



UPTOWN PLANNERS

Uptown Community Planning Committee

REGULAR MINUTES OF THE

Tuesday, January 6, 2004 – 6:30 p.m.

I. Parliamentary Items

A. Introductions

1. The following members were present: Wendy Wendorf, Allen Edwards, Marilee Kapsa, Russell Elrod, Doug Scott, Neil Ferrier, Paul de la Houssaye, Jay Hyde, Alex Sachs, Jim Gabriel, David Gardner, Mike Singleton, Warren Simon, Hirsch Gottschalk, and Sean Schwerdtfeger
2. Ernie Bonn and Terry Barker were excused absences.

B. Adoptions of Agenda and Rules of Order

1. Approved

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approved as revised

D. Treasurer's Report

1. Checking Account: \$788.34
2. Savings Account: \$552.29

E. Chair's Report

1. Uptown Planners will hold its general election on March 2, 2004. The election is open to individuals who either reside in or own a business within the Uptown Planning District, and have attended at least three meetings within the past six months.
2. On February 18, 2004, the North Park Project Area Committee will hold its general election. Prospective candidates must reside within the jurisdiction of the North Park Project Area Committee.

F. Registered Community Attendees: 36

II. Public Communications

- A. Michael Aguirre announced his candidacy for City Attorney and his commitment to the community planning groups. Mr. Aguirre is available to speak with members of the public concerning his candidacy and issues pertinent thereto. Interested persons should call Mr. Aguirre at (619) 574-1123.
- B. Don White of Bankers Hill/Hillcrest/University Heights Preservation Group objected to the planned high rise development at Sixth Ave. and Upas St.
- C. Miscellaneous Public Comments

III. Government Information

- A. Councilmember Michael Zucchet – Margaret Radnick reported that Councilmember Michael Zucchet will give his State of the District address on January 22, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hervey Point Loma Branch Library, located at 3701 Voltaire Street.

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- B. District 3 – Council Member Toni Atkins – Tony Atkins personally addressed the Board and public on a variety of topics involving District 3, including without limitation the acquisition of CDBG funding and the expenditures of those monies for public improvements.
- C. Mayor Dick Murphy – Tatiana Ambrosius announced that the Mayor will give his State of the City address on January 12, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Golden Hall .
- D. Congressmember Susan Davis – Todd Gloria made copies of “The Davis Dispatch” available to the Board as well as public, and he advised them of the recent accomplishments of Congresswomen Susan Davis, including her position on the Medicare Drug Bill that recently passed in both the Senate and Congress
- E. Assemblymember Christine Kehoe – No report given.

IV. Chair and Community Reports/Recommendations

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- 3. On January 14, 2004 at 12:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Temple Beth Israel, a presentation will be given on the history of the Temple Beth Israel.

B. Community Associations and Committees.

- 1. Uptown Partnership- Jeffrey Tom requested that the Uptown Planners nominate a Board member to serve on the Parking Steering Committee and participate in the Parking Summit. **MOTION:** Jay Hyde nominated, and Paul de la Houssaye seconded, Marilee Kapsa to serve on the committee with Mary Wendorf to act as an alternate. The Board approved the nominations 15-0-0.
 - a. Jeffrey Tom also advised the Board of SANDAG anticipated presentation before the Uptown Planners concerning the relocation of the bus stops on University Ave. between First Ave. and Park Blvd.
- 2. CCDC. Sheila Hardin advised the Board on the development of parking spaces in the downtown area to accommodate growth associated with the revitalization of the area.
- 3. San Diego Rescue Mission Neighborhood Advisory Committee. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on January 8, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.
- 4. San Diego Multicultural Festival. On January 17, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Promenade the Sixth Annual Multicultural Festival will be held. More festival information is available on CCDC’s website at www.ccdc.com.
- 5. University Heights Community Association. On January 8, 2004 at Birney Elementary the Association will hold its next meeting.
- 6. CPC. The CPC Subcommittee will meet to discuss Council Policy 600-24 on January 16, 2004 at the Mission Valley Library between 10:00 am- 12:30 pm.
- 7. Balboa Park. The Park & Rec. Board hearing on the Park Promenade Project will be heard on January 22, 2004 at 2:00 p.m in the City Council Meeting Room.

- C. Transportation Report
- D. Urban Design and Historic Resources Report
 - 1. Subcommittee meets on Monday, January 19, 2004 at the Uptown Partnership offices, located at 3108 5th Avenue, Ste. B, San Diego, California.

V. Consent Agenda – No items on consent.

VI. Items for Action

- A. 1818 McKee Street (Heisey Residence) – Process 3 Site Development Permit – Presentation and discussion on proposed revisions to the project to bring it closer into conformance with applicable zoning codes. Marilee Kapsa made, and Jay Hyde seconded, the following motion.

MOTION

Uptown Planners recommend approval of the project as presented at 1818 McKee Street with the 15 ft. set back of the rear yard, a 7 ft. front yard set back, a FAR of 1.35, side yard setback of 4.8 and minimum driveway of 16 ft. Uptown Planners recommend that the developers be required to extend the sidewalk through their property.

MOTION CARRIED: FOR: 13 AGAINST:2 ABSTAIN:0

- B. Taste of India Street Restaurant Row Temporary Street Closure – The event is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th from 5-9 p.m The Business Improvement District is proposing closing India Street from Washington to Chalmers. The BID is requesting a letter of support from Uptown Planners for this event. Warren Simon made, and Hirsch Gottschalk seconded, the following motion:

MOTION

Uptown Planners support the proposed closing of India Street from Washington to Chalmers for the Taste of India Street Restaurant Row.

MOTION CARRIED: FOR: 13 AGAINST:0 ABSTAIN:0

- C. Adoption of boilerplate language for future Tentative Map Waiver/Condo Conversion applications. David Gardner made, and Allen Edwards seconded, the following motion:

MOTION

Uptown Planners recommend approval of the following boilerplate language for future Tentative Map Waiver/Condo Conversion applications:

The Uptown Planners approves the request for (application type) subject to the following six conditions:

- 1) The Uptown Planners does not approve any waiver or exemption from the requirements that existing utility services for this property be undergrounded. Undergrounding of all overhead utility services is a critical infrastructure need in our community.
- 2) The right of first refusal to purchase be give to current tenants.
- 3) Historic sidewalk stamps and scoring of sidewalks be preserved and new sidewalks be built with similar scoring, stamps, colors, and textures.
- 4) New and appropriate landscaping be incorporated into the project.
- 5) On-site parking be maintained and preserved.
- 6) On-street parking be preserved and expanded. Curb cuts be eliminated or reduced.

MOTION CARRIED: FOR: 15 AGAINST:0 ABSTAIN:0

VII. Information Items

- A. San Diego Rescue Mission. Jim Jackson and William Hinchy advised the Board and public of the settlement of the litigation instituted against the San Diego Rescue Mission in connection with the San Diego Rescue Missions relocation of its facilities to the Uptown Community. Both Mr. Jackson and Mr. Hinchy expressed their views on the issues in contention and the significance of the settlement.

VIII. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Sean D. Schwerdtfeger