

Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee

Joe LaCava, Chair

Minutes

Friday, October 17, 2014, 8:30 am – 10:30 am Committee Chambers (12th Floor), City

Administration Building

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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”

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe LaCava, Chair

David Moty

Vicky Granowitz

John Ready

Thomas Hebrank

Ian Stewart, SDG&E

Ileana Engel, Cox Communications

Joe Gabaldon, Time Warner Cable

Ignacio De La Torre, AT&T

Breandan Lee, AT&T

CITY STAFF/REPRESENTATIVES: Ralph Dimarucut, Hasan Yousef, Mario Reyes, Tim Graham

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Joe LaCava called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Suzanne Ledeboer, a member of the Normal Heights Community Planning Group, shared her concerns with the state of the sidewalks in the city.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

CITY STAFF COMMENT

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENT INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM 1 – Welcome and Introductions

ITEM 2 – City Attorney Report – Information Only

There was not a representative from the City Attorney’s office.

ITEM 3 – Roundtable discussion (continued): Potential Action Items

Building a Community Process Template (Granowitz, David Moty)
Design Guidelines – A Working Draft (Granowitz, Moty, LaCava)

Vicki Granowitz and David Moty presented their draft proposal of public process for the utility undergrounding advisory committee and talked the committee through the new process. City staff was asked if this was something they could agree to and they indicated they could. Staff was asked to work off line with Vicki and David to ensure that the proposed process properly incorporated the City process.

Public Comment: Don Rosencrantz of Kensington spoke in opposition of the committee because it was not looking at full sub surface structures. Don Taylor of Kensington spoke that he was looking forward to joining the committee.

ITEM 4 – Roundtable discussion (continued): Potential Action Item

Chair La Cava went through a draft document recognizing what improvements have already been made by the City and utility companies to improve communication and better implement the program to minimize community concerns related to the installation of utility equipment as well as identifying new ideas where the Committee seems to be building consensus and ideas that are emerging but have not yet been fully vetted. The Committee needs to work towards a final report that will be provided to the City Council.

ITEM 5 – Confirm November and December meeting dates

The committee agreed that they would meet in November and December on the same meeting day, the 3rd Friday of the month.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Friday, November 21, 2014
Meeting was adjourned by Chair, Joe LaCava at 10:29 am.