

**Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee
Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 6:30 P.M.
(not in-person) through Zoom**

MINUTES OF GREATER GOLDEN HILL (GGH) COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE (GGHPC)

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Committee Members Present (14):

- 1- Kathy Vandeneuvel (GGHPC Chair/Community Planners' Committee (CPC) Representative, Airport Noise Citizens' Advisory Committee (ANCAC) Representative),
 - 2- Tim Briggs (Vice Chair, Projects Standing Committee Chair),
 - 3-Michael Nazarinia (Secretary),
 - 4- Susan Bugbee (Elections/ Membership Representative, Historic Subcommittee Chair),
 - 5-Victoria Curran (Balboa Park Committee Representative, Bicycle Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair),
 - 6-Erika Espinoza-Araiza (Airport Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC) Representative
 - 7—Paul Schumacher (Standing Projects Committee Member)
 - 8-Reyna Ayala
 - 9-Cheryl Brierton
 - 10-Joe Coneglio
 - 11-Sabrina DiMinico
 - 12-Valerie Pasquetto
 - 13-Richard Santini
 - 14-Susanna Starcevic
- Absent: None (2 vacancies)
22 total members in attendance.

A. Changes/Additions to Agenda:

San Diego District 3 City Councilmember Chris Ward is attending and will go first; Golf Course Project Number is corrected to S 15940

B. Governmental Reports:

1. Councilmember Ward (With aide Brett Weise also present) reported on Project 8C getting towards the end of the work and will be switching over to underground as of 28th going east. Spoke about the climate action plan; City legislative recess, status of Golf Course Drive Improvements project 15940, Underground cabling, Highway 94 park lid, SDGE Franchise Agreement, Increase in Drag Racing (SDPD & CHP aware), Wildfires, Homeless. 619.236.6633 bweise@sandiego.gov

Response to Questions:

Re irregularities in approval of liquor license permit at 30th and C Sts (Project Number/Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 646980-) (From Bill Perno of Social Advocates for Youth, Member of Public): Ward relayed concerns based on community outcry, even though he does not usually get involved until a Process 5 appeal; Ward personally involved due to it being a gateway and community interest.

Re more mentally ill Homeless on western side of GGH (From Joe Coneglio): Ward is working to coordinate resources with San Diego County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher

Re GGHPC position that infrastructure support emergency vehicle access in high fire risk zones as a condition of development (Brierton): Ward and his aide Brett Weise will look into issue on specific projects; Brierton to contact them;

Re trash along freeways (DiMinico): Specific locations should be reported to Ward's office to determine whether the City of Caltrans is responsible for cleanup

2. Makana Rowan for Supervisor Fletcher: County is developing new substance abuse treatment programs. Got everything he wanted for the 2021 budget. It's been great.

3. 53rd US Congressional District (Rep. Susan Davis): not present. Vandenheuvel did receive a call that Jessica Meir will be her new designated Rep to GGHPC. Formerly was Robert Case 619.280.5353 robert.case@mail.house.gov

4. 39th California Senate District (Pro Tem Toni Atkins): not present Chevelle Tate 619.645.3133 chevelle.tate@sen.ca.gov

5. 78th California Assembly District (Assembly member Todd Gloria): not present Randy Wilde 619.645.3090 randy.wilde@asm.ca.gov

6. 80th California Assembly District (Assembly member Lorena Gonzalez): not present Lucas Cruz 619.338.8090 lucas.cruz@asm.ca.gov

7. City of San Diego Planning Dept. (Senior Planner Bernard Turgeon): not present 619.533.6575 bturgeon@sandiego.gov

8. City of San Diego Police Department Community Relations Officer, Ricardo Rios: not present

C. Approval of GGHPC Minutes of August 12, 2020.

Nazarinia moved, Schumacher seconded motion carried 9 (yes)-0 (No)-5 (abstain): To approve the minutes with amendment(s) orally announced by Nazarinia. (Abstaining due to absence at August meeting- 5: Bugbee, Espinoza-Araiza, Pasquetto, Santini; due to battery dying before end of meeting, Coneglio). (AMENDMENTS TO BE INSERTED BY NAZARINIA).

D. Non-agenda Public Comment

1. Steve Whitburn, Candidate for San Diego Council District 3: reviewed his qualifications, willing to participate in candidate forum, per Coneglio suggestion. Said Mayor makes decisions without district input. Would be a staunch advocate with a lot of non-profit work.

- DiMinico: Concerned about use of fire pits and fireworks in light of wildfires. Weise provided contact information for San Diego Fire Department <https://www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/complaintinspections> 619-533-4444., Which takes reports of hazards, and will check whether these have been an issue for San Diego fires.

E. Action Items

(1) CUP 646980/Appeal of Hearing Officer decision.

MOTION DiMinico moved, Brierton seconded, motion carried-unanimous: 14-yes; 0-no; 0-abstaining) : To appeal the decision of the Hearing Officer on August 19, 2020, allowing

alcohol sales after 9 pm.

Comments:

-On a future agenda, GGHPC will address the process for appeals (Brierton), in light of short timelines. Outreach to City Council Candidate Joe LaCava is recommended, since La Jolla filed most appeals, LaCava was on that Committee/is City Council candidate, and has special Bylaws Provision.

-Census Tract 41 crime goes up after 9 pm, liquor license process was flawed (Member of Public Perno)

-Appeal deals only with liquor sales, not hours of operation, since that is the issue in this forum (Vandenheuvel clarifying to Member of Public Maureen McNulty).

(2) Filling GGHPC Vacancies under COVID restrictions.

GGHPC has two current open positions but has been unable to hold elections for these positions due to the COVID-19 meeting restrictions and elections procedures in the GGHPC bylaws. Discuss potential ideas for holding on-line or email-based elections for these open seats. Brown Act Suspension per Weiss.

-Vandenheuvel explained that GGHPC Bylaws require an election if there are more than 2 board vacancies and elections must be secret. Also, GGHPC becomes inactive if board membership falls below 12.

-MOTION Bugbee moved, Brierton seconded, motion carried, Unanimous 14-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain: To allow vacancies to be filled by appointment, by deleting contrary provision in GGHPC Bylaws Article IV, Section 2, paragraph 3: "Two or more concurrent community planning group vacancies shall be filled by a vote of all eligible members of the community by secret written ballot."

-As part of the discussion, Brierton also brainstormed a possible City Council COVID emergency waiver of the secret ballot requirement in order to allow email voting, but Bugbee's solution was simpler.

(3) Filling position of GGHPC Vice Chair.

The Chair explained that Vice Chair Briggs is moving out of the GGH area at the end of September, and will no longer be an eligible board member, so the board needs to replace him.

The Chair thanked Briggs for his service, and opened up the nominations. Board members also thanked Briggs in the zoom chat room.

Brierton nominated DiMinico for Vice Chair, DiMinico accepted, and there were no other nominations.

MOTION: Brierton moved, Bugbee seconded, motion carried (13-yes, 1-no, 0-abstentions), DiMinico to become GGHPC Vice Chair effective October 1, 2020.

Later in the meeting, **Schumacher agreed to become Chair of the Standing Projects Committee in lieu of Briggs. Curran will remain as Chair and the sole GGHPC member on the GGHPC Ad Hoc Bicycle Subcommittee.**

(4) New CPC Budget/Expense Policy.

Vandenheuvel explained that one GGHPC member needed to be the designated recipient and reimburse \$500 budgeted GGHPC funds. Authorized uses are \$200 for elections, website/social media, meeting printouts. Chair recommends adding zoom costs, will explore direct payment by City with assistance

from Weise, per Coneglio suggestion.

MOTION: Brierton moved, DiMinico seconded, motion carried-unanimous (14-yes, 0-no, 0-abstentions): Vandeneuvel to be recipient of City reimbursement funds allocated to GGHPC, virtual meeting platform (i.e. zoom) to be added to the previously authorized expenses of \$200 for elections with the remaining budget for website, social media, and meeting printouts. Total annual budget of \$500.

(5) Highway 94 Park Lid Park at 25th Street.

Vandeneuvel explained this was previously discussed in 2016, as part of a no longer proposed CALTRANS widening/improvement of the Rte 94/I-15 connector. Pasquetto is interested in exploring options to revive the idea, and honor the historic connection between GGH and Sherman Heights before it was divided by Rte 94.

Member of the public Rene Smith indicated there was a similar park lid concept for the I-5 at the downtown San Diego S-curve.

MOTION: Pasquetto moved, Curran seconded, motion carried, unanimous (yes-14, no-0, abstain-0: To establish an Ad Hoc GGHPC Subcommittee to explore possible Park lid over Rte 94 on 25th Street.

Pasquetto will Chair this Park Lid Subcommittee, Curran will participate, and Member of Public Smith will be contacted.

(5) Golf Course Drive Improvements Project \$15940.

-Vandeneuvel Recapped the history of this community priority for a pedestrian and bicycle path, going back to the 1980's. Vandeneuvel indicated this project is currently moving forward even more slowly than anticipated. She will arrange for project staff presentation for a future GGHPC meeting.

There was discussion about a GGHPC Subcommittee to monitor progress of the project. Brierton suggested waiting to hear the staff presentation before determining appropriate action. This appeared to be the GGHPC consensus, as no motions were made at this time.

-Vice Chair Briggs suggested making Golf Course drive one way, and/or exploring temporary/partial solutions.

-Brierton commented that the one-way option had been resoundingly rejected by the community, because City traffic studies showed the majority of the traffic was using it to access South Park, and it would be a major inconvenience to make it one-way.

-Coneglio added, it had been determined that traffic would be displaced to 28th Street, and cause further problems.

-Vandeneuvel confirmed the community rejection of the one-way option, but remarked increasing temporary access could certainly be explored.

(6) Chair, Vice Chair, Subcommittee Reports.

Chair's Report/CPC Report. (See Attachment 1.) Chair will forward CPC clarification about the proposed conforming use City code changes.

ANAC. Espinosa-Araiza asked for any issues to bring to next meeting. Brierton requested further information about the new \$18 million Noise abatement grant for which GGH residents may be eligible.

Vice Chair: assignments clarified upon Briggs resignation: DiMinico to become GGHPC Vice Chair, Schulman to become Chair of the GGHPC Standing Projects Committee, Curran to remain Bicycle Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair, effective in October 2020.

Bicycle Subcommittee (Curran). Prior recommendations about bicycle circulation have become stalled at the City staff level. She will follow up.

Balboa Park Committee Representative (Curran). Few participated in an on-line survey of priorities. The priorities differed from those presented at a live meeting in February. The Balboa Park Committee is exploring how best to address this.

GGHPC Website. Vandenheuvel asked Nazarinia for a receipt. Nazarinia would like photos/subcommittee information for the website.

The Chair announced the next meeting would be on October 14, 2020, at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.