



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego
Planning a Vibrant Downtown for All

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2023, 5:30 PM

12th Floor Committee Room, City Hall, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA, 92101

I. Call to Order 5:34 pm

- A. Roll Call completed, quorum established (11 of 13 (6 vacancies)) established.
- B. In attendance: Rodriguez, Link, Bargmann, Gu (Virtual), Helmer, Randolph, Saldana, Schwarz, Villarina, Werve; (Virtual) Winslow Absent (2) Lauer, Eddy
- C. NOV Minutes: Winslow abstained (absent). Approved unanimously (10)
- D. Board Vacancies:
 - 1. Ongoing vacancies (6): Columbia Biz, Cortez Res., Gaslamp Biz, Marina Biz, Little Italy Biz, Little Italy Res.

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- A. Danny Smiechowski, Candidate, San Diego Mayor 2024, Briefly introduced himself including Claremont CPG Experience
- B. David Roger, Introduced himself as candidate for DCPC, Little Italy Biz. Provided brief Business Overview

III. Community Reports Representatives from Elected Officials and Agencies:

- A. Councilmember Whitburn's Office (District 3) (Emily Bonner):
 - 1. Focus is currently on budget review. Encouraged member input.
 - 2. Estimated B St Safe Sleeping site as full, O Lot as half full
 - 3. Encouraged use of Get It Done app to report issues incl encampments,
- B. Supervisor Nora Vargas (Paola Aguirre):
 - 1. Confirmed that Chair Vargas speaking at EVRG 1/18/24 Community Mtg, Issues as Care Court, Health Expert
 - 2. Chair Vargas coming back to East Village for FEB 29 EV Town Hall
 - 3. Chair reminder business of County Grant Application opportunity

IV. Appointment of Vacant Seats

- A. Gaslamp/Horton & Core Business (term ending 2024): Candidate Joshua George introduced himself, Biz Represented is Smokey Joe BBQ, 4th & F. Also a Downto Resident. Opportunity for Public and Board Questions, elected (unopposed) unanimously



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- B. Cortez Hill Resident (term ending 2024): Candidates Adam Wilson (Political Consultant), Jexsi Grey (Lived Experience). Opportunity for Public and Board Questions, Jexsi Grey elected, Secret Ballot, 7-5-0.

V. DCPC Board Approval of DCPC CPG Application

- A. *Manny introduced topic and thanked Committee Members Link, Helmer, Saldana, Rodriguez and Soriano (Public) for participation and Review*
 - B. *CPG Task Force Chair refreshed the board regarding November review and authorization to finalize, provision of written copy to board members prior to meeting, and summarized scope of changes and attachments.*
 - C. *Manny invited Public Comment. Gary Smith spoke on his own behalf, endorsing the plan as presented.*
 - D. *Manny requested and obtained board unanimous approval to write a preamble summarizing DCPC accomplishments and interests to be forwarded with the digital CPG application.*
 - E. *Manny Motioned, Greg Helmer 2nd, Application Approval for submission. Approved by hand vote 11-0-2. New members Josh George and Jexsi Grey abstained.*
1. *Balboa Park Committee (Info) Manny provided a brief overview of Balboa Park Committee Responsibilities on behalf of Chris Eddy (absent) and advised he would attend upcoming meetings on Chris behalf.*
 - a. *Danny Smiechowski spoke in favor of wise use of public resources and highlighted underutilized public facilities and better use choices.*
 - b. *Board Discussion commented on Balboa Park and highlighted the Port Master Plan agenda. Helmer encouraged Members to review plans at the port website, and highlighted that IQHQ, Seaport Village and Chula Vista Waterfront are not included within the plan.*

- VI. Adjournment 6:45 pm** Next meeting on January 17th, 2024, 5:30pm. City Hall's 12th Floor Committee Room