



**UPTOWN PLANNERS**  
**Uptown Community Planning Group**  
March 4, 2014  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Meeting Place: Joyce Beers Community Center

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Leo Wilson.

Present: Gary Bonner, Bob Grinchuk, Ken Tablang, Joe Naskar, Neil Ferrier, Ernie Bonn, Rhett Butler, Tom Fox, Bob Daniel, Matt Winter (6:55), Chris Ward, Tony Winney, Leo Wilson, Janet O’Dea, Jim Mellos (7:00)

Absent: Jennifer Pesquiera, Beth Jaworski

Marlon Pangilinan, City of San Diego Senior City Planner, was present.

Approximately 180 individuals were in attendance

**I. March Board Election:**

The board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., and the board election commenced. Chair Wilson read the election rules, then voting began. The voting continued until 7:00 p.m. Each candidate was allowed three minutes to state why they sought election to the board. The election was to fill three board seats; for which there were seven candidates. The three candidates who obtained the most votes would be elected.

A total of 168 individuals voted, each of whom presented identification that they were Uptown residents, business proprietors, or property owners.

Below are the board election results:

TOTAL BALLOTS VOTED: 168

Tom Mullaney	107
Gary Bonner	96
Bob Daniel	72
Roy Dahl	58
Walter Chamber	54
Sharon Gehl	43
Mat Wahlstrom	18

Tom Mullaney, Gary Bonner and Bob Daniel were elected to the board, and will begin their terms at the April 2014 board meeting.

## **II. Board Meeting**

**Announcement:** (1) The meeting is being recorded. (2) Please sign in on the sign sheet if you plan or think you might want to run for the Uptown Planners in the March 2014 election, you are required to attend three meetings of the Uptown Planners per Uptown Planners Bylaws.

### **1. Informational Item:**

An informational item was taken out of order.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND ANNUAL PLAN FOR FY2015** -- The San Diego Housing Commission is seeking public comment on its Affordable Housing Fund Annual Plan for FY2015. The Affordable Housing Fund is a portion of the Housing Commission's revenue and activity.

Tina Kessler, of the San Diego Housing Commission made the presentation. Written comments were being solicited by April 8, 2014 for the Affordable Housing Fund Annual Plan for FY2015. The Plan's budget was \$32,367,308 for FY2015. Copies of the proposed budget were distributed. The budget funds low income, very low income, and transitional housing.

### **2. Parliamentary Items:**

Introduction of Board Members:

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by O'Dea, seconded by Bonn, to approve the March 4, 2014 agenda; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes:

No minutes approved at meeting; will be done at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Fox reported no change from last month.

Chair/CPC Report:

No report.

### **3. Public Communication (Non-Agenda)**

A resident of First Avenue expressed concern about the potential for traffic accidents at the four-way stop sign located at First Avenue and Walnut Street, and requested the city provide more than one handicap parking space on First Avenue between Walnut Street and Brookes Street. Chair requested the speaker provide a written summary of her comments, which he would forward to the city.

Trish Lundberg spoke about a fatal pedestrian accident on University Avenue between 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Vermont Street; which had taken place two weeks ago. Lundberg also advocated for the adoption of the Uptown Bicycle Corridor plan.

Janet O'Dea requested old vintage photographs of Mission Hills, and reminded everyone of the April 5, 2014 street fair in front of Powers Plumbing Company. O'Dea, who has served on the Uptown Planners for eight years, offered here written copy of the City's General Plan Uptown Plan for a board member's use; Ernie Bonn accepted document. Chair Wilson pointed out that O'Dea had taken a leading role on the historic preservation issues while a board member, and hoped she would continue to be involved with Uptown Planners.

Bob Daniel informed the board that the Old Town Academy would be holding its annual fundraiser on April 26, 2014, in a tent pavilion on San Diego Avenue next to the Old Town Academy.

Leo Wilson informed the board the second annual Bankers Hill Craft Beer event would be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Abbey in Bankers Hill.

#### **4. Representatives of Elected Officials:**

See below

#### **5. Consent Agenda:**

None

#### **6. Potential Action Items: Projects**

**VAN BUREN AVENUE HEAD IN PARKING SPACE CONVERSION** – University Heights -- Proposal to replace angle parking with head-in parking on Van Buren Street between Cleveland Street and Maryland Street; existing parking consists of 13 spaces; head-in parking would result in a total of 18 spaces, an increase of five parking spaces.

Ernie Bonn, of the University Heights Parking District, made the presentation. Chair Wilson indicated he sent the renditions of the proposed conversion to the board prior to the meeting. There was no public comment. Motion to approve by Ferrier; seconded by Grinchuk; Vote was 11 – 0 in favor, with Ferrier, Daniel, Grinchuk, Fox, O'Dea, Bonn, Bonner, Tablang, Butler, Ward, Winney voting in favor; Winter, non-voting Chair Wilson abstained.

At 6:55 p.m., a last call was made for anyone who had not voted to vote. At 7:00 p.m. the board election was closed, and the Election Committee began counting the ballots.

#### **Representatives of Elected Officials:**

Brandon Primus, representing Congressman Susan Davis, gave an update on her Congressional activities.

#### **6. Potential Action Items: Projects**

**UNIVERSITY AVENUE CAST IRON REPLACEMENT PROJECT** – Hillcrest, Mission Hills – Process Three – Project will replace cast iron mains on University Avenue from West Lewis Street and Stephens Street on the west, to Polk Avenue and Oregon Street in the east; for a

total length of 16,220 feet, and cast iron water mains along sections of Robinson Street, Fifth Avenue, and Park Boulevard in Hillcrest. The project is funded by the California Department of Public Health Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

Public Facilities Department (PF) representatives made a presentation regarding the University Avenue Cast Iron Replacement Project; they are seeking to inform the community about the pending project, and soliciting contact information from individuals who wish to receive notice and updates regarding the project.

The project is expected to start in April 2015; during public comment, Roy Dahl pointed out that the Uptown Bicycle Corridor project would be likely be installed at about the same time. A question was raised as to why a smaller 16-inch pipe was being installed to replace the existing 22-inch pipe. PF staff responded that the existing 100-year old pipe was meant to serve a larger region, and the 16-inch pipe would be adequate for expected growth in Uptown and North Park.

Board member Bonner expressed concerns over where the staging areas would be for the two year project; Ward was concerned that the work was done in a prompt manner, and that contractors did not work only a few hours a day. PF staff responded that the contract for the work had definite time limits for the work, with a provision for late penalties. Winter complimented PF staff for the excellent graphics of the proposed project. O'Dea suggested that a local San Diego contractor be obtained for the project.

**3755 SIXTH AVENUE BICYCLE CORRAL** – Hillcrest – Proposal to place a bicycle corral on the 3755 block of Sixth Avenue; would result in removal of a parking space.

Ben Verdugo, from the Uptown Parking District, made the presentation. The project will not remove a parking space, just a commercial loading zone. Letters of support have been obtained from the adjacent businesses Jakes on Sixth and Lotus Thai. There was no public comment.

Motion to approve by Ferrier, seconded by Butler, Vote was 10–0–1 in favor: voting in support were Ferrier, Daniel, Grinchuk, Fox, O'Dea, Bonn, Bonner, Butler, Ward, Winter; with non-voting Chair Wilson abstaining; board members Naskar, Winney and Tablang were counting ballots and did not vote.

## **7. Community Reports**

No community reports.

Regular meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Election results read into the record at approximately 7:50 p.m. in the presence of the board.

The full meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Wilson,  
Acting Secretary