown Planners website at: www.uptownplanners.org

Election Ballots: The names of all the announced candidates will be listed on the ballot. **A voter may vote for up to seven candidates.** A vote for a candidate is made by circling their name on the ballot. If more than seven names are circled, the ballot will be ruled invalid.

Close of Voting: Once the voting is over, the election committee will then count the ballots at a table in the back of the room. All individuals present in the room will be able to observe, but no one is permitted to participate or interfere with the work of the election committee.

Announcement of Results: After counting the ballots, the election committee will seal the counted ballots in a plastic bag, and present them to the full board. They will be placed on the table in full public view, should further review become necessary it will be done under the supervision of the board. At an appropriate time during the meeting, the results will be read by the chair. The seven candidates who receive the most votes will be seated at the April 2, 2019 meeting.

For further information, please contact the chair of Uptown Planners at leo.wikstrom@sbcglobal.net or visit the Uptown Planners website at www.uptownplanners.org

UPTOWN PLANNER BOARD MEETING

8:00-9:00 p.m.

Call to order by Chair Wilson at 6:06

In attendance: (15) William Smith, Jr., ~~Jay Newington~~, Jennifer Pesqueira, Bill Ellig, Amie Hayes, Ken Tablang, Tim Gahagan, Mat Wahlstrom, Michael Brennan, Leo Wilson, Soheil Nakhshab, Stuart McGraw, Tom Mullaney, Bob Daniel, ~~Roy Dahl~~, Dennis Seisun, Kyle Schertzing

I. Board Meeting: Parliamentary Items/Reports:

- A. Introductions
- B. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order

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.

III. Representatives of Elected Officials (none addressed the board)

IV. Board Comments

V. Action Items:

1. **Normal Street Promenade Project** – Hillcrest -- Information Item: City of San Diego/SANDAG -- the Normal Street Promenade will provide new public space in Hillcrest along Normal Street, between University Avenue and Washington Street. The existing traffic lanes on the west side of Normal Street will be replaced with a public pedestrian

thoroughfare and promenade, and a bikeway. The future Normal Street Promenade may be utilized by the Hillcrest Farmers Market, San Diego Pride Festival & Parade, and other community events, such as street fairs, movies, concerts and art exhibits. The project also proposes parking space realignments on Normal Street between Lincoln Avenue and Washington Street.

Councilmember Chris Ward introduces the project team and addresses the significant positive impacts this project would provide for the community
Mike Singleton (KTU+A): presents the Re-Imagine Normal Street temporary installation
Chris Romano (SANDAG): presents the latest iterations of the Normal Street Promenade design
Benjamin Nicholls (Hillcrest Business Association): Presents the Promenade activation and maintenance considerations

Public Comment:

John Larey with HG Fenton. Supportive of the project
Gerrie Trussel: Supportive of the project, stating existing underutilization of parking spaces
Mary McKenzie (Hillcrest Town Council): Supportive of the project
Moe Girton: In support of the project
Natalie (Hillcrest Parking Committee): Supportive of the project
Chris Olsen: Supportive of the project
Sharon Gehl: HCDC member, supportive of the project
Antoinne Hannah: Concerns about parking and construction, urges delay and/or re-design
Chris Shaw: Supportive of the project
Christopher Michael: States concerns about parking and homeless and intersection safety
Dave Snyder: Concerned about the project as planned, suggests postponing
Darren Farnesi: Supportive of a beautified Normal Street
Clint Daniels: Supportive of the project
Alex Sacks: Supportive of the project
Paul Jamason: Supportive of the project
Matt Medeiros: Supportive of the project
Patrick Santana: Supportive of the project
Peter Raymond: Supportive of the project
Francisco Medavog: Supports positive change for the neighborhood, supportive of the project
Chris Wyle: Supportive of the project
Bill Detwiler: Supportive of the project but not this design, suggests postponing
Kurtis Allen: Supportive of the project
Kristin Harms: Supportive, requests that historic elements be included
Sanjay Stone: Supportive of the project
Linda Hanna: Supportive of a project but looking for a win-win for their business interests
Gail: Supportive of the project
Lou Railing: Not Supportive of the project
Ian Epley: Supportive of the project
Eddie Reynoso: Supportive of the project

Board Comment

Wahlstrom: Opposed to the project on grounds documented in a letter distributed to the board
Mullaney: States that we need parks, supportive
Smith: Supportive of the project
Schertzing: Supportive of the project
Nakhshab: Supportive of the project
Brennan: Supportive of the project
Seisun: Supportive of the project

Ellig: Suggests enhanced design for Lincoln to Washington along with a widened stakeholder group.

Hayes: Supportive, with questions about funding. States enthusiasm for the LGBT Legacy Walk and the potential for a regional AIDS memorial at the north end of the Promenade.

Gahagan: Pleased with the changes resulting from community input.

Daniel: Supportive of the project, there is simply more good than bad with the project as presented.

Motion 1

Motion by Brennan / Nakhshab: Uptown Planners recommends approval of the Normal Street Promenade project as presented; recommending that the City continue to work with the project stakeholders who have identified their concerns in the community outreach process. Motion carries 10 / 1 / 4

In Favor: Mullaney, Smith, Schertzing, Nakhshab, Brennan, Seisun, Hayes, Gahagan, Daniel, Tablang

Against: Wahlstrom

Abstain: Pesqueira, Ellig, McGraw & Chair

Motion 2:

Motion by Mullaney, request that all public record requests be answered promptly by the City. Motion fails with no second.

Motion 3:

Motion by Ellig / Mullaney: Uptown Planners resolves that when future money becomes available, that an extension of the Normal Street promenade shall be made from Lincoln to Washington St. incorporating similar concepts to those submitted by Jim Frost.

Motion Carries 11 / 1 / 3

In Favor: Mullaney, Schertzing, Nakhshab, Brennan, Seisun, Ellig, Hayes, Tablang, Gahagan, McGraw, Daniel

Against: Smith

Abstain: Pesqueira, Wahlstrom & Chair

VI. Announcement of Election Results & Adjournment:

Election Results as follows:

- 1.) Michael Brennan, Hillcrest Elected with 269 votes**
- 2.) Gail Friedt, Mission Hills, Elected 259 votes**
- 3.) Clint Daniels, Mission Hills, Elected with 255 votes**
- 4.) Zach Bunshaft, Hillcrest, Elected with 250 votes**
- 5.) Matthew Medeiros, Hillcrest, Elected with 242 votes**
- 6.) Stephen Cline, Mission Hills Elected with 237 votes**
- 7.) Brer Marsh, Mission Hills, Elected with 236 votes**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10pm