

## **GREATER GOLDEN HILL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**October 9, 2013 – APPROVED**

The meeting took place at Balboa Park Golf Course Club House on Golf Course Drive. Chair Ruchelle Alvarez called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The agenda had been posted in accordance with the Brown Act. A quorum was present.

**Members present:** Present: Ruchell Alvarez, Cheryl Brierton, Susan Bugbee, Mike Burkart,, John Kroll, Richard Santini, Pat Shields, David Strickland, David Swarens, Matt Thomas, Angela Vasconcellos.

**Members absent:** Richard Baldwin, Janice Davis.

**Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made to approve minutes from the September meeting with the addition of a sidewalk down the 26<sup>th</sup> St. hill to the list of desirable infrastructure projects. It passed with two abstentions.

### **GOVERNMENTAL REPORTS**

**53rd Congressional District** (Rep. Susan Davis) – Gavin Deeb reported on some implications of the partial government shutdown.

A representative of state assembly member Lorena Gonzales' office introduced herself and reported on bills the member had introduced.

**City Planner** Bernie Turgeon reported on the working draft of the Community Plan Update sent to the committee for review in the next two months. A few sections, such as Preservation, are still missing and others are incomplete. A new, more complete draft is expected in January. Committee input to the current draft is due by year's end. Because the committee does not meet in December, discussion of the draft will take place in November. In preparation for the discussion, committee members will send their major comments, organized by sections of the CPU, to Alvarez by October 25.

### **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Swarens: Advanced training for environmental review was not well presented.

Kroll: In a public meeting, Acting Mayor Gloria made clear that older sections of the city will become more dense. No mention of added amenities to compensate for the greater density was made, although he does want to present an infrastructure bond for city-wide improvements.

Concern was expressed over an RV parked overnight in the neighborhood. Legislation is pending to prevent this. Shields pointed out that sex offenders often live in an RV, and it's worth asking police to inquire who the resident is.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Code Compliance Sub-Committee:** A motion to discontinue the sub-committee was made (Alvarez/Brierton) and passed with one no vote. Code compliance issues will be brought up at the general meetings.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Balboa Park Centennial Celebration:** No one appeared to present this item.

**Water Purification Demonstration Project:** A Water Department representative explained this project, popularly known as Toilet to Tap. A three-year study of a multiple-barrier process to block impurities showed that the process is feasible. Water costs have been increasing from a previous cost of \$570 per acre-foot to a present cost of \$1100. The cost is expected to double in the next few years because drought years have become more common. The procedure takes as much energy as does purifying imported water and less than ocean desalinization. The cost is about the same as imported water. Public acceptance is increasing. Three water purification facilities will be installed: in Mira Mesa, the

South Bay, and along Harbor Drive.

Brierton questioned whether hormones and pharmaceutical residue are eliminated during the process. The representative noted that 300 compounds, including some pharmaceuticals, were tested and did not pass through the barriers.

Shields pointed to the general unpopularity of the procedure and suggested that the city is quick to adopt programs the public doesn't want, citing the need to plan for future population growth. The representative noted that new communities are required to install purple pipes, presumably to handle the process, and that drought as well as population growth is a reason to adopt this method of increasing water supply.

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Historic:** The committee urged the city to make a review of the proposed historic district a priority.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.