

OCEAN BEACH PLANNING BOARD

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 6th, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

Ocean Beach Recreation Center - 4726 Santa Monica Ave., Ocean Beach

6:05pm – Meeting called to order by Chairperson Giovanni Ingolia. Board members Bill Bushe, Barbara Schmidtkecht, Landry Watson, Jane Gawronski, Seth Connolly, Tom Gawronski, Scott Therkalsen, Ronson Shamoun and Scott Waschitz also in attendance.

Motion to approve agenda by Jane Gawronski, seconded by Barbara Schmidtkecht. Approved by consensus.

Motion to approve March General Meeting minutes as presented by Landry Watson, seconded by Scott Waschitz. Motion is approved 7-0-2, with Barbara Schmidtkecht abstaining due to meeting absence and Tom Gawronski abstaining due to not being on Board at time.

Motion to approve March Special Meeting minutes as amended for correct speaker names by Jane Gawronski, seconded by Landry Watson. Motion is approved 5-0-4, with Barbara Schmidtkecht, Scott Waschitz and Bill Bushe abstaining due to meeting absence and Tom Gawronski abstaining due to not being on Board at time.

Motion to approve April General Meeting minutes as presented by Landry Watson, seconded by Barbara Schmidtkecht. Approved by consensus.

Michael Patton of Councilperson Falcouner's Office provides updates on the Brighton Street Comfort Station, Ocean Beach Entryway project and oversized vehicle ordinance.

6:15pm – Brittany Taylor enters.

6:20 pm- Non Agenda Comment

Sunshine discussed the Healthy Food Fresh Food Fund that provide people, on food stamps, with \$20 to use at the local farmers market.

6:25 pm- Item #001 – Information Item- Rachel Hiner presented on Urban Food Network on San Diego Municipal Code Section 42.0709 that presently allows city residents to maintain up to 25 chickens, including roosters, within city limits, but requires that they be kept a minimum distance of 50 feet from any structure used for residential purposes, including the owner's own home. She was seeking community input to amend this municipal code on how to make it less restrictive. Hiner purposes that the City add an exception to only allow 5 hens 20 feet away from other residences. The benefits include: providing organic food source, chemical free pest control, organic fertilizer, till ground, sustainability, and educational opportunities. The concerns include: noise, odor, water air quality, and avian flu or sominila, Hiner asks that the OBPB considers forming an opinion to present to the City Council.

Community members in support are Sunshine, Dan Morales, Miarrrium Lofnitier, and Laura Hershey.

The Board commented that it is a creative solution that can be helpful and it is popular in urban areas on the East Coast. There is a movement to let people create healthy alternatives in backyards.

6:35 pm- CPC Report- Information Item Landy Watson presented on SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Plan DRAFT by July 8, 2010. The 2050 Regional Transportation Plan identifies

transportation priorities and goals and will facilitate the programming of future transportation projects in the San Diego area. Most importantly, the document identifies potential transportation projects of both transit and highways. Information Item SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Plan; SANDAG seeks community input into draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan priorities. Identify projects that regional plan will attempt. The OBPB can either make a board comment or we can make individual comments. No lightrail expansions into Ocean Beach. The highway expansions are set to go first versus transit projects. Land Use and Planning has taken action to tell SANDAG that they wanted transit project before highway expansion.

Comment: Started with the question of the impacts, both good and bad, of lightrail coming to Ocean Beach. Seth Connolly said higher levels of density could be used to justify it and bus transit lines that are more and are more flexible. Dan Morales said its more efficient and economic for buses. Board would like to promote mass transit and less highway. Board thought it was a little too soon for the board to make a recommendation without consulting the community.

Motion by Seth Connolly that the OBPB would like to state its support for prioritizing the expansion of accessible and affordable public transit in the San Diego Region Landry Watson seconded. Motion passed 8-2-0. Bill stipulate that the community give input.

7:10 pm- CPC Report- Information Item SANDAG Smart Growth Map and Grant Program: Landy Watson presented on SANDAG's Smart Growth and Grant Program. SANDAG maintains a map of the San Diego area that identifies existing, planned, or potential smart growth locations. These locations are eligible to apply and potentially qualify for grant money that further develops and encourages Smart Growth. Grant applications are due August 1, 2011. OB is a community is an existing smart growth center which means we are candidates for smart growth grants. Smart growth is the combination of walkability, livability, and recreate in small denser areas and improve open spaces and balance. All nonprofits can apply. Pedestrian improvement based crosswalks and island plans plans and permits in hand projects with stuff ready to go pro bono documents and permits historical review would be shovel ready a consulting project would promote smart growth of area.

Motion by Brittany Taylor to create an ad hock subcommittee to work with the OBTC, OBMA, OBCDC, OB historical society, and other OB groups to create smart growth ready projects. Seconded by Landry Watson. Motion passes 10-0-0. Landry Watson, Seth Connolly, Bill Bushe, and Brittany Taylor would make up the OBPB members of the ad hock subcommittee.

7:30 pm- Chair Announcements

CPC- rezoning by variance again increased oversight on demolition projects shares a problem similar to what happened at 2144 Bacon, where a cottage was torn down.

Historic Society- July 23 is the Historic walk.

OBTC- The Chili Cookff was successful. The election of the OBTC Board Directors is coming up.

OBMA – The Music and Jazz Festival is preparing for the Septemeber event and looking for volunteers

8:00 Motion to Adjourn by Barbara, seconded by Seth. Motion is unanimous.