

Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee
10-12-16
6:30 PM

Golden Hill Community Recreation Center

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Call to Order **6:30

Attendance:

Name	Present	Absent
Richard Santini	x	
Cheryl Brierton	x	
Sabrina DiMinico	x	
David Swarens	x	
Andrew Zakarian		x
Richard Baldwin	x	
Mike Burkart	x	
Melissa Serocki		x
Victoria Curran	x	
Janice Davis	x	
Susan Bugbee	x	
Joe Coneglio	x	
John Kroll	x	
Melinda Lee	x	
Kathy Van Denheuvel	x	
Saad Hirmez	x	

Governmental Officials Absent

Community Police Officer – Kevin Vasquez {619.674.7268 or kvasquez@pd.sandiego.gov}

53rd Congressional District – Mark Zambon {619.280.5353 or Mark.Zambon@mail.house.gov}

39th Senate District – Joyce Temporal {619.645.3133 or joyce.temporal@sen.ca.gov}

Approval of Minutes of Sept 14, 2016 – Brierton moved to approve; Bugbee seconded; 10 – yes, 0-no, 3-abstain

Governmental Reports

- 53rd Congressional District – Ashley Campbell 619.280.5353 or Ashley.campbell@mail.house.gov SD Regional Chamber of Commerce met , SANDAG trolley expansion received grants for construction; honoring fallen Chula Vista Police officer Jonathan deGuzman with name on Post office Building;
- Council District 3 – Adrian Granda {619.236.6633 or agranda@sandiego.gov} – Full funding contract for SANDAG for 11 mile mid-coast trolley expansion; reopening of Hotel Churchill to provide housing for homeless veterans (72 units). Historic preservation and meeting climate action plan goals were two huge issues that prevented Todd Gloria from approving the North Park & Golden Hill community plans; Baldwin asked if Gloria has a plan to meet the climate action and historic goals? Van Denheuvel asked how the public will participate in the process of these last minute changes? Brierton expressed disappointment that after so many hours of investing in this community plan it was not approved and last minute changes were made. Granda offered to facilitate a meeting between the Board and City Council to have that dialogue. DiMinico expressed that she would like the Board to take Grande up on his offer of facilitating that meeting so that we can understand in more detail why the plan has not been approved and what changes are needed. Davis asked if there are records of written comments in opposition to the plan. Tersha D’Elgin asked if density is in the climate action plan, and if so, are there quantifications of energy use and water use? David Krissle asked if natural gas not in the equation and are there any communities reacting favorably to the increased density. Granda acknowledged that North Park is reacting favorably. Krissle asked if there is a reduced parking requirement. Susanna Starcevic owns a parcel on 32nd and C Street. Doesn’t understand how this committee would have decreased the density when we have climate action change and why you would have voted against density in that area when it is the perfect place for high density with its proximity to bus lines and topography of the land; She acknowledged that she and a few other property owners at 32nd and C Streets went to City Council to express opposition to Community Plan. Granda noted that Todd Gloria leaves office December 5th

Non Agenda Public Comment

- Brierton reported that a few of the Board members went to the training on reviewing Development Projects and the materials are supposed to be online
- DiMinico expressed serious concern about the increase of the homeless and transients in Golden Hill who are moving up from East Village, noted dumping of trash and loitering in front of Starbucks on 28th & B, sleeping on streets, and transients now digging through and stealing from her recycling bins on trash day.
- Gerry Ray noted that when Joe Grant opened Grants marketplace years ago, he wanted to have a wine bar and patio and the City wouldn’t allow him to do it. Now she got a letter in the mail saying that Jason the new owner of Grants wants to get a license to

have beer and wine service. She is opposed because we have an establishment serving alcohol on every corner in that area and don't need another one, especially since Grants is a daily destination for students from Einstein Academy.

Chair, Vice Chair, and CPC Report(s)

CPU Status Hearings – Chair of North Park spoke favorably of the Golden Hill Plan and Chair of Talmadge spoke movingly about the importance of Planning Groups in the process ; Freeway Cap meeting; Chair spoke at SoNo Alliance meeting along with Chair of North Park Committee and Donna Frye

Action Items:

- 1) Representation on Balboa Park Committee. Select and forward “list” to Mayor’s office for consideration for appointment. GGHCPC had previously supplied a nomination, but the Mayor has requested a “list” of two or (preferably) three for their consideration. Brierton, the GGHCPC’s nomination, has officially withdrawn. Melinda Lee, Victoria Curran, Susan Bugbee, Kathy Van Denheuvel volunteered to be on the list. Brierton moved that we forward the list of nominees to the Mayor’s office; seconded by Mike Burkhart – 13- yes, 1 abstention
- 2) Community Plan Update- Bernie Turgeon updated on status of plan and provided more detail about the density issues that were raised by the Planning Commission. Van Denheuvel asked to understand more about who is on the Planning Commission. Turgeon acknowledged is comprised mostly of development related professionals
 - Increased density on 25th Street commercial corridor and at the City Yard
 - B Street area – bring it back to community commercial
 - Elimination of PDO (which had tailored protection and a lot of discretionary review)
 - Turgeon made suggestion to preserve the intent of the PDO that we have planned development permits
 - Kroll – there are 2 parallel paths – one that the Planning Commission is on and one that the Community Planning Committee is on and two never meet
 - Tersha D’Algin to have group of 7 people wipe out what the community has invested so much in for so many years
 - Susanna Starcevic pleaded with the Board to reconsider keeping the density on her parcel. She stated if the Board would respond to the Planning Commission’s request for increased density by restoring the density on her particular parcel to what it was in the prior plan, she and her family would withdraw their opposition to the Community Plan
 - Brierton moved to reaffirm our support for the community plan update prepared over the last 8 years with input from thousands of stakeholders; seconded by Bugbee; 13 – yes, 1- abstain
 - Baldwin moved to increase density to 15-29 units per acre by a Plan Development Permit between 32nd and 34th streets south of the alley which is north of C Street; seconded by Davis – 11- yes, 2-no, 1-abstain
 - Baldwin moved to increase density up to 44 units per acre by a Plan Development Permit in the commercial corridor on 25th Street south of B Street, seconded by Melinda Lee – yes- 13, 1- abstain

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm