



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
2212 MAIN STREET, SAN DIEGO CA 92113**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, November 15th, 2017

1. **Call to Order 6:00 PM**
2. **Roll Call Norene Riveroll, Mike Clapp, David Duea, Mark Steele, Hector Villegas, Hector Perez, Mario Chacon, Tina Camarillo, Josephine Talamantez, Tom Ryan, Rafael Castellanos, Brent Beltran,**
3. **Approval of the minutes**
October Minutes—Hector Perez motioned, Brent second. Motioned passed unanimously. September Minutes Tina motioned seconded Mike Clapp. Motioned passed unanimously.

**Mark Steele, Chair
 Brent Beltran, Vice Chair
 Capt. Roy Love, US Navy
 Rafael Castellanos, SD Port
 Mario Chacon
 Tim Fraser
 Erick Ortega
 Hector Perez
 Tom Ryan
 Josie Talamantez
 Hector Villegas
 Tina Camarillo
 Matt Carr
 Dennis O'Connor
 David Duea
 Norene Riveroll
 Mike Clapp**

4. Adoption of the Agenda—Hector motioned Brent seconded passed unanimous

5. **Staff Reports**
 - City of San Diego Council District 8 Office – Gabriela Dominguez
 Discussed the vote that happened for temporary bridge shelter. Councilmember is the only one to vote against this motion. He suggested alternative sites. It is a costly solution to the homeless \$1700 per person. The Councilmember suggested a long-term solution not a temporary solution. It passed.

Home owners offering homes to AirB&B. City is concerned about home-owners making their homes into AirB&B. Last meeting of the City Council in Dec it will be discussed.

Free Turkey give-a-way.at the Memorial Rec Center

Low income home owners of homes to be energy efficient. Urban Corp will come out and help improve upgrades.

- City of San Diego Mayor's Office – Eric Young - not in attendance
- City of San Diego Planning Department – Melissa Garcia-Camacho - not in attendance
- Port of San Diego – Ron Powell
 Ron Powell—Two from the port. Colleague Larry Rider. Serious issue, the Port is joining with the County and the City to prevent the spread of the Hep A virus, inclusive of Cesar Chavez Park. Bleach is being applied daily through a sprayed process; restrooms are being sanitized four times a day; sidewalks are being disinfected once a week. Portable hand washing stations are also being installed in the Port's 22 parks.

Several weeks ago the Port completed Playground equipment at Cesar Chavez at the cost of \$130,000. Altogether \$450,000 of improvement have been provided to Cesar Chavez Park in the past 18 months.

Next Friday a skating rink between Hilton Bay Hotel and the Convention Center and will be open until Christmas day. Price of admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids. The Hilton Bay Hotel is actually paying for the Skate Rink. This is on the hotel's property, they lease from the Port.

Larry Hofreiter from Port District—Planning. Comprehensive Master Plan for the Port. It is coming along. On Dec 5 the Port is conducting a hearing for district 4. Barrio Logan and National District is district 4, basically west of Harbor Drive. After the meeting once they flush out concepts they will present at the January or February at the general meeting to share with the public. Process is ideally breaking into area the area districts. The Port is really concerned about preserving the working waterfront, parking etc.

Hector Villegas feels that the Port District is getting too congested. South Harbor Drive study is one of the things that they are trying to modify Harbor Drive. They just approved about \$450,000 for a study of Harbor Drive to find solutions of the trucks etc...

- State of California, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher representative is Lucero Chavez. This fact was clarified by Gaby Dominguez from Councilman Alvarez' office.

6. Report on the Barrio Logan Association -: Hector Villegas—Tim is going to be replaced. Hector is the Interim Chair. Tim Fraser is leaving the BLA/MAD as well. Last month we did not have a meeting, as there was no quorum.

- There will be a Toy Drive this Friday November 17th at the VFW
- Tomorrow the BLA/MAD will host an Open House here at Woodbury University. All invited to attend.
- Concern about dumping in the alley's—a camera at each end of the alley's. We are good as a city of attending after the fact. We need to be proactive on the alley dumping. Marissa wants to assist so if individuals that have concerns please contact her.
- Has the pressure washing in the streets.

7. Comments from the public

- Sally Smith—your public service. The Public needs to scrutinize the land use of the Public School growth.
- Omar Passons—for District 4, He grew up in SD Foster Care system. He feels strongly on child care issues.
- John Alvarado—He runs the Good Neighbor Project. They help all kids that are at risk around the port. We are at the front door Promise Zone. He is a school teacher and he is concerned about 30,000 kids in a six-mile area that are not going to graduate. They have a 5 k run and want to raise \$50,000 by March 2018. They are all volunteers and need operating capital. They are on 2215 Logan. Looking for donations. He was asked by United Way is not as successful as the Good Neighbor Project. There are only 22 promise zones and we are the most underserved here in San Diego. He has brochures for public. www.gnpsd.org
Parade of lights. Pirates Christmas. Kids from South Bay, Kumeyay Kids
- Anthony White with the Family Health Center. He is succeeding Tim for this group. Spirit of the Barrio on Friday a panel on the Homeless.
- Mark Steele—we are starting election season. We have to announce there are about eight of us that our term is coming up. Brent, Hector, Tom, Hector Perez, Mark, jst and Tina. Tim has resigned we have to fill it within 120 days. Josephine is responsible for organizing the election to replace Tim.
- Slate needs to be in place by February. Josephine will meet with Mark on this issue.
- Mark discussed the letter regarding the Homeless and sent to everyone. NO RESPONSE!!!!!! Everything in the letter has positive solutions. This weekend he reached out to Amy Gonyeau, CO of the Alpha Projects to present at the BLPG meeting.
- Amy Gonyelau addressed the BLPG. She has been with the project for fourteen years. We have not been required to reach out to the community according to the contract. They operate the contract on behalf of the City. The way that the Alpha project operates you will not see things around their area that are a concern for the community. She understands the concern about what happens in neighborhoods. She feels that the area is safe, because they are concerned about neighborhoods. This year they have outreach workers as part of their contracts.

Mark feels that he cannot agree that his area was safe. In the past he had to constantly have gloves and garbage to pick up human waste. How can the Alpha Project work with the City to avoid the same scenario? With the MAD we pay \$70,000 for security per year. And we may now have to increase the cost for increased security. What can we do?

Amy does not see the correlation between the shelter and the problems being articulated. She expressed the need to protect the staff's efforts. We care about the impact. Their staff have gone out and picked up feces and garbage etc... What do you want of the Alpha Project? Last recommendations in the letter. How about a committee or group to address areas that are being challenged...a task force to address local concerns and issues? What constitutes the expenditure of \$1700? Amy, "It is a combination of three projects per bed, at \$36 per day. We have to provide outreach case management—enhanced services." They encourage feeding at the shelter, because it is dangerous and unsanitary and not safe to provide food in the parks or on the street to homeless individuals. Food should be in the projects where they feed people and not the community feeding out on the streets.

Mario, It is a systemic problem. What do you do in the patrols? It seems that they move people along so they migrate to the alleyways. They respond to the police department, they go by the schools where the kids are exposed to them, with sometimes-negative results.

The Alpha Project wants to be good neighbors. If the community needs anything, reach out to them. We can't solve the problem without the community. Contact Kelly Knight, she will be one of the persons running the shelter in Barrio Logan.

Alpha Project is required to do two meetings in the first six months of the contract. But they will be at more than the two meetings. Can someone be at the BLPG meetings every month? We would like to put Alpha Project on the monthly agenda for information and updates. Amy will send the contact information to Mark prior to the BLPG's next meeting.

Rafael Castellaños—10,000 people in the county that are homeless. There were about 10,000 housing units that were lost in the City, and not replaced.

Amy said they are doing work differently than past year.

Rafael—the direction and operation of these tents are exempts it from CEQA. It is a public health emergency. Is there a legal mechanism to explore ways to seek legal remedies to resolve these tents? The City and the County (has money to pay for litigation). Perhaps there should be legal solutions.

Mark—been contacted a lot by the news media. He has avoided it. Should he be talking to the press? Where is the City? We thought you care about your neighborhoods.

Hector Perez—the City seeks to disengage from response from this community.

Tom spoke to the press today.

BLA had to form our own organizations because the City was not taking care of us. This community is being ignored.

2nd paragraph of our letter to the Mayor dated October 24th is important as it summarizes the current situation

Frustration on behalf of the BLPG

David—if the business' to have to respond to ADA, how can the homeless block the streets that affect the ADA.

We have a concern and want to know why no one cares about our concerns.

Councilman Alvarez has voted against yesterday.

Bathrooms in CP have not been opened because the Contractor seems to be responsible for incorrect plumbing and electricity. When will this be resolved?

A statement about the SD Unified School District. The concern centered around the School Board's abuse of power that they are not adhering to their own charter and are hurting neighborhoods. The recommendation to BLPG was to recommend term limits for the School Board Members. She stated that the Board President Mr. Richard Barrera is blocking a public vote on term limits. She also stated that Councilman Alvarez is in agreement with term limits and had encouraged her to present her issue to the BLPG.

8. Reports and discussion from the Planning Group Board

Ongoing discussion and action items:

- 9. Adjournment at 7:45pm):** Next meeting December 20th, 2017

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