

Greater Golden Hill Community Planning Committee

March 2021 Elections

In accordance with the [COVID-19 emergency amendment to the Council Policy 600-24](#), the Greater Golden Hill Community Planning Committee will not conduct balloted elections in March 2021. The emergency amendment approved by the City Council on April 17, 2020 allows community planning groups to elect and seat new members of the planning group when the number of vacancies outnumber or equal the number of candidates without holding a balloted election.

The Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee has 11 open seats and 11 qualified candidates that have demonstrated interest to fill these seats. At the Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee meeting on February 10, 2021, 7 nominations were presented for consideration and an additional 4 candidates were nominated from the floor at that meeting.

Of the 11 open seats, 8 are for the term 2021-2023 and 3 are to complete vacated terms 2020-2022. These 11 candidates will be seated at the March 10, 2021 GGHPC meeting. Current board members will have first option of serving for the 2021-2023 term; new members will be given the option to complete vacated terms, as determined at the March planning committee meeting.

The Greater Golden Hill Community Planning Board Election Representative, Susan Bugbee announced the following candidates and open seats for election at the February 10th regular meeting:

1. Reyna Ayala – current board member – resident
2. Cheryl Brierton – current board member – resident
3. Monica de la Cruz – new member – resident
4. Sabrina DiMinico – current board member – property owner
5. Celestin Faustino – new member – resident
6. Michael Gruby – new member – resident
7. Ian Koskela – new member – resident
8. Will J Link – new member – resident
9. Paul Schumacher – new member – resident
10. Kathy Vandenheuvel – current member – resident
11. Kerry Wesson – new member – resident

Council Policy 600-24 provides governance to community planning groups, and last April, the City Council approved a temporary amendment to the Council Policy for the duration of the covid-19 local emergency. The amendment contained several supplemental procedures including suspension of annual March elections until after the declaration of local emergency and a provision that candidates may be considered elected if seats up for election outnumber or are equal to the number of candidates. The City Planning Department also provided additional guidance in January for the March 2021 elections. The provisions of the previous temporary amendments to 600-24 are still in force so the provision to consider members elected if vacancies outnumber or are equal to the number of candidates can be extended to the March 2021 elections as the local COVID-19 emergency is still in place.

The Greater Golden Hill Community Planning Board welcomes new members. Per the bylaws, single vacancies will be filled at the time vacancies are declared but no later than 120 days. Members need to qualify as either a resident, property owner or business representative and have attended at least two regular monthly meetings within the last year.