

CITY HEIGHTS AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes for October 1, 2018

1. Chairman Russ Connelly called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Brenda Diaz, Brian Green Carson, David Bowen, Jessie Sergent, Jose Hernandez, Juan Pablo Sanchez, Maria Cortez, Mazda Mehraz, Patty Vaccariello, Ramla Sahid, Randy Van Vleck, Rickie Brown, Roddy Jerome, Rosa Calvario and Scott Paquette were present. Abdullahi Yusuf, Andre Sanz, Aracely M. Lara and David Nelson were absent.
2. Minutes for September were accepted by a vote of 12/0/2. Randy Van Vleck and Juan Pablo Sanchez abstained because they were not present for the September meeting.
3. Patty Vaccariello offered, and Roddy Jerome seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The Committee voted 14/0 (chair not voting) and the motion passed.
4. Off-agenda public comments: Roberto Garcia from the Census Bureau asked we consider a presentation about the helping the Census since City Heights has a population that is hard to count.
5. Staff reports and comment -
Ben Hueso Representative: Dawn Hendon said 10 out the 10 bills that the Senator helped introduce into the State Senate passed.
Georgette Gomez Representatives: Gloria Cruz and Matt Yagyagan shared the council district neighborhoods they represent as well as the Georgette's office hours (every Friday 2:30pm-6:00pm).
6. 6.1: Toby Hallal, the architect working on the project, went over the plans for the marijuana outlet. The outlet would be for retail only, there would be no manufacturing or cultivation. They would be updating the parking, bus stop and other requirements by the City. Blake Marchand and Jon Saco owners of the March and Ash dispensary answered questions and comments from the committee and community members about fire brush management, bus stop enhancements, parking lot, security, their other location in Mission Valley, the Auburn Creek bed, proximity to schools/play grounds, and crime rates. After discussion, Patty Vaccariello offered and Roddy Jerome seconded a motion to approve the CUP for a marijuana outlet at 2281 Fairmount Avenue with two 24hr unarmed security guards, an enhanced bus waiting area on the private property, that the applicant consider hiring City Heights workers and to work with the community on projects of community benefit. The committee voted 4/11/0 (chair not voting) and the motion did not pass. No further motion was proposed for this item.

6.2: Ramla Sahid expressed she wanted to stay on the committee and why she had missed 3 meetings in a row. After discussion, Maria Cortez offered and Brian Green Carson seconded a motion to keep Ramla Sahid on the committee, that she notify the Chairman if she intends to miss further meetings, that she complete the necessary City eCOW training

before the next scheduled meeting and to notify the Chairman when that training is completed. The committee voted 15/0/0 (chair not voting) and the motion passed.

7. The Chairman shared that the Planning Department approved the proposed changes made to our bylaws. Announced the mid-month meeting would be taking place on October 15th and there would be a discussion about what the community wants from Wakeland (developer) for properties they are proposing to develop along University Avenue. The current building used to host CHAPC meetings has been sold so there could be a possible change of location in the future but he will keep us posted.
8. Ramla Sahid, David Bowen, Rickie Brown, Juan Pablo Sanchez, Randy Van Vleck, Maria Cortez, Mazda Mehraz, Rosa Calvario, Jose Hernandez, and Patty Vaccariello offered Committee comments.
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.