

Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee
12-13-17

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	

Government Representatives 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

Approval of minutes from 11-8-17 meeting

Motion by Vandenheuvel to approve minutes from 11-8-17 meeting; seconded by Briggs 10-yes, 0-no – 3 abstained (Cheryl Brierton, Cristina Magana, Ruchell Alvarez)

Governmental Reports

Vasquez they have identified 3 suspects in a burglary series that goes back as far as 8/13; Vasquez circulated images of the suspects - Asian female and 2 black males. High value items were stolen. Robberies occurred in Del Cerro, La Mesa, and Rancho Penasquitos; Suspects were seen in a black Chrysler 200 and black 2 door Mercedes; Temporary homeless camp at 20th and B – there are 3 families left – one will be transitioning into permanent housing and the other 2 families will be placed in housing; Resident Molly Brooks told Vasquez that her boyfriend reported a burglary at their residence a couple of weeks ago and never got a response (864 20th St.); Vasquez provided Brooks with his card and asked her to follow up with him; Joe Coneglio – had an incident on Thanksgiving where they broke into a car at 4:00 in the morning; Coneglio asked what police do in a situation where they see a suspicious individual roaming around the neighborhood late night/very early morning; Vasquez said the Police drive around a bit in hopes that it deters the person from committing a crime

Brett Weise – yesterday City Council met on Short Term Rentals – they put forth 2 proposals after 4-5 hours of public testimony; added amendments to proposal and it failed with a vote of 4 to 5 three times; now it falls on the Mayor's office to enforce what's on the books for short term rentals; City Council also voted on committee assignments. Ward was appointed Chair of Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations (EDIR); Ward also remains Chair on the Select Committee for Homelessness; Myrtle Cole voted in again as Council President; Weise provided an update on the 3 homeless tent structures – 2 are close to operational; current timeline is early January for individuals to move in; Weise stated that, despite the homeless crisis the City faces, the County has in excess of \$100 million that the Board of Supervisors will not allow to be used for Mental Health & Human Services to help homeless individuals; Coneglio asked what is the total number of shelter beds we have in San Diego; Weise replied that as of February 2017, it was 2,200; Weise mentioned that many of these beds are in "high barrier" homeless shelters so people are reluctant to take advantage of them ; Magana asked – does 211 have updated information in case she sees homeless people who want help? Weise confirmed that if people come across a homeless individual who wants help and needs shelter, you can call 211 and they will find a bed for that person. Briggs asked if the City has any data on how many times people are being contacted by the HOT team before they accept services? And can you elaborate on what can we do to help people in need? Weise replied that the City doesn't have statistics and suggested that Briggs contact the Regional Task Force on Homelessness because it changes all of the time as to what help is needed most – for example, volunteering on Thanksgiving, the Point in Time count, etc. Zakarian, asked when is the HOT team available? Weise replied that he thinks they're available 24 hours. Swarens asked if we made any progress on allowing Environmental Services to clean up feces on private property. Weise responded that since it's private property, Environmental Services cannot clean up feces on private property even though that feces might be contaminated with Hep A. Starcevic – mentioned she has emailed Ward's office about cutting the brush on Golf Course Drive and she was brushed off because the City was busy with the Hep A crisis. Starcevic asked if Weise could get back on the brush issue now that the Hep A crisis is over. Weise agreed that he would be back on the brush issue.

Non Agenda Public Comment

Cheryl Brierton – be aware that our own Tony Atkins got voted in as the first woman and leader of the Senate; Brierton said that's a big deal and we (Golden Hill) may have a pipeline if we want something done because Atkins is a South Park resident; Victoria Curran – suggested the City

use more data driven decision making now that we're taking a long term approach to solving problems; Sabrina DiMinico – It's shameful that our County is sitting on \$100 million in funds when we have such a huge homeless issue; encouraged everyone in the room to send pictures and complaints to the Board of Supervisors so they truly understand how negatively the City neighborhoods have been impacted by homelessness.

Chair, Vice Chair CPC reports

- Serocki has resigned; Medina asked when Serocki's term ends; Swarens confirmed it ends in 2019. Swarens also said that Susan Bugbee has agreed to be the new Elections/Membership person
- Land Development Code update is going through; Attended Hearing Officer hearing on 30th and Broadway (3060 Broadway/old Chapel of Happiness) got approval of the project at that hearing; Complaint from resident about the poor workmanship on the curb ramps along 30th between Broadway and A. Swarens worked with Council Office and the city already got out and is fixing it. The poor work was done by a sub-contractor, WBS concrete; Hirmez asked whether the City Inspectors go and check on this work the way they check on building projects by private citizens. Resident Mario Durazo said there are 13 row homes being build at 2951 E street; Durazo said there are major code issues with the project and he has contacted the City Engineer and is not getting the information he is looking for. Durazo wants to see the plans because there's no fire turnaround and when he was going to develop land, he was required by the City to include a fire turnaround; Durazo said the approval practices are unfair and biased and not everyone is getting the same treatment, public improvements, etc. Weise mentioned that with the Community Plan changes that happened in 2016, the standards have changed. Brierton mentioned that she has recommended that Capital Improvement funds be used to create fire turnarounds in areas close to canyons and asked if we can develop a prioritization process for areas that are more susceptible to fire.

Action Items

1) All-Way Stop at Dale & Grape

Beth Francis – Home owner at the corner of Grape and Dale for 12 years. Numerous accidents at this corner and it's notable; Tremendous amount of traffic between Target and the dog park; Asked the Committee to consider voting on her proposal for an all-way stop; she obtained 20 signatures of people that live within 2-3 houses of this corner; Found one on of the 2 people who got into the last accident; the accident occurred between 2 long term residents and they agreed visibility is a problem there. Brought a few neighbors who signed the petition; there are currently 2 stop signs at the location and Francis is proposing that it become a 4 way stop. Mentioned that City Traffic Engineer Mike Schmidt did an assessment and it didn't qualify. Resident Eric Hedrick agreed that it's a big problem; Resident Gerry Ray also said it's a big problem. Resident Ruby Ross also confirmed it's a big problem; Resident Richard Santini mentioned the same problem exists on Dale & Date; **Motion** by Hirmez to implement a 4 way stop at Dale & Grape; Alvarez seconded motion; 14- yes (unanimous)

Vanenheuvell mentioned it would be nice to have statistics; Francis mentioned Mike Schmidt looked into it and said he didn't have the statistics to report it;

- 2) Bylaws update – Brierton – one of the big issues which seems like it's still in there – Membership and Elections Committee Chair is still on page 5 Article IV, section 1; Should be Membership and Elections Committee Representative; Article V, Section 5b what is our responsibility for us to go out and recruit new people but despite the discussion we had that we would all just try to do our best to recruit when we can; would like to have the words all of the members of the committee would use our best efforts; feels like it should be clear that everyone should be out there recruiting; Would like us to put back in “each person will use their best efforts” **Motion** by Brierton to add to section 5B of Article V “each committee member will use his/her best efforts to recruit new committee members.” Seconded by Hirmez. 11- no 2- yes

Motion by Vandenneuvel to approve bylaws with the correction Cheryl Brierton noted: changing “Membership and Elections Committee Chair” to “Membership and Elections Representative” on page 5 Article IV, section 1; seconded by Victoria Curran 13 – yes

- 3) Funding request – City allows \$500 per year for planning group expenses; We have only used money to pay for a website; Vandenneuvel suggested a committee to make recommendations on how to use the funds and volunteered to Chair it; Brierton suggested that Susan Bugbee put her head together with Kathy; Swarens agreed to contact Susan and ask her if she wanted to be on the committee. Oscar Medina volunteered to be on committee. Vandenneuvel said they could have recommendations by February; Molly Brooks asked is there any way to use the money to support outreach. **Motion** by Brierton to seek reimbursement of election expenses; Seconded by Vandenneuvel 13-yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm