

Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee

3-8-17

6:30 PM

**Golden Hill Community Recreation Center**

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Call to Order \*\*6:30pm

**Attendance:**

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

**City Staff Present:**

Assigned City Planner: Bernard Turgeon - 619.533.6575 or [bturgeon@sandiego.gov](mailto:bturgeon@sandiego.gov)

Council Representative, District 3: Tyler Renner, 619-236-6633 or [TRenner@sandiego.gov](mailto:TRenner@sandiego.gov)

SDPD Community Relations Officer Kevin Vasquez

Traffic Engineering, Kharman Tawfiq - [KTawfiq@sandiego.gov](mailto:KTawfiq@sandiego.gov), 619-933-3771

**Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2017 meeting**– Brierton disputed the minutes indicating that the following conditions were removed from the motion regarding the Chapel of Happiness: 1) “no left turn” sign posted where the alley enters 30<sup>th</sup> St. 2) that there is lighting at the alley entry 3) electric charging stations are recommended. **Motion** made by Brierton to accept minutes as they were originally circulated which included the 3 conditions. DiMinico seconded – 8-yes 1-abstention (Swarens)

**Approval of minutes from Special Meeting on February 21, 2017:** **Motion** made by Vandenheuvel to approve minutes; seconded by Serocki Approve 7-yes, 0- no, 2-abstain

### **Government Reports:**

**Kevin Vasquez** – looking for help for finding Charles Skidmore last seen in Chicano Park committing a lewd act in front of children; registered sex offender, parolee at large, cut off bracelet; homeless probably wearing same clothing; Vasquez circulated photo of Skidmore and asked the community report any tips to the SDPD

**Tyler Renner** - Introduced **Kharman Tawfiq** from Traffic Engineering to provide an update on the traffic engineering process and hear feedback because there have been many concerns about traffic particularly about cars exiting the 94 and finding alternate routes throughout Golden Hill; Tawfiq reiterated they are working on the concerns regarding this; Brierton asked about the block of 30<sup>th</sup> between C and Broadway specifically the issue with trucks exiting off 94 that can't make the turn so it's backing up traffic; Tawfiq said they will look into it and they can evaluate if traffic calming is possible; Brierton also brought up 30<sup>th</sup> & Fern intersection; Tawfiq solicited feedback from the community; Stephanie Jennings asked about a roundabout at 30<sup>th</sup> & Fern; Vandenheuvel would like a traffic light to be considered; DiMinico opposed a traffic light and suggested a pedestrian crosswalk instead; Serocki stated that the issue is that the intersection is confusing because there are 2 driveways that come out of the Target parking lot and she would like the City to consider closing the driveways (Hirmez, the property owner would like to close those driveways as well and has tried in the past to do so but the City wouldn't allow it); Swarens noted that future development will occur across the street from Target; DiMinico asked Tawfiq that if traffic is being evaluated at that intersection, can the City please take into consideration all the development that is planned for the Target lot and the 2 lots across from Target (the Bottle Shop and the adjacent apartments) when making traffic calming decisions about the 30<sup>th</sup> & Fern intersection. Valerie Hodge Reynolds also confirmed that there is a traffic issue at 30<sup>th</sup> at Broadway and C - particularly that the sidewalk is continually being broken because of the semi-trucks trying to make the turn; Hirmez recommends a right hand turn restriction for trucks; Ruchell Alvarez cited that parking on Broadway and 30<sup>th</sup> is an issue – there is a lack of parking and the cars that park along Broadway are continually being hit from cars exiting off 94. Alvarez generated a petition and collected 90 signatures for a traffic study, She also offered solutions for traffic mitigation and calming one of which was to propose that trucks go on the 15 and exit on Market St. then make a left onto Market and one right hand turn onto 30<sup>th</sup> (i.e. limiting the size of trucks); She did talk to the Mayor about this but got a “no deal.” Alvarez also sent petition to Tyler Renner; Susanna Starcevic cited that the light at Pershing and Florida Canyon causes traffic to get backed up all the way to the top of the hill and asked if there is any way to widen the lanes at the Pershing and Florida Canyon; Swarens noted that the Pershing Bikeway Project will affect this area and recommended Starcevic talk to the City about that project; Stephanie Jennings also supports a pedestrian cross walk instead of a traffic light at 30<sup>th</sup> & Fern in order to preserve the character of the at intersection (i.e. there is a

Christmas event happens that happens there every year; our community wants to maintain the small town feel/walkability and a traffic light or the S is not a good solution); Jennings also asked Tawfiq if an additional Stop sign would help; Jim Wade noted that the complaints have been being made for years about the 30<sup>th</sup> & Fern intersection and nothing has been done and it's not acceptable and he wants that feedback taken back to Chris; Wade also has an issue with the traffic on Treat St – massive amounts of traffic coming around a tiny intersection as well as 18 wheelers bottoming out on E street which causes huge delays and it happens a lot; He brought this up to Alvarez and Gloria and asked for a sign and was told it is “being evaluated.” Wade stated that the City needs to do better and Chris needs to do better than his predecessors; Valerie Hodge asked why the Chapel of Happiness project is going to be using the alley and not 30<sup>th</sup>? She lives directly behind the Chapel of Happiness; Swarens volunteered to talk to her after the meeting about the project; Tracy Norris has an issue with 26<sup>th</sup> between A & B because the alleys has zero visibility to bicyclists because people park right up to the edge of the alley and it's dangerous for drivers as well; Tawfiq stated that sidewalk red zones can be requested for situations like where 3-5 feet gets painted red at the end of your driveways for approximately \$200 if you fill out an application; Davis noted that a few years ago when she was concerned about a major development project in 29<sup>th</sup> & C the developer was allowed to count the spots right up to the curb cuts; Christina Magana seconded Tracey Norris's concern about alley visibility and also stated her concern about people parking by fire hydrants and blocking handicap parking; Magana said we need more diagonal parking from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> and E to Broadway as well as a bright crosswalk between E & 25<sup>th</sup>; Mike Grube stated that he has been working with Matt Schmidt for the past year which has been very effective and he suggested that the City refer to the 1987 revitalization study for 30<sup>th</sup> & Fern refer to see what was done to calm traffic and what wasn't done to fix parking; there are a lot of good ideas and we should pull it out and look at it to revisit parking ideas; He stated that for calming you can't study one street, you need to study the entire neighborhood like they did in Birdrock; Grube is asking that City Council to do a comprehensive study; Wade – parking enforcement is a serious problem especially in his neighborhood where businesses park trucks overnight. He said the response from the City is always to “put a complaint in” yet little is done to fix the situation; Robert Hammill said that trash bins in the streets on trash collection day negate bike lanes; Alvarez suggested and recommended that people email Kevin Alvarez to complain about lack of traffic violation enforcement; John Kroll stated that the real big picture is that the City continues to cram more density in the area and does nothing to address traffic; Tyler Renner stated that parking on 27<sup>th</sup> street between E&F was approved for angled parking by City Council.

### **Action Items:**

1) Condominium Conversion Tentative Map, 911 27<sup>th</sup> Street. PTS 514486. This four unit apartment is a project the committee reviewed prior to construction, and we are now asked to consider the request for a TM as condos MaryAnn Huybers- Accurate Land Surveys; Huybers stated townhouses will be for sale for \$725K; Brierton – we're supposed to be developing affordable housing yet this goes against that b/c to buy one of these townhouses is out of reach for most people yet renting one of them would probably be more affordable in terms of pricing; Wade has lived across the street from this property and this beautiful condos replaced what was once a homeless encampment as well as a meth house and that was a rental. It was dangerous. This project has been a huge benefit to the neighborhood and represents what we want in San Diego with higher density and more parking; **Motion** by Hirmez to approve apartments to go to condominium plan. Seconded by Janice Davis. – 10-yes, 1-no, 1- abstain (Swarens)

- 2) Elections Update – elected to 2 year terms: Cheryl Brierton, Sabrina DiMinico, Christina Magana, Oscar Medina, Melissa Serocki, Susanna Starcevic, David Swarens, Kathy Vandenneuvel; elected to 1 year terms - Ruchell Alvarez, Saad Hirmez;
- 3) Smart Growth & Land Use City Council Committee Work Plan - **Motion** by Brierton to disapprove the recommended changes proposed by Councilman Scott Sherman – in his “smart growth and land use committee work plan” dated 2-10-17 specifically the proposed consolidation of planning groups; Curran seconded; unanimous approval – 11-yes 1-abstain (Swarens)
- 4) Open Agenda Public Comment - Gery Ray – parking remains to be an issue on Dale St.

Meeting adjourned 8:27pm