



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

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
January 17th, 2024, 5:30 PM
12th Floor Committee Room, City Hall, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA, 92101

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I. Call to Order

- A. Roll Call

II. Consent Agenda

Action Item

- A. [December Minutes](#)
- B. [Ratify actions of the Communications Committee](#)

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III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Public comment will be limited to 1-minute per person if there are many speakers present. Maximum of 8 non-agenda public comment speakers at this time; additional speakers can speak at the end.

IV. Community Reports

- A. Representatives from Elected Officials and Agencies

V. Appointment of Vacant Seats

- A. [Little Italy Resident](#)

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VI. Resolution in Support of Regulations for Smoke Shops Near Schools **Action Item**

VII. Committee & Task Force Reports

A. Design Review

Action Item

- 1. Selection of a new Chair. Appointment of new Members.

B. Elections

Action Item

- 1. Volunteers needed to head the committee and carry out elections.

C. Public Spaces

- 1. Balboa Park Committee report - Chris Eddy
- 2. Update on parking meter revenue allocation

Next meeting on January 22nd, 2024, 5:30 PM. [Port of San Diego Port Master Presentation.](#)

VIII. Adjournment

Next meeting on February 21st, 2024, 5:30 PM, at City Hall's 12th Floor Committee Room.

Help Us Improve Mobility in Downtown San Diego

Do you ride the FRED (Free Rides Everywhere Downtown)? If you do or don't, please share your thoughts on the service and how we can improve it by [clicking here](#).

Advise on the City of San Diego's Consolidated Plan

Every five years, the City of San Diego engages in a comprehensive planning process to identify housing, economic, and community development needs and priorities. Your input will directly influence how \$135 million is allocated in our community over the next five years, provide your input by [clicking here](#).

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
- 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.*
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- 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

January Actions of the Communication Committee

The Communications Committee is seeking the board's ratification for the following actions:

1. Approval of the internal brand guide.
2. Approval of the communications work plan.
 - a. Committee will create content about meeting announcements, development/project updates, local events, and educational content.
 - b. Committee member Gabrielle Werve will generate the content as information from other board members is shared with her.
 - c. Content will be shared internally within a spreadsheet, which Committee members will use to review content prior to being posted.
 - d. Committee will use a 3rd party software to manage the social media accounts and schedule posts.

3. Approval of the following Communications Retention Policy:

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the proper retention and management of electronic communications related to the Downtown Community Planning Council's (DCPC) digital accounts. This includes, but is not limited to, DCPC email and social media accounts.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all members, staff, and volunteers of DCPC.

3. Definitions

"Electronic Communications": Any form of communication transmitted by electronic means, including emails, text messages, instant messages, and other digital communication platforms not including comments left by outside parties on DCPC social media posts.

"Retention Period": The specific duration for which electronic communications must be stored.

4. Policy

All electronic communications pertaining to official digital accounts of DCPC must be retained for at least 5 years from the date of creation.

5. Responsibilities

5.1. The Executive Chairperson and Communications Committee, as the ones overseeing the digital accounts, are responsible for the implementation and oversight of this policy.

5.2. All DCPC members are responsible for adhering to this policy and ensuring electronic communications are retained as specified.

6. Compliance

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including removal from Committees and assignments.

7. Review and Modification

This policy shall be reviewed and modified as necessary to ensure effectiveness and compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

Little Italy Resident Candidate

Full name:

Rammy Cortez

Downtown Residence or business:

1780 Kettner Blvd, #305

Relevant background:

Rammy Cortez, Rammy Urban Infill, is a Small Scale Urban Infill Developer + Builder of more than 60,000 SF of transit oriented missing middle housing in San Diego's Metro. He has a Master's in Real Estate from the Burnham-Moore's Center for Real Estate, University of San Diego and is a CA Licensed General Contractor. Rammy's leadership in the ULI (Urban Land Institute) San Diego / Tijuana includes; served as a YLG (Young Leaders Group) Board Member, is a former Co-Chair and current Advocacy Co-Chair of the Small Scale Infill Development Product Council, and serves as a Mentor of the Young Leaders Group. Rammy is Member of Circulate San Diego's and San Diego Housing Federation Policy Committees, is a Member of LAI (Lambda Alpha International), serves on the City of San Diego Historical Resources Board, and is a regular panelist on infill development.



Rammy lives, works, plays, and serves Downtown San Diego- you'll find him weekly as lead volunteer at Path Connections Housing serving formerly homeless supportive housing residents.

Motivation for joining:

Serving my Community

Main priorities:

- I Support a vibrant Live, Work and Play Downtown.
- I Support density so rooftops support diverse neighborhood retail / street level activation.
- I Support Safe alternative modes of transportation – and Downton Connection to the Airport.
- I Support Homeless outreach, services, supportive housing and long term housing solutions.

Do you commit to attending our in-person meetings on the 3rd Wednesday evening of every month at City Hall? (3 non-consecutive absences are allowed per year)

Yes

Are you able to serve on subcommittees?

Design Review