

GREATER GOLDEN HILL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 8, 2014 – 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 6:35 PM. The agenda had been posted in accordance with the Brown Act. A quorum was present.

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

Approval of Minutes: The November 2013 minutes were approved with two abstentions.

GOVERNMENTAL REPORTS

City Council District 3 – No appearance.

Community Police Officer -- No appearance.

53rd Congressional District (Rep. Susan Davis) – Gavin Deeb reported on recent initiatives.

39th Senate District (Sen. Marty Bloch) – Chris Ward announced that surplus state revenues will be put into a reserve fund, pay down debt, and restore money for education and other programs. Legislation will be introduced to revision the California Environmental Quality Act. Brierton noted that environmental concerns are crucial. For example, the 32nd St. wells may have an environmental impact on the open space canyon, despite previous statements to the contrary. Swarens said it is important to live up to the standards mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

A representative of state assembly member Lorena Gonzales noted that a town hall on the Affordable Care Act would take place January 11 in Chula Vista.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

A community resident noted a case of vandalism in her front yard and extensive graffiti and pasted slips (pasters) in the Beech St. business area. When she called the police, she said they disparaged her concern. The committee urged her to call the community police officer, Kevin Vasquez, to report the problems.

Swarens got his Maintenance Assessment District refund after 11 months.

CHAIR'S REPORT

An excerpt from the November 7 Balboa Park Committee meeting minutes, appended below, indicated that the committee did not call for a bicycle and pedestrian path to be added to Golf Course Drive between 28th St. and the Recreation Center as part of the golf course clubhouse redesign. The designers will attend the Planning Committee's February meeting. The chair asked the Park and Recreation Committee to table the issue until the Planning Committee can weigh in. Queries to the District 3 Council Office have not been answered. (A copy of the relevant e-mails is also appended to these minutes.)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Community Plan Update. A meeting January 9 will solicit community comments on the plan's environmental impact. Brierton urged that the November minutes be submitted as the committee's comment. Turgeon said that the environmental impact report will be based on the April 2014 revision. Swarens commented that this is time to make sure the EIR contains a full list of topics and that nothing is missed. Davis stressed the need for adequate parking rather than allowing developers to cut down on what they provide simply because the area is near a bus line. Baldwin seconded the idea that parking impact should be considered.

New Subdivision. Turgeon noted that a permit application has been submitted to Development Services for a five-house subdivision between Elm and Fir streets to the west of 28th St.

Capital Improvement Projects. Suggestions have been received from all community groups. Turgeon said that a bike and pedestrian path down the 26th St. hill was well received. He has urged that the sidewalk on Golf Course Drive be included.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historic: The South Park Historic District proposal was generally well received. More information was requested on the northeast boundaries..

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES ON SIDEWALK ALONG GOLF COURSE DRIVE

“Mr. Schmidt [Todd Schmidt, project manager with the Public Works, Architectural Engineering and Parks Department], stated they are seeking approval for the Balboa Park Golf Clubhouse Grounds Development Plan. The current plan shows a pedestrian pathway on the north and west sides of Golf Course Drive and continuous from 26th to 28th St, The plan proposes a class three share system, where bikes will share the road with automobiles, In addition, the existing path is preserved from 26th St. up to the Clubhouse.

“The City Attorney’s Office stated the Golf Course Enterprise Fund could not fund the pathway outside the scope of the GDP Project [Note: In response to a question, Mr. Schmidt explained that the pathway is ineligible because of the funding source]. The funds can only be used to fund a sidewalk through the project site. Every effort will be made to construct the pathway concurrently with the construction of the clubhouse, which is scheduled for 2016.”

E-MAILS REGARDING SIDEWALK ALONG GOLF COURSE DRIVE

-----Original Message-----
From: cwbrinton <cwbrinton@aol.com>
To: toddgloria <toddgloria@sandiego.gov>
Sent: Tue, Dec 31, 2013 7:06 pm
Subject: Fwd: Golf Course Drive sidewalk Dec 2013

Dear Interim Mayor Gloria,

Can someone help us with this information about the sidewalk needed through the Golden Hill Golf Course?

Thank you,
Cheryl Brierton

-----Original Message-----
From: cwbrinton <cwbrinton@aol.com>
To: cthomson <cthomson@sandiego.gov>; goldenhillplanningcommittee <goldenhillplanningcommittee@gmail.com>
Sent: Tue, Dec 31, 2013 7:00 pm
Subject: Re: Golf Course Drive sidewalk Dec 2013

Courtney,

Can you please let me know when the Golf Course project is coming to the City Parks & Recreation Committee? (See below.)

Thanks,
Cheryl Brierton

-----Original Message-----

From: cw Brierton <cwbrierton@aol.com>

To: c Thomason <cthomson@sandiego.gov>; goldenhillplanningcommittee
<goldenhillplanningcommittee@gmail.com>

Sent: Wed, Dec 18, 2013 3:25 pm

Subject: Fwd: Golf Course Drive sidewalk Dec 2013

Courtney,

Can you please let us know when the Golf Course project is coming before the City Parks & Rec Committee? It was advanced without including the sidewalk through Golf Course Drive. This sidewalk is a top priority for Greater Golden Hill Community Planning Committee.

Also, would it be possible to meet with Todd Gloria about this?

Thanks,
Cheryl Brierton