

Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)

Minutes of Meeting on August 8, 2018

at the Golden Hill Recreation Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive, San Diego, CA 92102

- Present:
1. David Swarens, Chair
 2. Kathy Vandenheuvel, Vice Chair
 3. Cheryl Brierton (taking minutes)
 4. Sabrina DiMinico (secretary, resigned)
 5. Timothy Briggs
 6. Molly Brooks
 7. Susan Bugbee
 8. Joe Coniglio
 9. Victoria Curran
 10. Maggie Fulton
 11. Oscar Medina
 12. Michael Nazarinia
 13. Richard Santini
 14. Mary Sparks
 15. Susanna Starcevic

- Absent:
1. Cristina Magana

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 6:32 pm. Chair announced that DiMinico has resigned as Secretary. Brierton volunteered to take minutes for this meeting. Selection of GGHPC Secretary will be on September GGHPC agenda.

Government Reports

*53rd Congressional District (U.S. Rep Susan Davis' aide not present)

*39th Cal Senate District (State Sen Toni Atkins' aide Not present)

*3rd SD City Council (Councilmember Ward's aide not present)

*City Planner Bernard Turgeon Not present

*SDPD Officer Vasquez --Left flyers at meeting venue on a Ford truck arson and a reported masturbator near an elementary school;

-Cleanups/pickups every 2nd Saturday: Call him

--Starcevic question re park bathroom drug deals has been passed along to Neighborhood policing teams

--Brierton question re frequent vehicle break-ins reported on Next Door. Stats do not show increase. Swarens noted that crimes should be reported to SDPD, not just posted on NextDoor.

--Briggs should call in vehicle noise complaints

--Vandenheuel question on scooters: 80-100 tickets given out, lime bikes getting picked up due to vandalism by homeless

Nonagenda Public Comment

**Vicki Granowitz (SD City Planning Commission member) reported that she is coowner of former South Park Abbey, anticipated to open in September as Fernside Bar/Restaurant following renovation. Kitchen expanded, brunches will be served, no live music, cocktail consultant Christian Sigler.

Chair's Report

*Brooklyn Child Development Center near Einstein is closing. Property is owned by San Diego Unified School District. The GGH Community Plan Update recommended that other public uses be identified before the property is sold, so Chair referred inquiry to City Council.

* Community Planners Group (CPC) (1) gave overview on making effective presentations; (2) discussed issue of discouraging auto ownership near transit hubs; (3) is considering the 12th Update to San Diego's Land Code.

At Brierton's request, Swarens will assign sections of the Land Code Update to GGHPC members for any comments/concerns, to be discussed at the upcoming GGHPC meeting in September. A matrix of the issues was forwarded to all GGHPC members by CPC alternate Brierton, provided as part of the upcoming CPC agenda for August 15, 2018.

Vice Chair's Report

*Vandenheuel attended a meeting concerning the SD Airport Authority's construction projects. **Her report is attached.** Additional documents were distributed. The full draft Environmental Impact Report is available at the Library. There is no special impact on Greater Golden Hill (GGH).

Action Items

- (1) Coneglio moved, Medina seconded, to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2018, Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 5 abstain (not present).
- (2) GGH Community Member Gary Roberts brought forth 3 concerns about GGHPC functioning: (1) wants all GGHPC members to provide emails or other contact information; (2) wants GGHPC to email agendas and minutes to interested parties; (3) wants GGHPC to create a website with this information. (See attached.)

Roberts stated he signed up with City of get agendas/minutes, but does not receive them. The lack of transparency, notice and participation is disturbing, he stated. There was extensive discussion and input by GGHPC members and members of the public.

*Granowitz: North Park Community Planning Group has a website (set up by a paid consultant with County grant funds). Does not give individual members' contact information, due to concerns about Brown Act violations/serial meetings. Discussions among a quorum of members are supposed to take place only at the public meetings of community planning groups.

*Sharon Gehl: Uptown also has a website, listing members' names and terms. Chair lists all correspondence received and sent. Does not always get agendas/minutes from City, although signed up for it. Has GGHPC seen the Grand Jury Report? (Note: At a prior meeting, GGHPC discussed, responded to and debunked the Grand Jury attack on community planning groups.)

*Bugbee: The GGHPC meeting signins for the public are to verify attendance at two meetings, as required to run for election to GGHPC. Emails are requested so persons eligible to run can be contacted, as Bugbee did for Roberts.

*Medina: Generally agrees with the recommendations, fine to give his email. Community members such as Roberts should not have to go through this to get concerns heard. Medina is working on GGHPC website, costs \$60/year through Wordpress, should not be too hard to maintain in future.

*Brooks: Agendas/minutes on SD City website hard to find. OK with giving her email.

*Briggs: Good to publicize actions in meetings. Consensus GGHPC should do this.

*Santini: No problem with Roberts' requests, but single point of contact is better.

*Swarens: There is no problem with getting new members to run for election: 4/16 are new this year, only 2 members have over 7 years' service, only 2 returned after break. Members are diverse, with 5/15 renters, more than 1/2 women, wide age range.

-Does not send Notices of Environmental Review Actions (NORAs) out to all, only to those who have indicated in a public GGHPC meeting that they wish to receive them.

-Shares concerns about City not in fact providing required meeting notices with agendas, although it is the responsibility of paid City staff to do so.

--GGHPC has a Facebook page with agendas and minutes, and notices meetings on NextDoor. Social media presence could be improved, however.

--Opposes private contact with GGHPC members due to Brown Act and privacy concerns. City Planning staff concur. Policy change would potentially require action by entire CPC.

*Vandenheuvell: Supports Facebook page with list of members' names. City notice system is broken. Could Medina give a presentation to GGHPC when GGHPC website is up, maybe in September or October?

*Nazarinia: Thanks to Roberts for raising issues about transparency. Website domain is pending. Perhaps GGHPC members could pay \$240/year for a PO Box. Need to follow up with City about email notice problem.

*DiMinico: Roberts' tone is offensive to volunteer GGHPC members. Swarens already is spending hours on GGHPC work, and does not need to take over administrative tasks for which paid City staff is responsible. Why has Roberts not volunteered?

*Brierton: --Thanks to Roberts for raising issues about broader community participation. There has been a change in the law that may allow mail-in ballots for GGHPC elections; this will be on the GGHPC agenda for September.

--Received threats from cranks relating her past work and takes steps to protect her privacy.

--Numerous GGHPC members in her 7 years on GGHPC have raised the issue of a website, but so far, nothing has come of it. Minutes and agendas are already online at City website, with list of member names.

--GGHPC volunteers should not be required to take over notice/record-keeping of City staff, who are paid to do the work.

*Coneglio: No problem with transparency. Concerned about potential Brown Act violations. Invites neighbors to attend GGHPC meetings, but they do not come. Consensus that agenda should be distributed more broadly.

*Curran. Private communications with individual GGHPC members are contrary to the whole concept of transparency, and rife with potential problems. Discussions should occur at GGHPC meetings.

*Starcevic: Doesn't like people using the fact they are volunteers to excuse inaction. Doesn't like to hear that Swarens does a lot of things GGHPC does not even know about.

*Fulton: OK with Roberts' recommendations.

*Sparks: Roberts' recommendations are silly. Discussions should be at meetings, not through private messages. Would not respond if she did get one.

*Sylvia Veilleux: Did not know about GGHPC. Roberts invited her to attend this meeting.

Motions:

*Santini moved to approve Roberts' recommendations, except providing emails. Motion withdrawn, no second.

* Brierton moved, Nazarinia seconded: GGHPC will not provide GGHPC member e-mail addresses. Motion carried, 11-yes, no-1, 2- abstaining (Coneglio: there is already a City policy against doing so; Sparks-does not care about her email privacy.) (Bugbee not participating; left at 7:50 pm.)

*Brierton moved, Nazarinia seconded: Swarens will follow up with City of SD re agenda distribution, and report back to GGHPC. Motion withdrawn, not needed.

Other action :

*Swarens will follow up with City re email distribution problems.

*Medina will give a presentation in September or October about the GGHPC website he has been working on.

(3) Approval of GGHPC Annual report. Swarens prepared a draft Annual Report with the information required by the City of San Diego. (**Attached.**) Information is taken from GGHPC minutes. Vandenheuvel inquired whether coordination with the Golden Hill Community Development Corporation was required-no.

Vandenheuvel moved, Starcevic seconded: To approve the GGHPC Annual Report. Motion carried, 14-yes, 0-no, 0-abstaining (Bugbee not participating).

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

July 17, 2018

Greater Golden Hill Planning Group

Vice Chair's Report

Regarding meeting with Ted Anasis, Manager Airport Planning, San Diego International Airport regarding the Airport Development Plan (SCH NO. 2017011053 – SDCRAA # EIR-18-01)

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (Airport) submitted a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Airport Development Plan on July 9, 2018. It is currently available for review and comment for forty-six days, ending August 23, 2018 at 5:00 PM. The Final Report is scheduled for the end of calendar year 2018 and construction is due to begin in 2020.

In support of community outreach for this project the Airport invited a representative from our planning group to attend a presentation of their proposed project.

I met with Mr. Ted Anasis on July 16, 2018 at the Airport Administration Offices where he went through a powerpoint presentation of the Airport Development Plan and background information regarding the Airport.

Airport Background:

- Last year 22 million people traveled through SAN which makes it the third largest in California, behind LAX and SFO. SAN is also in the top 30 airports nationally.
- Airport usage has been growing annually at approximately 2% annually since 1990.
- The Airport generates approximately \$12 Billion annually for the San Diego regional economy. The Airport provides \$750 Million in local business through their contracts and \$252 Million to small businesses.
- The Airport receives approximately 80% of their energy via renewable energy, both through onsite solar and through the renewable program with SDG&E.
- All new building constructed at the Airport have been certified LEED Gold (or better).
- 100% of the airport taxis are alternative fuel vehicles and there is a current push to extend this to rideshare platforms that are approved for pick-up at the Airport.
- The Airport can be accessed via public transportation via bus from downtown (along Broadway and Santa Fe Depot) and via shuttle from the Middletown Trolley Stop (pick up is at Palm Street with shuttles arriving every 5-10 minutes).

Airport Development Plan:

- New Airport Entry Roadway for inbound vehicle traffic
- Terminal One Replacement (30 terminal gates – 62 gates total for airport when complete)
- New Taxiway A and Upgrade to Taxiway B
- New Parking Structure
- Other improvements (See EIR)

Environmental Components in Planned Project:

- Stormwater Capture and Reuse System – 9-Million-gallon capacity
- Sea Level Rise taken into account for design (Possible increase of 1.5 meter by 2050)
- Gold or better LEED construction of Terminal 1
- Hydrant Fuel System – replaces fueling with tanker trucks with underground piping system

Other Notes:

- Airport has requested Trolley and Bus Upgrades to SANDAG
- Potential Future Development of an Intermodal Transit Center near Washington Street (could accommodate heavy and light rail connections to Airport) (Land has been identified by not acquired)
- No plan to alter airport curfew for outbound flights

- Southwest is planning to expand service to HI from SAN within next 3 years
 - The plan is available online at San.org/plan
 - Ted Provided me with a CD copy of the EIR
 - The EIR is also available at the Central Library
 - The Airport is also available to come to a future Greater Golden Hill Planning Meeting to present the Development Plan, if desired by the group.
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GREATER GOLDEN HILL PLANNING COMMITTEE

April 2018 – March 2018

Section I. Introduction.

The Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC) is the recognized community planning group for the neighborhoods of Greater Golden Hill, including “South Park.”

Officers are David Swarens, Chair, Kathy Vandenneuvel, Vice-Chair, and Sabrina DiMinico, Recording Secretary. Each was elected at the April meeting, following March board elections, for one year terms. The chair also serves as representative to the CPC (Community Planners Committee) and to ANAC (Airport Noise Advisory Committee), and member Cheryl Brierton is the designated alternate for both of these.

The planning group has a number of ad hoc subcommittees, as specified in our by laws, as well as one “standing” subcommittee, Historic Preservation. That sub committee has not met actively due to the implementation process for the South Park Historic District. An Ad Hoc subcommittee was formed to review CIP prioritization, which reported to the board in July 2017.

Section II. Administrative Matters. During this period the GGHPC held eleven meetings, including an October meeting dedicated to Councilmember Ward’s presentation of the City Temporary Homeless Camp at the City Yards at 20th and B.

The planning group was able to take a mid summer break, and did not meet in August 2017,

Two positions were vacated, and filled by the board, during the period of this report.

The GGHPC does not have special categories of membership.

A revised draft bylaws was sent to the City for approval following review by the City Attorney’s office early in 2018

Section III. Members Summary

The CCHPC has sixteen members, as specified in bylaws. Two mid year vacancies occurred during this term (Baldwin, Serocki) These positions were filled by the board at subsequent meetings. Regular March elections fill two year terms. This year there were 9 candidates and eight open positions on the board. Updated rosters were filled with the City following each change in membership. And another when the City introduced a new format for the rosters.

Section III. Community Plan Preparation, Plan Amendments, and Implementation

The Golden Hill CPU was adopted in October of 2016, and there have been no proposed amendments to this recently adopted community plan. Designation of the South Park Historic District, Oct 2017/ February 2018, implements a recommendation of the Historic Preservation element of this plan.

Section VI. Special Projects.

The GGHPC hosted a candidates' forum in March, in advance of community planning group's annual election.

Section VII. Overall Summary of Project Review & Community Development.

GGHPC reviewed one discretionary project during this period, the extension of a CUP for upgrade and operation of an existing wireless communication facility (T-Mobile "Villas on the Hill" 2849 E Street). The planning group recommended support for the project.

In addition the GGHPC completed by laws revision, hosted a meeting for the D-3 office on the City's Homeless strategy (including the "camp" in Golden Hill/Balboa Park), reviewed and commented on the Companion Unit/ADU program and CCA (community choice Aggregation energy policy). Developed planning group priorities for CUPs in and adjacent to the Golden Hill community. A number of our CUP priorities are for Balboa Park projects which serve GH as well as serving as formal "park equivalencies" in the Golden Hill Community Plan. One of these was the review of alternatives for a long awaited major CUP for a multi modal route along Golf Course Drive, based on a feasibility study funded by Golden Hill IFS/DIF (this project will enter design phase this coming year (FY 19). The CPG also heard a number of presentations, including Goal SD/Soccer City (which the group declined to take a position on) and DecoBike (now DiscoveryBike) whose proposal for expansion conflicted with the community plan (The GGHPC was able to have the location moved to a more desirable, if still not the best, location, which was compatible with the Golden Hill Community Plan. For details or specifics, and many more topics of business, please consult the GGHPC minutes posted on the City of San Diego web page

Section VIII. Activities of Associated Community Organizations

The GGHPC does not have ongoing formal associations with other organizations. The GGHPC March candidates' forum was co-sponsored with the SONO Neighborhood Alliance.

TO : The Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee and Golden Hill Homeowners and Residents

FROM: Gary Roberts, a 20-year Golden Hill Homeowner

DATE: August 8, 2018

The Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee is an officially recognized San Diego "planning group." As such, it is the "official voice" of Golden Hill (including South Park). It stands to reason the Golden Hill planning group must adhere to the wishes of the community, especially

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homeowners (individuals who collectively invest millions of dollars in their privately held properties in Golden Hill/South Park). It's impossible for the Golden Hill planning group to discharge this responsibility without making itself transparent and publicly accessible to the community. For this reason, I request the following:

1. The names and an email address (or post office box address) of each current member of the

Golden Hill planning group be publicly available so that homeowners and other community members (renters, business owners) can communicate with individual members of the Golden Hill planning group, i.e. to express their opinion, provide factual information, raise and ask questions, etc.

2. Agendas (and attachments to agendas) for each upcoming meeting of the Golden Hill planning group be provided by email to any Golden Hill/South Park homeowner or other interested person (renters, business owners) who requests to be added to the email list. Every interested homeowner, etc. should be sent exactly what the members of the planning group are sent prior to each meeting of the planning group. Otherwise, the Golden Hill planning group isn't being transparent.

3. Maintain a publicly accessible website which provides the names and an email address (or post office box address) of each current member of the Golden Hill planning group, agendas (and attachments to agendas) for each upcoming meeting of the planning group, minutes of past meetings of the Golden Hill planning group, etc.

I have owned and lived in the same home in Golden Hill/South Park for 20 years. I believe I have sufficient standing to make this request.

The reverse side of this memorandum re-prints the page from the city's web site entitled, "Community Planning Groups." <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpg>

For purposes of this memorandum, the Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee is

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alternatively referred to as the Golden Hill planning group.

Community Planning Groups

There has been long-standing citizen involvement in planning in the City of San Diego. The City Council adopted policies in the 1960s and 1970s that established and recognized community planning groups as formal mechanisms for community input in the land use decision-making processes. Community planning groups (CPG) provide citizens with an opportunity for involvement in advising the City Council, the Planning Commission, and other decision-makers on development projects, general or community plan amendments, rezonings and public facilities. The recommendations of the planning groups are integral components of the planning process, and are highly regarded by the City Council and by staff.

In 1966, the San Diego City Council formalized this government-citizen relationship with the adoption of Council Policy 600-05 . The organization and structure of the relationship were further clarified in 1976 by the City Council's adoption of Council Policy 600-24 , 'Standard Operating Procedures and Responsibilities of Recognized Community Planning Groups.' Under this policy, citizens who want to participate in the planning process are able to form "officially-recognized" planning groups. The City Council recognizes one official planning group in each community. Groups work with City staff to formulate and implement the General Plan and community plans, and to advise the Planning Commission and City Council on projects. Council Policy 600-24 also includes a bylaws shell for community planning groups to prepare and approve draft bylaws as required by the Council Policy. Draft bylaws are then submitted to the City for review and final approval.

In addition, the Administrative Guidelines, assist planning groups with their understanding of CP 600-24.

Applicability of the Brown Act to Community Planning Groups and CPC

On October 27, 2006, the City Attorney issued a memorandum of law advising that community planning groups and the Community Planners Committee (CPC) must comply with California's

Open Meeting Law, the Ralph M. Brown Act. The purpose of the act is to ensure the actions and deliberations of public bodies occur openly with public access and input. On May 22, 2007, the City Council approved revisions to Council Policy 600-24 to reflect the Brown Act and standardize operations of planning groups. A summary (PDF) of Brown Act references within Council Policy 600-24 is provided.

A PowerPoint presentation on the Brown Act was presented at the May 2, 2009, Community Orientation Workshop (COW).

source: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpg>