

Greater Golden Hill Community Planning Group Minutes July 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Attendance:

Name	Present	Absent
Maggie Fulton	x	
Cheryl Brierton		x
Sabrina DiMinico	x	
David Swarens	x	
Mary Sparks		x
Victoria Curran	x	
Richard Santini		x
Susan Bugbee	x	
Joe Coneglio	x	
Molly Brooks		x
Oscar Medina	x	
Cristina Magana		x
Tim Briggs	x	
Kathy Vandenheuvel	x	
Michael Nazarinia	x	
Susanna Starcevic		x

Government Representatives Present:

Council District 3 Brett Weise - (619) 236-6633 BWeise@sanidiego.gov

Assigned City Planner: Bernard Turgeon – (619) 533.6575 bturgeon@sanidiego.gov

Ashley Campbell. Field Representative for 53rd Congressional District Rep. Susan Davis - (619) 280-5353; Ashley.campbell@mail.house.gov

Lucero Chavez, Field Representative for Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher – lucero.chavez@asm.ca.gov

Toni Duran – Field Representative for Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins

Government Representatives Not Present

Community Police Officer – Kevin Vasquez

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion to Approve Minutes of June 13, 2018 meeting by Vandeheuveel, seconded by Congelio.
7-yes, 3 -abstain (absent last meeting)

Governmental Reports

Lucero Chavez (Assemblywoman Lorena Gomez Fletcher):

- Assemblywoman helped author bill to include return postage on mail ballots that it's in Governor's office now
- Authored AB 3080 – to prevent workers from being forced to sign arbitration agreements by employers
- Authored 2054 – to prevent wildfires by creating an action plan to mitigate the damage caused by beetles that kill/dry out trees
- 5th Annual Junior Legislator Program this summer - 3 week program for high school students
- District Office summer Internships available – any age welcome to apply

Brett Weise (City Councilmember Ward)

- Rules committee
 - o Initiatives to ballot – affordable housing, school elections; junior lifeguard station; ban on Styrofoam
- Utilities undergrounding west of 25th has been complete and restriping of roads will be complete
- This Monday meeting on Short Term vacation rentals – proposal from Mayor's office (1+1) that you must be a primary resident of San Diego to be able to rent out your property; when you are a primary resident you get an additional unit you can rent out for the entire year; Mission Beach to be excluded; Pride Parade on Saturday; Jeanette Voss asked if parking be taken into consideration? Weise responded no and stated that Ward thinks the proposal is a bit permissive; Vandenheuveel asked if permits will be public and will CCRs for condos supercede whatever law. Weise – permits will be public and what's in CCRs for a condo will supercede law
- Congelio – who's in charge of turning on street lights? On 22nd north of F St to north of Broadway there are no lights.
- Also an outage on 28th from E up to Broadway
- 24th and A = light is also out
- DiMinico asked about Public Safety of Scooters and whether City Council was going to enforce any rules around them, specifically people riding on sidewalks to the danger of pedestrians;
- Diane Kaiser - has lived on 28th and Beech for 47 years and since the homeless situation went away she no longer sees Police patrolling. Saw a young kid driving a scooter very fast down sidewalk and had to jump out of the way; Weise stated there's a deficit of 200 Officers city wide. City needs to close that gap and are working on it. Also new Police Chief reorganized the police to address homelessness throughout the city. Kaiser also mentioned that drugs are being sold in bathroom in the 28th St Park and drunk driving up 28th and beech is a chronic problem. Swarens noted that Board member Starcevic has brought up the drug use/dealing in bathroom in the 28th street Park before.

Ashely Davis (Congresswoman Susan Davis)

- Luncheon that focused on immigration; 77% of constituents voted that there needs to be a more permanent solution for DREAMERS;
- GOP Immigration Bill failed to pass
- Community events - Service Academy Nominees (9 students applied and all have been accepted)
- Volunteered and spoke at 31st Annual Stan Down, annual event for Homeless Veterans

Toni Duran (Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins)

- At end of June Governor signed budget;
- SB945 closes gap on breast and cervical cancer barriers to treatment for underinsured/uninsured
- Socks for Stand Down – this year collected 6400 new pair of socks for homeless veterans and 700 new pairs of undergarments
- \$32.9 million in budget to come down to SD for homelessness;
- Helped clear clerical error on application that would provide \$500,000 in funding for homeless students
- \$30 million for San Diego's Pure Water program.
- Budget clean up bills; Human Trafficking got missed and hoping it can be cleaned up in August

Non Agenda Public Comment

Spencer Hutchinson – thinks scooters are great because they don't have to ride bikes in areas where it's a difficult ride; wants to applaud City Council for allowing them and thinks Golf course drive improvement will help the infrastructure

Mike Gruby – wants to propose an alternative for Golf Course Drive

Gary Roberts – distributed memo and asked for it to be added as an agenda item for August meeting

Michael Nazarinia – this Wednesday July 18th at 5:30, VOSD will be at Whistle Stop to talk about journalism or topics of community interest

Chair's report

- Urban Forestry Project - tree canopy and action plan informational of what their objectives are for tree coverage (Golden Hill has already met requirements)
- Quieter Homes Programs back on track
- Officer Kevin Vasquez has been reassigned to a homeless task force so his phone number is no longer valid but his email address is; Vasquez will also retiring soon

Vice Chair Report

- Plug In San Diego – Free, funded by SANDAG and they'll help do the analysis to get EV charging stations; has more info that people can get

Action Items:

1) Golf Course Drive Improvement CIP Project (multi-modal route)

Design phase will move forward, and the City requests the GGHPC to indicate the preferred design alternative from the feasibility study

Amy M. Mills, PE, Project Manager, City of SD Public Works Department.

- Reviewed 2 alternatives and wanted to get a consensus on which one to move forward with because both can be done
- Option 1 - Alternative to separate pedestrians would have to be at street level
- Jeannate Voss – will the work be done at night or during the day? And what will be the change in traffic?
- Jay Watts – we should consider a one way option again because of cost; it could also be quickly implemented and retracted if we don't like it
- Gerry Ray – with one way where will all the cars go? We should have 3 ft between between cars and bikers by law; how will that be possible? Likes option 2 for safety reasons
- Diane Kaiser – traffic backs up on 26th street to Pershing so now is mostly used by cars not bikes and people; is against the one-way (option 1)
- Weise – what will the path be in option 1? - asphalt
- Briggs – connectivity and safety and how different treatments attract/detract riders; this would be a link connecting to the Pershing Bike Way so someone using that might want to have the same treatment
- Vandheuvell – worried about pedestrians in Option 1; option with sidewalk is safer for pedestrians
- DiMinico – prefers option 2 but is concerned about visual impact if protective barriers are added
- Bugbee – as a walker prefers option 2
- Curran – leaning toward option 2 with some protection for bikers
- Briggs greater width would allow for other alternatives
- Jay Watts – is a one way option off the table? Swarens - we already paid for feasibility study so it doesn't make sense to go back
- Gary Roberts – is there a weight limitation for commercial vehicles? Swarens - nothing is posted
- Weise – if you don't have a thoroughly fleshed out design it's virtually impossible to get federal funding; if we revisited the one way option it would further delay the project and increase the project costs
- Jeanette Voss – would dirt area where Christmas trees are recycled be affected? Yes, road will be getting wider so that area would be getting smaller

Motion by Vandeneuvell – to support design Alternative 2 with the addition of protective barriers between the bike lanes and the travel lanes with a request that the City present the design for the Golden Hill Planning Committee's review; seconded by Coneglio – unanimous 10- (yes)

- 2) All Way Stop at E st and 22nd - Alternative Process- consider recommending this safety/traffic calming measure. The GGHPC, along with neighbors, had previously initiated review of this proposal.
- Valentina Molteni – E street on south side crossing on 22nd is dangerous; kids can't go to school by themselves because they can't see or can't be seen; section of neighborhood that is perhaps the most dangerous;
 - Spencer Hutchins – 22nd is harrowing at times when riding a bike
 - Pat Martin – lives on corner of 22nd and E; since diagonal parking, when there's a big truck sticking out, you need to edge out and be careful of cars on both sides of 22nd St.; stop signs will make it safer

- Molteni – advantage of diagonal parking is that it forces people to drive slower and the stop sign
- Elizabeth Terrace – also very difficult to get out of your driveway because people are going by very fast
- Pamela Gate – is there anything on the books for B and 24th streets that will slow people down? How can we get something in the works? Swarens - Complete a Traffic Engineering request form on City's Website and they will review it.

Motion by Coneglio that the GGPCH initiate the alternative process to implement an all-way stop at E and 22nd Streets

Unanimous – 10 yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm