

## **Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, March 14th, 2018

Golden Hill Recreation Center – Community Meeting Room

Called to Order: 6:32 pm

Present (14):

Cheryl Brierton

David Swarens

Victoria Curran

Susan Bugbee

Joe Coneglio

Molly Brooks

Oscar Medina

Cristina Magana

Saad Hirmez

Susanna Starcevic

Sabrina DiMinico

Timothy Briggs

Ruchell Alvarez

Kathy Vandeneuvel (arrived late at 6:45pm)

Absent (2):

Janice Davis

Andrew Zakarian

Motion to approve minutes

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2 Abstention

### **Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

- None

### **Governmental Reports:**

- Community Police Officer Kevin Vasquez (present): Carjacking on 26<sup>th</sup> in golf park. 5 hispanic males ordered 2 ppl out of vehicle. Suspects caught and car returned. Pamphlet with rules/regs for bikes, mopeds, etc. Limebikes – 1 ride free, Offo – 30 day free. Enforcing regulations more firmly after the opening time period. Cheryl asks about access for wheelchairs on corners. Patrol officers asked to move them if they see them. More problems with scooters on sidewalk.
- City Planner Bernard Turgeon (present): Nothing to comment
- Toni Duran, 39<sup>th</sup> senate district (for Toni Atkins): Next Wed afternoon Atkins will be sworn in as pro tem. 1<sup>st</sup> woman in CA history. Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 2pm swearing in ceremony at Jacobs Ctr. 6 Bills: SB 945 – Breast & Cervical Cancer Treatment cap removal, SB 970 – Hotel/motel workers training on spotting/reporting human trafficking, SB 1005 – Domestic violence survivors allowed pets through victims fund, SB 1086 – death benefits for families of public safety officers who die from extended illness, SB 125 – Medical Mental Health appointments for patients on same day as other health services, SB 1367 – Expand sd river conservancy to otay sweetwater & tijuana rivers for sea level rise, environmental justice etc, Gov budget CA competes tax credit extended – Apply by the 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 billion still available. Chair brings up SB 827 taking up local control from communities. The bill will remove local jurisdiction for planning near transit. Currently

amendments going through so she is not making a stand yet. Chair will discuss more thoroughly in Chairs report.

- Government representatives not present: Ashley Campbell, 53<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, Brett Weise, council district 3.

#### **Non-Agenda Public Comment**

- MOP- Yoga Studio/Nextdoor Glass etch & graffiti, speed on Dale continues.

#### **Chair Report**

- Some planning groups being audited for membership information by city, picked largest and smallest group in each district, plus La Jolla
- SB 827 remove local control, exempt “transit rich” areas from residential density, parking req, design standards, any restrictions on building. Cheryl adds that one of the issues of not knowing what the problem is with getting housing built. Mentions a study wherein local jurisdictions were pointed to as the culprit. Chair mentions “Chapel of Happiness” project on Broadway last year – chair approved within 16 days of being brought to the board, demonstrating that CPG is not the issue.
- Airport noise authority met last month – quieter homes project back up & running, with 1323 homes on waiting list.
- South Park Historic District Notice – Because of appeals, to access mills act need to have designation the previous year, applied Jan 1-mar 31, but the council is considering a waiver on Mar 19<sup>th</sup> to push back those requirements. Applicable to any designated historic property. Recommendation to start filling out application as interested. Discussion of what the Mills Act does and doesn’t do among board members
- Candidates Forum – went off well

#### **Vice Chair Report**

- City outreach regarding CIP projects. Wayfinding stations. City is asking exactly what we were looking at when we put that project into the database. David did research with former owner of Alchemy to discover what the plan was, decide whether to move forward with the project. From A st N to juniper, to create Identity for the community. Rated by the GGHCPC as a 5 (least) interest. Victoria mentions that Balboa park was also looking at re-doing wayfinding – working together for a unified format. Streets division found funds. **Tim Briggs volunteers to spearhead.**

#### **Dockless Bike**

- Chair mentions that both groups reached out to GGHCPC first
- Koah Nguyen of Limebike/Bird Scooter was first in SD. Founded in CA, in 40ish cities. Each bike has GPS – they know where all the bikes are. They provide data to the city for planning purposes. \$1/30 min. 3 wks in, 21,000 riders, 55,000 trips. Regular bikes & electric assist bike, max 80 mi, also scooters. Goal: Mode of transport for first mile/last mile. App finds bike, app asks not to block hydrants, businesses, ramps. Spur conversation about need for bike lanes. Susanna asked: is information provided to city free? Yes. Does limebike pay the city? No, just for business tax certificate. Cheryl asks do you have penalties when users block areas? No specific punishments. How fast do bikes get picked up? Within 48 hrs. Sabrina asks if we can contact limebike to pick up? Yes, operations team monitors bikes, which get recollected and rebalanced. Victoria asks about GPS being dismantled? All their parts are proprietary and cant be put onto other bikes, need special tools to take apart. Kathy asks if vandalism is at higher rate than at other cities? No, it is comparable to other cities, and part of the business plan. MOP asks if you

have GPS and you know who had it last, why is it up the community? Growing pains, encouraging/rewarding riders that ride right. MOP ask about Maintenance issues? Just call or text limebike. Contact: 18885463345, [support@limebike.com](mailto:support@limebike.com). Does a live person answer? Yes, unless it is busy and then you get recording. Launched with a couple thousand.

- Anna Wan Christie from OFO. Est 2014 in China. Now in over 200 cities, 20 countries. ofo looks like a person riding a bike. Smart lock on back of bike, add app, scan qr code. First/last mile, coupled with public transit. \$1/hr. Educating users in app, direct mailers, brand ambassadors – asking if we have ideas for activities. Patrollers to clean up and repair. Rebalance, maintenance, and repair. MOP Gary Roberts– Have your companies compared usage to Dock? Anecdotal evidence is that the Dock becomes an obstacle. The city is interested in our data, not as a comparison with deco bike, but it mobility plans match up with bike usage. Oscar Medina asks if ofo is interested in sharing info? Ofo says yes they will work with the city. Comment that it is being used in conjunction with public transit. Question about what sort of information is going to be shared? Currently with your GPS, what are you able to track? Number of rides, how far they go, to where, speed can be calculated. How many do you have in SD? Launched with 1000, now more, added as needed. MOP question about Insurance? Depends on the context of liability. Khoa mentions that bicycle accidents are not at greater frequency. Amy says that the hope is greater visibility will make the streets safer – educate drivers. MOP follow up on liability – what is liability for scooter riders without helmets? Depends on totality of facts, riders for scooters have drivers license, requirement to obey traffic laws (including helmts). Victoria asks how one gets a helmet? Khoa says contact limebike will provide. Susanna mentions that people wont wear helmet worn by strangers. Victoria question if there is some way to have a partnership/plan for infrastructure? Difficult because the city has a partnership with Decobike. The discussion is ongoing. Ofo rep mentions that if the city sees that people are using bike lanes, city will prioritize bike lanes. Increasing the cost of bikes to raise money will lower ridership. Chair mentions that the dockless bikes are possibly more welcome than docked bikes, somewhat less intrusive. Susanna mentions that the billboard argument is now “quaint” versus seeing them all over the place. Sabrina mentions frustration that the city locked us into contract with deco bike until 2023 and did not foresee better technology – are we stuck with Deco? Cheryl asks again about liability – no request or proof of insurance? Susanna – what about the legality of the contract with deco? City said that there is not exclusivity for the bikes within the city. Email contact – [support@ofobike.com](mailto:support@ofobike.com). Why is there no phone number?
- Sabrina asks question about 2 deco bike stations on 30<sup>th</sup> street. Do we have a gauge for ridership for those, and can we as a community can remove them? Brett says yes you can ask, but per their contract, if ridership is not at a certain level, deco bike can move or add station. Assessment is performed between deco by and city. Ridership could be zero and the docks would still be there. Tim – we have this inferior project, what is the plan for decobike? David – in capitalism, vote with your dollars. Ruchell – no enforcement action for 30 days? For parking violations but not moving violations. How long have they been here? Lime 3 weeks, Ofo 2.5 weeks. MOP Question – are there any markets where you have pulled out? No, from both. Chair mentions one country withdrew. Kathy – since there is a partnership with the city, is decobikes ridership information public? Brett does not know if decobike is required to share informstion. **Brett to follow up to see whether that is the case.** Cristina – support from the community, but

sensitive to oversaturated. Ofo – early deployment, friction, there are modes of communication, through the app or number on the bike. Ask for the community to give us a chance.

### **Election Results**

- Election results: Tim Briggs, Susan Bugbee, Joe Coneglio, Victoria Curran, Maggie, Michael, Richard, Mary
- Motion to Certify Sabrina, Molly Second
- 12 Y
- 2 Abstain- Cheryl & Kathy
- 1 not participation
- Chair mentions COW training, Updating Roster

### **Golf Course Drive Improvements** – Document with 3 alternatives submitted

- Bernie with planning department, golf course drive feasibility study (passed out)
- \$250,000 allocated, about ½ has been spent to date
- looked at adding continuous
- Balboa Park East Mesa Precise plan – included a sidewalk and bicycle facilities
- update to Golden Hill Community plan, the Balboa Park plan was incorporated
- City almost done – Amy Mills from the city
- Public works was only scoped for the following 3 alternatives – any questions be taken up with park and rec
- Feasibility study
  - alternative 1 – 2 11’ travel lanes with 14’ multi-purpose path. 27 net loss parking space, retaining walls, reverse angle parking conversion, no sidewalk, total cost \$4,530,000. 3 yrs 5 mos
  - alternative 2= 2 11” travel lanes, 2 7’ class II bike lanes, 5’ sidewalk adjacent to northbound lane. 27 lost parking spaces, retaining walls, largest cross-section, \$6,370,000. 3yrs 6 mos
  - alternative 3 – 2 shared 14’ travel lanes, 5’ sidewalk on northbound lane. 21 net loss parking, retaining walls, no dedicated bike lane, smallest cross section, \$4,150,000, 3yrs 5 mos
- Kathy – alt 1 & 3 are close in price. What is the largest price item? Have amy send cost estimate to us.
- Cheryl – did you look at what had been designed by the golf course previously (Clubhouse project)? It was considered originally, but our specific study did not include new parking lost, theirs did. No, our study was not scoped the same and did not include theirs.
- Kathy – this project has been a top project in the community for decades. Excited for progress, recognizing that it is a feasibility study. What do we do as a community to get it out of this stage? What is our next step? Funding. Chair mentions that the parks department is the client, we should ask the Balboa park rep to bring this to their forum
- Cheryl – looking at cheapest alternative
- Mike Nazarinia – Was one alternative safer than the other? Assuming 2, but will have to check
- Hunter Ruthaff Presentation – Bridge designers perspective for golf course drive “The Ridge Line”
  - Bridge architect/project designer for TYLin
  - Susanna – Cost? 7.2 for bridge, 10 million for whole project for design & construction
  - No phasing, low impact
  - Maintainence – 50-75 year life expectancy
  - Sourcing funds – federal sources? Grants that TY Lin has gotten before

- Brett Mentions grants for the feasibility grant as well. Prop 68 (?) allows for park improvements for underfunded areas, this area would qualify. Sandag might provide some funding through transnet, but you need to meet capital improvement list

- Chair mentions that this is #1 on our CIP list.

- Cheryl – What would we have to do to explore which is more likely to get funding? Hunter needs to make capital improvements and sandags list of projects for funding.

- Cathy – How much does the parks dept know? They've been in on it the whole time, waiting to gauge community desire

- Oscar – Downtown mobility is behind, money and implementation are issues. Rather do something sooner and cost less.

- MOP – consider more bridges across the canyon

- Bernie – no timeline at this point because there is no funding source. \$179000 has been used of 250000 for feasibility studies.

- Kathy request that we make a preference of the 3, but also support looking into 4<sup>th</sup> alternative.

- Cheryl motion to approve alternative 1, but want to explore the idea of the TY Lin bridge

- straw poll Alternative 1 – 8

Alternative 2 – 5

- Kathy Motion that we would like the inclusion of an alternative 4 to be the Ridge Line Project as Presented, also we would like to express our support for alternatives 1 and 2 in this study. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Victoria Curran

- Tim – can we use the budget for other improvements, not just feasibility

- Kathy rescinds

- Kathy motion to request consideration of alternative 4 the ridge line in feasibility study, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Victoria Curran

Favor – 5

Against – 6

Abstention - 3 Saad Ruchell Sabrina

- Tim mentions that there is no obstacle for the bridge to cross, environmental impact.

- Ruchell asks to table the motion b/c new members are coming on board. Tim brings up bringing in a parks and rec representative

- Cheryl Motion to say that the city not pursue alternative 3. Kathy second

Favor- 14

- Chair mentions that we will discuss again, with input from parks and the city

**Action Item to requiring city to prioritize maintenance on certain high volume roadways**

- Motion to table by Ruchell, Seconded by Saad

Favor -14

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05