

City Heights Area Planning Committee  
Minutes from August 5th, 2019

1. Chair Russ Connelly called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Jake Banfield-Weir, David Bowen, Rosa Calvario, Maria Cortez, Francisco Garcia, Brian Green-Carson, Roddy Jerome, Wendy Miller, David Nelson, Lisa Nguyen, Dhaha Nur, Blair Overstreet, Scott Paquette, Michael Rossler, Juan Pablo Sanchez, Randy Torres - Van Vleck, Patty Vaccariello, Hamdi Noor, and Russ Connelly were present. Absent were Kelvin Barrios, Brenda Diaz, and Jose Hernandez. As per the Brown Act, the Chair has addressed the voluntary sign-in sheet to the audience.
2. The committee approved the minutes for the August with corrections.
3. The committee unanimously approved the agenda.
4. Off-Agenda Public Comments: Eric Tolmeyer, from the City Heights CDC, brought to the committee's attention the future conversion of the property at 5150 University Ave from a thrift store to a mini storage with opportunity for review by the committee. Cathy Hanzel voiced concerns over light pollution in the community over the last 2 years and to review the lighting ordinance by the city.
5. Staff Reports and Comment: Christopher "Stopher" Vallejo with updates from Council President Georgette Gomez's office. Received the August/September newsletter, updates to the inclusionary housing ordinance, soliciting for support, and more community outreach at a Community Coffee at Burly and the Bean on Wednesday. Developing the new interpretation/translation program and how to allocate money for community groups.

**6. Business Agenda:**

**6.1: Appointment to fill the Youth-2021 seat:** Hamdi Noor, a senior at Crawford High School requested to be selected. Nominated by Patty. Seconded by David Nelson. Approved (16/0/0) Chair not voting.

**6.2 SANDAG no parking zone request along University Avenue:** Chris Carterette, from SANDAG, presenting on a modification for the University Ave. bikeway/transit way. Project additions includes creating bike signal, restricting right turns, and a bus only lanes from 42nd St to Marlborough Ave during restricted hours. This would cause temporary restrictions of 6 parking spaces for 4 hours a day. The item has been to the Active Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee with next steps to go to City Council. This project is a CALTRANS, MTS, and SANDAG Collaboration with money being added to include the listed additions. Motion to approve no parking, transit only lane for limited hours from 7-9 AM and 4-6 PM along University Ave as recommended by staff with tandem indicator switches with appropriate timing by Francisco Garcia. Seconded by Brian Green-Carson. Approved (17/1/0) Chair not Voting.

**6.3 Design Input for the Fairmount Avenue Fire Station:** Monica Redondo, with the City Public Works Department and representing the fire station project, presented overview and amenities of the new fire station near Fairmount Ave. and 47th St. Location was chosen to provide better service and response time to adjacent precincts. Design of the facility follow the 2010-2017 standards in the City Gate Report, keeps footprint low due to adjacent wildlife in the canyon, 3-story design, possibility for building to be an education tool, and trying to meet LEED silver standards. Currently working on the Site Development Permits. Motion by David Bowen for the item to comeback to the mid-month Ad-Hoc meeting for additional review and input. Seconded by Patty Vaccariello. (19/0/0) with Chair not voting.

**6.4 LISC presentation on Business Improvement Grants:** Karina Velazquez, from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), presented an informational item on Business Improvement Grants program to soon be piloted which would impact the community of City Heights. LISC is a 28 year-old nonprofit with headquarters in New York. Program begins this summer, with 2 million dollars in awards and 2 years to distribute money to businesses via grants. Qualifications include being a City of San Diego resident, in an eligible area of 50% of low median income and meet small business administration's definition. Grants will be used for storefront improvements that don't require a permit (City still defining what qualifies as improvements vs. construction). Applicants need a letter of support, the role CHAPC would provide to the grant process. Contact: [www.lisc.org/BIG](http://www.lisc.org/BIG)

7. Chair's Report: Resignation submitted by Kelvin Barrios due to lack of time and ineligibility due to moving out of City Heights. Accepted.

8. Committee members reports and comment: Maria Cortez, David Nelson, Francisco Garcia, Blair Overstreet, Hamdi Noor, Lisa Nguyen, and Randy Torres - Van Vleck.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46.