

UPTOWN PLANNERS
Uptown Community Planning Group
November 3, 2015 Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jennifer Pesqueira, Jay Newington, Chris Ward, Bob Daniel, Roy Dahl, Dana Hook, Tom Mullaney, Jim Mellos, Ernie Bonn, Ken Tablang, Kyle Heiskala, Beth Jaworski, Matt Winter

I. Board Meeting: Parliamentary Items/Reports:

A. Introductions.

B. Adoption of the Agenda

Discussion was held about removing certain items from the agenda. In the end, the agenda was left unchanged.

C. Approval of Minutes.

Ernie Bonn stated that she made edits to the minutes of a previous meeting, but the edits have not been incorporated yet. So no vote was held on approval of the minutes.

Mat Wahstrom stated: At the 10/6/15 meeting, a motion was made and approved: That the Uptown Planners will proceed with the Community Plan update as a Committee of the Whole. This is to take place in a workshop structure, with a group of city staff and the public, in special meetings that are concerned only with the Community Plan update. That will allow us to give each element the full attention they merit. The City gave UTP a short timeline upon in which to review the drafts. The motion should be included in the 10/6/15 minutes.

D. Treasurer's Report (Roy Dahl): No change from last month.

E. Website Report (Mat Wahlstrom): The website is being updated.

F. Chair/CPC Report (J. Demetrios Mellos III): Jim Mellos did not attend the last CPC meeting. The vice chair, Tom Fox attended. No report was made.

II. Public Communication: Non-Agenda Public Comment.

III. Representatives of Elected Officials

IV. Consent Agenda: No items

V. Action Items – LETTERS OF SUPPORT:

1. **Proposed curfew and alcohol ban for the University Heights Point.**

Presentation of proposed amendments to Municipal Code to establish alcohol ban and curfew for the following designated open space: the Point and adjacent hillsides between Massachusetts and Delaware overlooking Mission Valley.

A resident, Gary Aguirre gave a presentation

Motion to support the principle that the UH community should reach a consensus on this issue. Daniel/ Jaworski 12-0-3

2. **4th Annual Father Joe’s Villages Thanksgiving Day 5K.**

Planned presentation by: Noah Jackson, Special Events Coordinator at Father Joe’s Villages,(not present)

1) Event History; 2) Event Expectations (Numbers, Revenue); 3) Event Day Logistics (Schedule of Events, Adjustments from previous years’ races); 4) Event Impact on Community (Homelessness in San Diego, Holiday Tradition).
Additional information: www.thanksgivingrun.org.

Motion to approve letter of Support 12-2-1

VI. Action Items

1. **TERRACES ON ROBINSON TENTATIVE MAP PROPOSAL.**

Mike Firouzi represented Mission Hills Terraces, Inc. (aka Mission Terraces, LLC) for a Tentative Map for the Terraces on Robinson project located at 124 W. Robinson; 160, 162, 164 and 166 West Robinson Ave. The project consists of 4 new condominiums (row-homes) currently under construction. Each condominium is approximately 1,800 SQ FT with: 3 car attached garages, 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 1 half baths and roof deck.

Motion to Approve Tentative Map Waiver 12-2-1

2. **6th & HAWTHORN TOWNHOMES Mid-City Communities Development Permit**

Presentation by the Applicant, Russ Haley of City Mark Communities (and selected members of the Consultant Team), for review and request for a recommendation of approval of the proposed residential townhome project. The project proposes construction of 21 townhomes on a 0.58- acre site located between 6th Ave and 5th Ave, on the south side of Hawthorn Street. The site is zoned CV-4 and MR-800B and is designated both Commercial Residential Medium (15-29 du/ac) and Residential High (44-73 du/ac). The site is currently developed with an existing grades K-12 private school. The presentation will consist of a review of the site plan and project features such as architectural and other site design features.

Motion to table until staff can get back with issues. Roy Dahl/ Jaworski 13/1/1

3. “FALCON STREET RESIDENCES”

– Presentation by Architect Taal Safdie, principal at Safdie Rabines Architects, about 1) Proposed Residential Development in Falcon Street in Mission Hills. 2) Description: This project involves the demolition of two multi-family structures at 4184 and 4194 Falcon Street and the construction of two single-family residences on two lots to be created from the lot consolidation and adjustment of lots 1,2,3,4,21,22,23 & 24 in block 27 of map no. 334.”

Motion to approve Wahstrom/Daniel 13-1-1

4. PROPOSED PARKING RECONFIGURATIONS IN UPTOWN

Presentation by Ben Verdugo, Uptown Community Parking District, about the following proposed parking gains in Mission Hills and International Restaurant Row: 1) 4000 Block of Goldfinch – East side, conversion from angled parking to head in parking resulting in a gain of 3 car and 3 motorcycle spaces in Mission Hills; 2) 1700 Block of Winder – North side, conversion from angled parking to head-in parking resulting in a gain of 3 spaces in International Restaurant Row; C. 1700 Block of Chalmers – South side, conversion from parallel parking to head-in parking resulting in a gain of 6 spaces in International Restaurant Row.

Motion to approve all parking spaces Dahl/Wahlstrom 8-6-1

Opposed: Heiskala, Hook, Mullaney, Jaworski, Daniel & Pesqueira

VII. Information Items:

1. Public Art at San Diego International Airport’s Rental Car Center:

Presentation by Lauren Lockhart, Airport Art Program Manager, about 1) Overview of the Art Program at the Airport, 2) Presentation on the three new, permanent public art projects in development for the Rental Car Center on the Airport’s North side.

2. City of San Diego, Public Utilities - Cost of Service Study Presentation:

We are requesting time to present on the results of the City's recent cost of service study which resulted in water rate increase proposals. These proposals are due to the rising cost of imported water, state mandated water use restrictions, continued investment in our aging water infrastructure and financial health of the utility. We will also discuss how the public can be involved and participate in the process.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned