

Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee

Joe LaCava, Chair

Minutes

Friday, November 21, 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"

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe LaCava, Chair

David Moty

Vicky Granowitz

John Ready

Bobby Johnston

Don Taylor

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: Molly Chase, 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

Don Rosencrantz, Kensington, shared his comments regarding other municipalities such as San Francisco which has implemented a policy that places all equipment underground.

COMMITTEE COMMENT – None.

CITY STAFF COMMENT – None.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENT – There was not a representative from the City Attorney's office.

ITEM 1 – Welcome and Introductions

ITEM 2 – Roundtable Discussion (continued): Potential Action Items

- Updated process
- Design Guidelines
- Legend
- Building Consensus
- Other suggestions by committee members

Chair LaCava led the group in further discussion of the update process, design options, legend, and building consensus. Mario Reyes from the City of San Diego provided clarification on when easements are given/required. There was general agreement that the process and legend are moving forward but some refinements needed to be made.

Public Comment: Don Rosencrantz from Kensington said there were problems with voluntary easements in previous projects.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Friday, December 19, 2014
Meeting was adjourned by Chair, Joe LaCava at 10:30 am.