

**CITY HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
May 12, 2008**

The members of the City Heights Project Area Committee (PAC) held their meeting at the Metro Career Center Office Building.

The following members were present:

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| David Bowen              | Tony LoPresti      | Jim Varnadore     |
| Karen Bucey              | Torr Melling       | Andrea Zinko      |
| Rudy Burlin              | David Nelson       | Patty Vaccariello |
| Astrid Cybulskis         | Juan Pablo Sanchez |                   |
| Valentina Hernandez 7:05 | Joe Sciarretta     |                   |
| Fred Lindahl             | David Taylor 6:10  |                   |

The following members were absent: Torr Melling, Aide Rodriguez, and Elizabeth Tate.

Also Present: Melissa Garcia (Redevelopment), Karina Danek (Redevelopment) and Kenia Rivera (Redevelopment).

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. Roll call was conducted. A quorum was established.
- II. **Agenda:**  
Astrid Cybulskis motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by David Bowen motion passed 12-0-0.
- III. **Minutes:**  
Toni LoPresti motioned to approve the minutes from April 14, 2008 seconded by Astrid Cybulskis. Motion passed 10-0-2.
- IV. **Public Comment, PAC Members Comment and Staff Announcements**

**Public Comment**

**The following members of the Public made comments:**

Enrique Gandarilla  
Alfred Ilginis  
Todd Gloria

**PAC Member Comment**

**The following members of the PAC made public comments:**

Tony LoPresti

Jim Varnadore

Michael Sprague stated that he is resigning from the PAC and that this meeting (May 12, 2008) would be his last meeting as a member of the board.

### **Staff Announcement**

Melissa Garcia welcomed Karina Danek to the Redevelopment Agency; Karina will be assisting with the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area. Melissa gave an update on the Redevelopment Agency Restructuring. At the April 29, 2008 Agency Board meeting, the Agency voted to direct Agency staff to conduct studies related to the implementation of the Agency Employee Model. There will be a 6 month period of transition to the Agency Employee model and staff was directed to report back periodically on the progress of the research. The first report to the Agency was requested in 45 days.

## **V. New Business**

**A. Jack in the Box Relocation-Information Item-** Representatives from Jack in the Box presented site drawings to the PAC. The relocation of the Jack in the Box at University and Fairmount is needed to facilitate the City Heights Square development. The proposed Jack in the Box would incorporate the new modern design Jack in the Box is using. PAC members had comments on the design and location.

**B. City Heights Projects Update -Information Item-**Melissa Garcia gave an update to the PAC on all the current projects underway in the City Heights Project Area. The projects include: City Heights Paseo, the I-15 properties, San Diego Rescue Mission Site, The Euclid Tower, City Heights Square, and the City Heights CDC Affordable Housing Project.

## **VI. Old Business**

**A. City Heights Bus Shelters Update-Action Item-** Enrique Gandarilla from the City Heights Business Association explained to the PAC that due to prevailing wages the cost for the installation of the bus shelters along University had increased by the amount of \$8,960. Enrique asked for the PAC's approval for the additional funding of \$8,960. Jim Varnadore motioned to fund up to an additional \$9,000 to fund a total of 20 bus shelters and benches in City Heights seconded by Juan Pablo Sanchez. Motion passed 12-2-1.

**B. City Heights Streetlights-Action Item-**PAC members were shown a map of the proposed sites for the City Heights streetlights as well as the cost and pictures of the proposed streetlights. After review of the information provided, David Nelson motioned to approve the purchase and installation of the streetlights in City Heights, seconded by Joe Sciarretta. Motion passed 11-4-0.

**C. Storefront Improvement Program-Action Item-** Jim Varnadore motioned to continue the item, seconded by Patty Vaccariello. Motion passed 14-0-0.

**D. Project Area Budget-Information Item-**Presentation by Melissa Garcia regarding the proposed City Heights Project Area budget for Fiscal Year 2009. PAC members had an opportunity to ask questions regarding the budget.

**VII. Chair and Subcommittee Reports**

**A. Chair's Report**-No report.

**B. Ad-hoc Committee Foreclosed Properties**-No report.

**C. Housing Subcommittee**-The Housing Subcommittee did not meet in May.

**VIII. Next Meeting Agenda**- PAC discussion on next meeting's agenda.

**A.** CDC project on 43<sup>rd</sup> and Fairmount

**B.** Aquatic Adventures

**C.** City Heights Square Project

**D.** Foreclosed Properties

**IX. Adjournment** -The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

