



# UPTOWN PLANNERS

Uptown Community Planning Group Meeting  
September 3, 2019  
DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: William Smith, Gail Freidt, Matt Medeiros, Brer Marsh, Zach Bunshaft, Soheil Nakshab, Michael Brennan, Roy Dahl, Clint Daniels, Bill Ellig, Tom Mullaney, Stephen Cline, Amie Hayes, (arrived at 6:14pm).

Absent: Tim Gahagan, Dennis Seisun, Stu McGraw, Bob Daniel.

## I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by Soheil at 6:02pm.

### 1. Introductions

### 2. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order

Motion to approve as is by Roy, Zach 2nd, unanimously approved 11/0/1.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve by Zach, Stephen 2nd, unanimously approved 11/0/1.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Roy reported that there is still \$150.65 in our account.

### 5. Chair/CPC Report

Soheil said that he would like board members to start off each meeting with a positive comment to encourage a friendly environment. He announced that the newly restored Truax Lofts now has a community room that is open to the public to book.

## II. Subcommittee Reports

### 1. Ad Hoc Operations/Outreach Committee

No bylaw revisions being proposed at this meeting. Still working with Michael Prinz at the City to revise election format to move away from the current 7-7-0-3 board member structure and ensure a more equal amount of new board members are elected each year.

### 2. Design Review

There was no meeting in August. One will be held in September with a date to be determined.

### 3. Public Facilities

The next public facilities meeting was publicly announced for September 25th at 6:30pm to discuss Direct Impact Fee study.

## III. Public Communication

1. Chris Cole - Spoke as the representative from Uptown Planners to the Airport Noise Advisory Committee. Announced that you can go online to [sannoisestudy.com](http://sannoisestudy.com) to give public input.
2. Carol Emerick - Announced there will be a cleanup of Florence Canyon on 9/21 with I Love A Clean SD. Carol spoke about edits to past meeting minutes that she believes are needed. She submitted a list to Zach. It was expressed that meeting minutes have all already been approved and that edits for the most recent meeting minutes should have been brought up while they were being approved earlier in the meeting. The board agreed that a change could be made to the August meeting minutes where Development Impact Fees were incorrectly written as Direct Impact Fees.
3. Amie Hayes - Announced that on September 16th & 21st the Bankers Hill Community Group will be holding a candidate forum for Mayor and City Council District 3 respectively.
4. Zach Bunshaft - Reiterated the discussion from August that Sub-Committee membership needs to be more concrete and that if members of the public are interested in being sitting members that they should contact the Chair or the Sub-Committee Chair to make the request.
5. Matt Medeiros - Made a positive comment that he's happy the air conditioning is working again.
6. William Smith - Announced that the next meeting on the future of the Ed. Center property will be on the 25th of September and will include visualizations for public comment.

#### IV. Representatives of Elected Officials

1. Jawad Al Baghdadi with Congresswoman Susan A. Davis - Announced that on September 7th the Congresswoman will be holding a Global Policy Speaker Series on Iran at SDSU from 10-11:30am.
2. Brandon Torres with County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher - Introduced himself as the Uptown Community representative for the County and that he will be attending Uptown Planners meetings every other month, switching off with the Normal Heights Planning Group at the same time. Supervisor Fletcher will be holding a community coffee in Old Town on September 7th. Grants are now available through the Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant Program and applications are being accepted.
3. Tyler Renner with the Councilmember Chris Ward - Reported that the City Council returns to session on September 9th. Announced that Councilmember Ward will be at the next Hillcrest Town Council Meeting on September 10th.

#### V. Consent Agenda - No items on the consent agenda.

#### VI. Action Items

##### 1. Parking Corral Feedback

###### Public Comment:

- a. Lu Rehling - Said she is pleased with corrals but concerned that implementation in Uptown may not be the same as Downtown and beach communities. She commented that she is concerned about how corrals could impact trash bin pickup and other possible legal uses of red zones.

- b. Kathy Keehan - Mentioned that she sees places like near Whole Food that are more frequent places that corrals are needed but that are not listed as possible sites.

Board Comment:

- a. Stephen - Not clear what is being asked of the Planners as an action item.
- b. Matt - Corrals are a good idea. Not a perfect solution to keeping scooters organized, but a good starting place for companies to put them in the morning. Downtown placement has been working and makes sense from what he has seen.
- c. Amie - Believes that if we have a member of the public who is willing to go to each of the possible proposed corral sites and report back at the next meeting that we should take them up on the offer.
- d. Brer - Hard to really understand the impact on a neighborhood until it's implemented. Trial and error.
- e. Zach - Asked the City reps present if data on frequent use of scooters was used to help decide the proposed possible scooter corrals. Answer: yes.
- f. Soheil - Requesting more time to review the proposed possible corral sites, increased community input, and a representative from the City be present to answer questions for action items like this in the future.
- g. Roy - City has been working with the Uptown Community Parking District to solicit public comment. Harder for the City to solicit comment from community groups that are not associated directly with City functions.
- h. Clint - Trial and error. Believes that if the only cost is paint and that if a site becomes problematic then it will be quickly fixed.

Matt moved to draft a letter of general positive support for the idea with comments that the Uptown Planners would have appreciated more time to review the proposed possible corral locations, would've appreciated a City representative be present for the meeting, and more community input solicited by the City, Clint 2nd, passed unanimously 12/0/1.

VII. Information Items

1. Airport Authority Update

Ted Anasis spoke about the next steps in the environmental review process for the Airport Terminal 1 renovation. The Environmental Impact Report is currently being revised, the final EIR will be prepared in November, and certified in January. Construction is planned to begin in 2021 and fully open and operational in 2024.

Public Comment:

- a. Kathy Keehan - Asked if the runway is currently at capacity? Answer: No, but most likely will be between 2030 & 2035.
- b. Oscar Tavera - Asked if the Marine Corps. Recruit Depot has shown an appetite for additional property to be purchased for the expansion. Answer: No indication.

Board Comment:

- a. William - Asked if the Airport will be self-verifying the EIR. Answer: yes. Also asked if there is a 2050 plan in place. Answer: yes, coinciding with the regional transportation plan.

- b. Clint - Asked how long the review period lasts. Answer: 45 days. Mentioned the danger of the merge on harbor drive for bicyclists by the outbound ramp. Clint urged for them to address speeding cars on India Street.
- c. Roy - Mentioned he only takes a taxi to the Airport. Asked what other types of transportation or available. He questioned the capacity of the runway and the timeline being realistic.
- d. Michael - Wishes these changes would've been made years earlier and urged for the Airport to keep looking at ways to encourage alternative modes of transportation to cars.
- e. Soheil - Urged the Airport address terrible roads on Kettner & India from frequent use.
- f. Brer - Asked if there will be increased vehicle charging stations and bicycle storage.

Planning and Environmental Affairs.

2. Caltrans Sustainable Communities & Strategic Partnerships Transportation Planning Grants — Caltrans is now accepting applications for Sustainable Communities and Strategic Partnerships Transportation Planning Grants for fiscal year 2020-2021. Applications are due Friday, October 11, 2019 at 5 p.m. If you have questions about the application process, please contact Barby Valentine at [Barby.Valentine@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Barby.Valentine@dot.ca.gov).

3. Notice of Right to Appeal Environmental Determination: PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Special Event Permit for an outdoor, celebratory gathering that would include a painted rainbow crosswalk, a ribbon cutting ceremony, a fenced-in beer garden, a stage, and entertainment that would occur on October 8, 2019. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 6 AM until 10 PM on October 8, 2019. There would be one stage, and sound amplification would occur from 5 PM until 9 PM on October 8, 2019. A road closure would be associated with the event and would include Normal Street between University Avenue and Harvey Milk Street from 6 AM 10 PM on October 8, 2019. On October 8, 2019, set-up would occur from 6 AM until 5 PM, the event would occur from 5 PM until 9 PM, and dismantling would occur from 9 PM until 10 PM.

4. Notice of Right to Appeal Environmental Determination: PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Special Event Permit for an outdoor, over 21, night time dance party that would include a costume competition, alcoholic beverages, food trucks, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, lighting, a laser display, a stage, and entertainment that would occur on October 26, 2019. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 6 AM on October 26, 2019 until 6 AM on October 27, 2019.

5. Housing Element Public Meetings: The city is currently updating the Housing Element for the next eight-year planning period (2021-2029). To engage the public, learn what their housing needs are, and ask how the City can help meet those needs during the next planning period, a series of workshops have been planned. See agenda attachments for scheduled dates.

Soheil moved to adjourn the meeting, Matt 2nd, meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.