

Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee
Joe LaCava, Chair

AGENDA

Friday, September 19, 2014, 8:30 am – 10:30 am
Committee Chambers (12th Floor), City Administration Building
202 C Street, San Diego, California

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Purpose of the Committee per Resolution 308721: "Undergrounding Committee shall advise the City Council on (1) how the City may better implement the program to minimize community concerns related to the installation of utility equipment, including above ground utility boxes, while undertaking undergrounding projects, and (2) how the City, community, and utility companies could improve communication in implementing the goals of the Program"

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE COMMENT

CITY STAFF COMMENT

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENT

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM 1 – Welcome and Introductions

ITEM 2 – Recap: What improvements have already been made?

- City added community meeting to public process
- City hired a dedicated Public Information Officer

ITEM 3 – Legend: Above ground Utility Infrastructure and what it does

ITEM 4 – Roundtable discussion: Potential Action Item

- Outreach to Community Planning Groups
 - Potential help re Easements
 - Potential additional meeting in city's process/report to CPG
- Change of names
 - Pre-design
 - Name of the program –Utility Grounding
- Engagement with City Staff
 - Briefings on process and Council role
 - Proactive vs. reactive

- City Project Manager – Level of Involvement/Quality Control from design through installation.
- Using surcharge to compensate for private easements
- Retaining utility poles with appurtenances in lieu of on the ground appurtenances in selected conditions.

ITEM 5 – Roundtable discussion New Ideas/Solutions: Discussion Item

- Develop Guidelines?
 - Clustered vs. Spread out
 - Sidewalk clear path, concrete pads, protection poles, etc
 - Ways to conceal boxes
 - Shrubbery provided by utility companies

Next Meeting: Friday, October 17, 2014

Upcoming Items – Anticipated future discussion items.

- Continuing roundtable discussion on improving process and aesthetics.
- Graffiti control (utility owner versus City)

Meeting Schedule: The Committee holds its regular meetings on the 3rd Friday of each month, from 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. in the Committee Chambers (12th Floor), City Administration Building, 202 C Street, San Diego, California.

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