

Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 14th, 2018

Golden Hill Recreation Center – Community Meeting Room

Called to Order: 6:33pm

Present (13):

Ruchell Alvarez

Cheryl Brierton

David Swarens

Andre Zakarian

Victoria Curran

Susan Bugbee

Joe Coneglio

Molly Brooks

Oscar Medina

Cristina Magana

Kathy Vandeneuvel

Saad Hirmez

Susanna Starcevic

Absent (3):

Sabrina DiMinico

Timothy Briggs

Janice Davis

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

- City Maintenance #4 continued at request of Michael Nazarinia (presenter). Kathy Moved, Susan 2nd: Yes – 8, No – 0, Abst – 3, Andrew, Victoria, Ruchell (Molly & Saad not participating)

Governmental Reports:

- Community Police Officer Kevin Vasquez (present): Uptick in bike thefts, shared photo of suspect. Logan heights man missing. Q by Susanna: break ins, car prowlers, graffiti. Q by Victoria: fire at neighbors. Q by Joe: Crime in Golden Hill? Vasquez: not down. Q by Mike Gruby, member of public: neighborhood watch contact? **Vasquez confirms he is neighborhood watch contact, to follow up.** Q by Richard Santini, member of public: **Near misses at Einstein academy daily. Vasquez confirms he will ask motorcycle cops to monitor at dropoff and pickup hours.**
- City Planner Bernard Turgeon (present): Appeal of South Park historic district overturned, council approved via unanimous vote last week. Status of golf course drive feasibility - city parc & rec staff still meeting, there is a meeting next week so **Berny will follow up on this issue.**
- Government representatives not present: Toni Duran, 39th senate district, Ashley Campbell, 53rd Congressional District, Brett Weise, council distric 3.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

- Jerry Ray, member of public: taggers struck Ginseng and space nextdoor, Brad, the owner, cleaned it up
- Rene Smith, member of public from Hillcrest: San Diego Zoo tax ballot measure. Has a proposal to rescind resident zoo tax and replace with infrastructure tax, use TOT 1% for park infrastructure. Referenced a group he started "Fairness for Balboa Park" referred to Victoria Curran as balboa park representative
- Gary Roberts, member of public: Tried to stop South Park historic resource ruling. Wants GGHPC help in informing the general public/community about what this means, since it was written into

GHPC bylaws and the Chairman advocated for the ruling in the newspaper. Discussion went far beyond 2-minute time limit, which Gary was not aware of. Mike Ruby, member of public requests a meeting to focus on this issue, Chair recommended that the issue be put on the agenda for a separate meeting, not a general meeting. **Kate Callen, Member of Public: Part of SoNo neighborhood alliance, volunteers to help organize such a meeting.**

Chair Report

- CPC supported with some comments the General Plan Amendment for the Fire Hazard Zones, changes to make it easier to read, took out references that were too time-specific, to be broader, more useful
- Smart growth and land use chair – Georgette Gomez developing new work program for council committee, more open to public interaction
- City free street tree program (Jul 1-end of Jun) – let people know about the program. City wants contract for 3 years of watering, and the city does all of the planting digging, etc. Part of the climate action plan.
- Inquiries for developers around 25th/26th street, non-specific. Veterans village transitional housing on 24th (between E & F) street but need a conditional use permit, they never had one with 20 years of business. Chair discussed the process with them.
- 29th and b – tentative map of condo conversions to be released soon. No changes to project.
- GGHPG have been asked if we want to review soccer city proposal again – from Mr La Cava. Kathy mentions the second proposal – SDSU. Main argument was “ballot box planning”. We could just “generally oppose” ballot box planning as a planning committee. Far from our community, doesn’t affect us except as taxpayers. Christina motion to not hear any more about it, Susan 2nd: 10 in favor of not hearing more about it, 2 oppose (Cristina, Susan) 1 (Chair) abstains

Vice Chair Report

- Nothing additional

Elections Committee – Susan

- 9 names for election, all qualified for ballot. 8 positions open:
- Nominations can be taken on the floor
- 3 incumbents abstain Ruchell, Janice, Dr. Zakharian
- Oscar – board member, Karen Howard – Community member
- Elections will be open on site at 5:30 on Wednesday Mar 14th
- Co-sponsoring a candidates forum with SoNo? On the Tuesday before. Kathy – what does cosponsor mean? No financial commitments, it will be publicly noticed. Venue – Might use Mazaras big room – infrastructure
- Kathy Motion to cosponsor candidate forum on March 6th approx. 7pm, Susan seconds. Will golden hill be noticed as well – Kathy notes that the committee sponsoring would be showing more Golden Hill support. Space at Golden Hill rec center tentatively reserved in case of approval
- MOP Mary – clarifying that only Greater Golden hill gets to vote. A discussion regarding community outlines.
- Kate mentions that SONO includes Golden Hill even though it isn’t in the name. They send out EBlasts that capture what happens at the forum

- Cheryl – speaking in favor of the motion. Struggle with getting the word out, participation, community involvement.
- Oscar inquires about mission statement – give residents a seat at the table. They do not take positions on what “quality of life” is – not lobbying or take sides, just open up discussion. Oscar is concerned that there is no way to know they will be an honest broker
- Kate is no NP planning committee. North park planning their own forum
- Chair mentions that he has interacted with them – they host public meetings, not make endorsements.
- Christina concerned that GGH would not have control over their communications
- Chair interested because it increases outreach without much extra effort
- Kathy – sees those concerns, but has not seen anything other than getting more people involved in neighborhood issues
- Cheryl -SoNo opposite of SoHo, lend that appearance?
- Victoria – audience, south park focused
- If the motion is not approved, the forum goes through either way – Cate asks for
- Can be “Golden Hill co-sponsored by SONO”
- Susanna – change verbiage to put Golden Hill First
- Motion to cosponsor with request that planning group get top billing “Greater Golden Hill”
- In favor – 9 Opposed – 3 Abstention – 1

Bylaws Update

- Bernie Merged verbiage
- We do not provide for a treasurer – just chair, co chair, recording secretary
- Cheryl – motion to approve the changes to bylaws as they are. Seconded by Kathy. Start discussion of having another officer – discuss that the elections representative be a 4th officer. It is not mandatory to have 4 officers. Susan does not see it as necessary.
- In Favor -13 Unanimous

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Budget, Jan 29th – Kathy

- Approved the budget priority of the elections
- Susan sent out printouts/ handout of election – related items
- Greater golden hill website – Oscar volunteered to take over, keep updated, total cost about \$140 dollars. Social media – Molly Volunteers to share social media responsibilities
- Looking specifically in cost associated with website – content & development, perhaps send to separate subcommittee
- Allocation for printing for monthly meetings
- Susan \$200 for election related expenses
- Cheryl – Motion to Approve a \$500 budget allocate \$200 for election related expenses. Kathy seconds. The remaining funds for website, social media, meeting related printouts.
- Favor – 13 Unanimous

Candidates Introductions/Statements

- Tim Briggs – Not Present
- Susan Bugbee – Present
- Joe Coneglio – Present
- Victoria Curran – Present
- Maggie Fulton – Present (current member of public)

- Saad Hirmez – Present
- Michael Nazarinia – Not Present
- Richard Santini – Present (former board member)
- Mary Sparks – Present

Adjourned at 7:53