

CITY HEIGHTS AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 7, 2018

1. Chairman Russ Connelly called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Abdullahi Yusuf, Andre Sanz, Brenda Diaz, Brian Green Carson, David Bowen, David Nelson, Halima Musa, Jessie Sergeant, José Hernández, Juan Pablo Sánchez, María Córtez, Mazda Mehraz, Randy van Vleck, Roddy Jerome, Rosa Calvario, and Scott Paquette were present. Rickie Brown, Aracely Lara and Patty Vaccariello were absent.
2. The Minutes of April 2 were accepted.
3. David Bowen offered and Maria seconded a motion to amend the agenda by making items 6.2 and 6.3 information items. The Committee voted 15/0/0 (chair not voting) and the motion passed.
4. The Committee received a report from Randy, Chairperson of the Officer Search Subcommittee. Russ was the only candidate for Chairperson. José was the only candidate for first vice-Chairperson. Brenda was the candidate for Secretary. After discussion, the Committee voted 15/0/0 (chair not voting) to continue the selection of second vice-Chairperson for one month and to confirm Russ, José, and Brenda.
5. Alison Moss from SANDAG announced an open-house for the University Avenue bicycle lane project. It will be at 6:00PM Wednesday, May 16 at the Joan Kroc Center. Julian Villegas announced that the Copley Price YMCA had ended access via its front door and asked all users to enter from the 43rd Street entrance.
- 6.1. David Parot described a single-family home construction project to be done at 3155 42nd Street that will be completed by apprentices and youth under supervision of construction workers, and he answered questions. After discussion, David Nelson offered, Mazda seconded a motion to recommend approval of a Neighborhood Development Permit for the project. The Committee voted 15/1/0 (chair not voting) and the motion passed.
- 6.2. Cameron Choriata from Chelsea Construction described a renovation project at 4765 Home Avenue and answered questions.
- 6.3. Rodney Carey from the Neighborhood House Association reported on the status of a parcel of City-owned land at the Northwest corner of 41st Street and Polk Avenue where NHA proposes to install an early-childhood education center. The NHA staff answered questions from the Committee and audience.
- 6.4 Russ called for volunteers to fill two vacant seats. Ramla Sahid from Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA) volunteered. She delivered an authorization letter from the agency. After discussion, Roddy offered, Juan Pablo seconded a motion to appoint Sahid to the

School/Non-Profit-19 seat. The Committee voted 16/0/0 (chair not voting) and the motion passed.

6.5. Meredith Dawson from the Park and Recreation Department described the plans to renovate the vacant building at Park de la Cruz and form it into a recreation center with emphasis on service to senior citizens and on Therapeutic Recreation Services. The committee discussed the matter.

6.6 Dan Tomsy and María Córtez described plans for a mural along the South wall at Teralta Park and displayed a diagram to show how it might look when finished. The Committee discussed the matter.

7. Kelvin Barrios from Council district-9 staff reported that there will be a budget presentation at 10:30 AM, May 19 at 3850 Westgate Place. He invited attendance. He also reported that there will be an overall City budget hearing at 6:00PM at City Hall on Monday May 14, 2018.

8. The Chairman reported on two audits; one being performed by the City Auditor of the Planning Department, that includes the Community Planning System, and another completed by the County Grand Jury of the Community Planning System itself. These audits had been originated by a single complaint from a citizen. He announced the date for the Committee Orientation Workshop (COW) and the electronic COW, and noted that applications had been received by the City for marijuana outlets in two locations in City Heights.

9. David Nelson and Scott Paquette offered Committee comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.