



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

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, March 21st, 2018**

- 1. Call to Order—6:10pm and closed at 7:20pm**
- 2. Roll Call – All present.**
- 3. Approval of the minutes—Tina moved and Hector 2<sup>nd</sup> the approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously**
- 4. Adoption of the Agenda—with the inclusion of adding The Environmental Health Coalition on the issue of truck routes. Josephine motioned approval and Mario 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion passed unanimously**
- 5. Report from Alpha Project—Kelly from the Alpha Project talked about reaching out to the community and businesses regarding the impact the homeless have in the community. Wheels of Change offer to 10 individuals a stipend to clean up around the homeless shelter. Their intent is to try to expand to more individuals. On another note, they were able to get 70 individuals/families into permanent housing.**

**Kelly stated that she met with Marissa Cassani to discuss BLA/MAD concerns.**

**They are dedicated to being good neighbors.**

**6. Staff Reports**

- City of San Diego Council District 8 Office – Gabriela Dominguez
- City of San Diego Mayor’s Office – Eric Young
- City of San Diego Planning Department – Melissa Garcia-Camacho/Elizabeth Ocampo’s contact number is [eocampo@sandiego.gov](mailto:eocampo@sandiego.gov) and her phone number is 619 236-6301. She is available to assist in any way possible.
- Port of San Diego – Ron Powell—reported on Public Art Projects as they will have a visual impact on Barrio Logan and on National City. Cesar Chavez Park facing the 10 Ave Terminal the public will see wrapped tanks entitled “Sweet Contents” in April. The project will be complete by May 1<sup>st</sup> for Maritime Month. The public will be able to view colorful cords lite up at night in late April through February 2019. The National City will witness a vehicle that will be wrapped in the same color cords and can be seen from Pepper Park. It was stated that one out of every 10 imported cars in the US come through National City.

There will be two public meetings in May for public input—May 7<sup>th</sup> at Cesar Chavez Continuing Education and May 8<sup>th</sup> regarding the artistic lighting on the San Diego Coronado Bay Bridge. The meetings will take place at 6pm and the person doing the lighting on the bridge is Peter Fink.

Hector’s concern was regarding cars flying off the bridge and not so much as the lighting on the bridge! The Caltrans Study on making the bridge safer was only looking at suicide and the safety of the people in Chicano Park, the City’s National Landmark that is receiving international attention by visitors from all over the world. The Port is concerned about those jumping off of the bridge.

There is funding for the lighting—at present they have \$2million, however \$8million is needed. Peter Fink should be encouraged to go to the Chicano Park Steering Committee meeting to share his “Sweet Content” project. Mario expressed his concern that there has not been enough outreach to the Barrio Logan

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

community. It should reflect the character of the area. Those projects in the future should include community input. Mario and Ron will meet to discuss this project further.

- State of California, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher -Lucero Chavez

Mark Steele reported on the progress being made on the BL Community Plan. Dennis Dubard contacted the City of San Diego and was told that if the "community could get along" we can put together an adhoc group to see what are the common ground from which to work. A group has been identified and once they meet he will report back to the group. The group at present consist of members of the Ship Builders, the Environmental Health Coalition along with Hector Villegas, Mark Steele, Josephine S. Talamantez, Mike Clapp and Dennis O'Connor.

7. **Report on the Barrio Logan Association** -: Hector Villegas  
BLA/MAD's meeting was 3/13/18 5-6pm at the Estrella Del Mercado Apartments. The next meeting will be April 10, 2018. The agenda is always posted outside on the door of the Estrella Apartments.

8. **Comments from the public**  
Jerry Rivero from the EHC spoke on the surveys on Boston Avenue coming up with a policy recommendation for Truck Routes on Harbor Drive. They want to present to the BLPG and solicit a letter of support to support a EHC/BLPG collaborative working relationship.

Ron Powell added that if it is a Port truck to please take a photo/license plate and send them to his office.

Another concern was expressed about semi trucks that just park on 26<sup>th</sup> and Newton.

The BLPG announced that Brent Beltran would be retiring from the board because he is moving to Logan Heights. He stated that he contributed to the BLPG for four years and has witnessed positive and scary changes that have been taken place on the backs of Artists and Residents of BL. Hopefully this body can temper the situation. Parking is only going to get worse. There is a need for more low-income housing. The homeless situation is a huge problem for the area. These issues are not the same as in other parts of the City. The fight, on his part, has always been for the residents of this community and he has tried to be their voice. As things are developing and by the lack of respect from the City, his concern is that small business and the residents will suffer.

Another concern that was brought up is that there are Bikes being dropped off everywhere in the City and that it causes a hazard for elders and ADA individuals. Marissa Cassani from the Urban Corp is also working on this issue. Someone representing the Mayor's office needs to be informed about the problem and congestion it is causing on the sidewalks in BL. A suggestion was made that the Urban Corp round them up and take them off the streets.

Other concerns: The Chicano Bathrooms are a mess. Thanks to the Urban Corp for assisting with the cleaning because the City is not doing its job.

It was suggested that a complaint go to Councilman Alvarez' to put together a binder of complaints to go to the next Parks and Recs mtg to get it on the agenda. This needs to also get on the MAD agenda. It is a legal issue. Tom suggest that we get legal counsel and then go to press. Get a photo to the Press.

A letter was requested in support of Chicano Park. Hector motioned to support with a letter from the BLPG and Tina 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

9. **Reports and discussion from the Planning Group Board**

Ongoing discussion and action items:

- A. Community disruptive noise and light issues
- B. Handicap curb ramps needs
- C. Parking congestion and lack of handicap parking
- D. Storm water and storm drain needs
- E. Paper street – extension of 26<sup>th</sup> Street
- F. Traffic signals on Cesar Chavez Blvd

10. **Action Item:** Election of 9 Board members: voting, tallying and announcement of winners.

11. **Action Item:** Jovita Arellano requesting a letter support for the Cinco de Mayo festival and Car Show at Chicano Park. Tina motioned to support and Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.
  12. **Action Item:** Josie Talamantez; approval of letter to the Police Chief regarding safety at Chicano Park. Motion to approve – unanimous.
  13. **Adjournment:** Next meeting April 18th, 2018
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