

CITY HEIGHTS AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

DRAFT - Minutes of February 5, 2018

1. Chairman Russ Connelly called the meeting to order at 6:33PM. Krista Berry Ortega, Rickie Brown, Russ Connelly, Maria Cortez, Kindra Green Carson, Brian Green Carson, Jose Hernandez, Aracely Lara, Taylor McDonald, Mazda Mehraz, Halima Musa, David Nelson, Andre Sanz, Jessie Sergent, Patty Vaccariello, Randy van Vleck, and Jim Varnadore were present. Roddy Jerome, Juan Pablo Sanchez, Gerald Womaniala, and Abdullahi Yusuf were absent.
2. Patty moved, Jesse seconded a motion to adopt the agenda. The Committee voted 16/0/0 (chair not voting) and the motion passed.
3. The Minutes of January 3 were accepted.
4. Mark Jolles and Alison Moss offered public comments.
5. Kelvin Barrios from CD-9 offered staff comments and updates.
6. Taylor, Randy, Patty, David, Mazda, and Jim offered Committee comment.
7. The Chairman reported the opening of a skate plaza at Park de la Cruz; about a fire station proposed near Fairmount Avenue and Home Avenue; about the departure of the Planning Director, and about the City's street tree program, recently re-invigorated.
- 8.1 Megan Laviolette offered a presentation about Coca Cola Company's proposed changes to its facility at 1348 47th Street. The Company wants a substantial conformance review of Site Development Permit 40-0158. After discussion Jim offered and Patty seconded a motion to recommend approval of the application. The Committee voted 16/0/0 (chair not voting) and the motion passed.
- 8.2 Ricardo Flores from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) offered a presentation about economic development especially along El Cajon Boulevard including the Little Saigon San Diego Cultural and Commercial District. He proposed that LISC conduct a Program Environmental Impact Review (PEIR) for the whole boulevard to allow this project and others to proceed more quickly through the development review process. He expects the PEIR to cost about half a million dollars that LISC will provide.

In the subsequent discussion, there was strong sentiment for LISC to examine University Avenue rather than El Cajon Boulevard. Some Committee members asked detailed questions about financing the project. One member proposed that the LISC project, whether on University Avenue or El Cajon Boulevard, be guided by the adjacent Community Planning Groups and not involve Civic San Diego or the City Planning Department. As the presentation was an information item, no motion was considered.

8.3 The Committee reviewed the City's priority list for Code Enforcement and offered suggestions for change. After discussion of the proposed changes to the Code Enforcement priority list, Jim offered, Brian seconded a motion to authorize and direct the Chairman to transmit the proposed priority list to the Code Enforcement Division. The Committee voted 16/0/0 (chair not voting) and the motion passed.

8.4 Maria offered a report of progress with preparations for the election in March. Various Committee members volunteered to circulate information about the election to their individual e-address lists.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22PM.