

Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee
11-8-17

Golden Hill Community Recreation Center
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Attendance:

Name	Present	Absent
Ruchell Alvarez		x
Cheryl Brierton		x
Sabrina DiMinico	x	
David Swarens	x	
Andrew Zakarian	x	
Melissa Serocki		x
Victoria Curran	x	
Janice Davis	x	
Susan Bugbee	x	
Joe Coneglio	x	
Oscar Medina	x	
Cristina Magana		x
Tim Briggs	x	
Kathy Vandenheuvel	x	
Saad Hirmez	x	
Susanna Starcevic	x	

City Staff Present:

Council District 3 Brett Weise - BWeise@sandiego.gov (619) 236-6633
53rd Congressional District Rep. Ashley Campbell (619) 280-5353
Community Police Officer – Kevin Vasquez (619) 674-7268
City Planner –Bernard Turgeon bturgeon@sandiego.gov 619) 533-6575

Addition to Agenda - Herman Collins from Sempra will present on CCA action Item

Approval of minutes from 10-11-17 meeting

Motion by Coneglio to approve minutes from 10-11-17 meeting; seconded by Curran 11-yes
1-abstained (Vandenheuvel – didn't read minutes)

Governmental Reports

Vasquez - Break in at 1057 20th street with resident in bedroom asleep at the time; hispanic male gained entry through unlocked front door; Coneglio brought up issue of homeless individuals exposing themselves and asked Vasquez how to report this. Vasquez clarified that public urination should be reported to the non emergency police line while exposure for sexual gratification should be reported by calling 911; Vandenheuvel referred to a recent aggressive interaction with homeless individual and a Golden Hill resident where the resident called 911 and it took 45 minutes for police to arrive at the scene. Vandenheuvel noted that there was no police presence at the temporary homeless camp at 26th & Pershing despite the fact that were told there would be a mobile SDPD unit; Michael Nazarinia asked when someone calls the Homeless outreach team – what is the protocol for said homeless people being removed from public right of way, specifically across from starbucks on 28th & B? There's a homeless woman at that location who needs help – the homeless outreach team has reached out and she's refused services;

Ashley Campbell from Susan Davis's Office provided the following updates: 1) Davis cosponsored HR1478 Gun Violence Research Act, a bill that would eliminate the provision from the department of health and human services from sponsoring research on gun violence; also cosponsored HR3947 Automatic Gunfire Prevention Act, a bill that prohibits the manufacture, possession, sale or transfer of devices designed to convert semi-automatic weapons into the near equivalent of fully automatic machine guns. 2) tax reform – press conference coming up soon on tax reform Davis is opposed to the new tax plan because it hurts middle class families; 3) Davis attended event celebrating naming of street in honor of Leon Williams

Brett Weise – South Park historic district – HR board voted to approve historic district City is in the midst of a police chief search and welcomes community input on qualities needed in new police chief; nationwide search as well as internal search; on Dec 12 City Council will be voting on regulations regarding short term vacation rentals; Council member ward has outlined his regulations he's proposed some of which include restricting permits to 3 individuals, noise violation fines with ultimate permits revoked for continued non-compliance, and limit of 2 residents per bedroom; City will be doing a lot more power washing on streets to combat the spread of Hep A; the most impacted areas are being prioritized consistently; Upcoming community outreach events include: 11/15 from 5:30-7 at Balboa Park Room with Johnathan Guerrero to speak on homelessness; 11/18 Coffee with Council member at Caffe Italia in Little Italy from 9:00-10-30am; 11/28 Cocktails with Councilmember at Rose wine bar from 5:30-7. Valentini Molteni – Bud Kerns pool is going to be closed for 3 months for lack of funds; would be great if something could be done to keep it open; Joe Coneglio – Are they on track for closing the temporary homeless camp at 26th and Pershing on time? Weise – they are on track for completion of 2 of the 3 large tents

Bernie Turgeon – HR board decision to designate 28th to 31st from Elm to A street as historic district; appeals process closes tomorrow – they have received 2 appeals so far; Zakarian – when will next designation process take place for the community? Turgeon – it will take place in 2 years (2019) area will be Golden Hill neighborhood west of the existing historic district

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Jerry Ray has noticed a lot of foot traffic on Pershing since homeless camp opened; She never saw a gate guard and saw people passing freely through. The first morning the shelter was open she drove over to the golf course parking lot and the next night there were 6 cars; the next morning there was a lot of trash left over; last Saturday there was a man in dark clothing in the bike lane. That lane is so dangerous because cars do use it to turn right on 26th street. Ray asked where are all of the city vehicles that used to be at lot on 20th & B go? Hirmez commented that they were moved to Chargers Drive.

Beth Francis – has lived in Golden hill for 12 years and noted that on grape from the dog park toward target there's no stop signs. She spoke with Matthew Schmidt at the city and determined it didn't warrant a 4-way stop; but then last week she heard a huge crash again. Francis would like the 2 way stop at Grape and Dale converted to a 4 way stop and requested that it be on a future GGHPC agenda for review

Michael Nazarinia – 30th & Broadway alley right behind Miller's market since the sanitization downtown, there have been homeless people sleeping at 2957 C street adjacent to Millers market; repeated break-ins to his complex Jacuzzi and pool by homeless people who are taking baths in it; Nazarinia appealed to Hirmez as the property owner to help. Hirmez agreed to call Kevin Vasquez to get a Letter of Agency on file so that the police can actively remove the homeless from camping at the location in question

Valentina Molteni – all bridge shelter tents will all be downtown. Is asking GGHPC to urge the Mayor tonight to open a shelter in each neighborhood to have their own shelters; Golden Hill wants to do our part but we shouldn't shoulder all of the burden

Chair's report – Alternative process – got stops signs at F street & 24th and 21st. Those have been working well; Zakarian – noted there's no enforcement of people running stop signs; encouraged people to keep calling cal trans about the guard rail on the side of the year G steet off ramp of 94; Swarens and Victoria Curran visited homeless camp at 26th & Pershing and it appeared to be well ordered; one time this Sunday evening the guard was not there; people with carts coming south bound down Perhsing on the wrong side of the roads; Hep A vaccine at camp – residents at the camp can't be required to accept but they have had a 100% acceptance rate; Leon Williams street honoring event was nice.
CPC report – new development incentives at targeted populations

Action Items

1) Community Choice Aggregation – Swarens & Davis left the room due to conflicts of interest because they own share in Sempra Energy

Herman Collins from Collins Group Outreach consultants presented on Community Choice Aggregation, asked GGHPC to hold off on approving Community Choice Aggregation:

- Sempra Services is not regulated by California Public Utilities; he's here as a result of the shareholders;
- Showed video on CCAs. The city will form a non-profit corporation and will utilize city revenues to create that non-profit. We want to make sure we're not doing trading schemes and that we understand what the risks are.

Sebastian Sarria, volunteer with Community Choice alliance; Climate Action Campaign asked GGHPC to approve Community Choice Aggregation:

- Collin's presentation is using out of date numbers for Marin county; Regarding the first video he showed, an article in KPBS said the video is inaccurate. In spite of that employees of Sempra Energy continue to go to communities to show it around. \

What Community Choice Alliance can do for us as a community:

- Creates competition in purchasing but would still have monopoly thru the delivery
- Clean energy
- Silicon Valley is producing low cost energy 100% pollution free energy
- Sonaoma Clean Power – 90% pollution free
- We are paying the highest rates in the state and have the dirtiest energy
- Even with the exit fee the CCA will be cheaper
- Risks – Sempra is telling us to wait. The CCA laws have been on the books since 2009. How long should we wait?

Sebastian Sarria – does community outreach and has received the support of over 50 groups; the community wants it and the January vote will be a next step

Hirmez – clarified when Sarria referenced the city is that city or county? Sarria replied City; How much money will communities be saving? Sarria - No that much right now

Zakarian – what municipalities have implemented CCAs? Solana Beach did it in 2018 but the city of Del Mar and Chula Vista and most recently included San Diego Unified School District; Curran – if we go to the CCAs does each resident choose to stay with Sempra? It would be a default opt out. Coneglio – is the rate of transportation staying the same? Oscar Medina – it was inappropriate for the ci

Ruth Hargrove – with the Community Choice and the rates that you mentioned would consumers have the choice to pay less for dirtier energy or more for cleaner energy? Tyson – yes

Motion by Oscar Medina to support the Community Choice Aggregation program – 9 in favor, 1 opposed (Susanna Starcevic)

2) Golden Hill/South Park storm drain replacement Project 557220 -Jason Guise

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- Project cost \$900,000, 60% through the design phase; expected construction to start at end of 2018; environmental oversight? Contractor will hire someone to monitor and city staff will monitor; Vandenneuvel will city staff be there the whole time or will they just come by and leave? Permit will determine how long they need to monitor; 6 month construction process for all sites – 1-2 months of construction on average per site; Hirmez why concrete and not plastic? Concrete is stronger; 319 linear feet will be replaced in the following 5 locations:
 - 1) 31st & Cedar
 - 2) 24th & A
 - 3) 32nd Street canyon –

Santini - Are you replacing in kind with what you're removing to accommodate for the storms? The current diameter is sufficient to accommodate for that; Tershia D'Elgin – what's the dissipation situation? They will install dissipaters;

Concrete tinting and revegetation around the bottom that will hide dissipaters; Dudek and associates is the landscape architect;

Motion by Hirmez to support the storm drain replacement project with the suggestion that the visible outflow is consistent with the natural aesthetics of the canyon and creek. Seconded by Curran – unanimous yes

3) Planned Expansion of the City Bike Share Program in the GH community

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- City wants to put a Deco bike station on the south side of Grape St at 30th Street on the sidewalk in Grape Street square in front of So Childish
- DiMinico – expressed frustration with how the city originally rolled out the Deco bike station with no community feedback or notification regarding the location of the bike stations. Noted that the city had already removed a station at 30th and Grape in front of Target due to complaints from the property owner and community (unsafe location, took up needed parking spots) and one on 28th and Beech directly in front of the park because it obstructed a view corridor and was inconsistent with the community plan; also noted that Grape Street square was designated in the community plan as a view corridor and that community events take place in this area like the Holiday Tree lighting ceremony; DiMinico also noted that now that the Deco stations have advertising on them they are even more offensive for the look of the community (future billboards were removed from the community plan for this reason); South Park already has enough Deco bike stations to meet the demands of the community; Unlike Hillcrest, South Park is not as easy to navigate for the casual biker given that large hills separate it from North Park and Downtown
- Mike Gruby noted that Grape Street Square is a popular meeting place for the community much like open green space and this area is a pedestrian walkway
- Richard Santini noted that the Deco Station in front of Starbucks is actually unsafe due to the location and advertising panels because it blocks pedestrians who are crossing the street from drivers' views; also noted that the advertising panels are offensive to the local businesses, especially those that the station will be in front of

Motion by Vandenneuvel - We recommend to be opposed to the proposed location at 30th and Grape southeastern corridor because the location of the station and its advertising is within a view corridor and is inconsistent with the community plan. Seconded by DiMinico 8 yes – 2 opposed – 2 abstention (Medina opposes out of protest for the city not including the community in the original rollout, Briggs supports bike share program but not at this location)

*Information Item:

1)The Green Network "Park-to-Bay Project" Noura Bishay: Presentation of a plan connecting Balboa Park to the Bay through 25th Street and Cesar E Chavez. A project in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Degree of Master of Architecture, NewSchool of Architecture & Design. presentation on the possibility of adding as much as possible green land by changing the street section.

Meeting adjourned. 9:28