



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

*Planning a Vibrant Downtown for All*

## **Downtown Community Planning Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 19, 2025, 5:30 PM**

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

### **1. Call to Order 5.35pm & Roll Call**

1. In attendance (10): Rodriguez (Chair), Bargmann (V. Chair), Link (Scty), Barr, Helmer, Hewitt, JP Schwarz, E. Schwarz, So, Werve.
2. Absent: (4) Eddy, Gu, Tan, Winslow
3. Vacancies: (5) HortonGaslamp Bus.; Columbia Bus.; EV North Bus.; EV South Bus.; Marina Bus.

### **2. Consent Agenda: Helmer/Link(2<sup>nd</sup>) Approved (Items A, C, D) 10-0-0**

- A. January Minutes Approval (without changes)
- B. Upcoming Project for Review (Celine) – struck from Consent (Link)
- C. Overnight Border-to-Downtown MTS Route 910 Express
- D. Broadway & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Intersection Improvement

### **3. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

1. Kathleen – concerns shared with City actions to create urban Marijuana footprint, lack of focus on zero carbon emissions including school buses.
2. Gary Smith, President DRG highlight loss of parking new crosswalks (Daylight)
  - i. [2024-12-26-enforcement-of-new-daylighting-law-begins-jan-1-in-city-of-san-diego.pdf](#)
  - ii. [San Diego enforces 'daylighting' law with tickets | cbs8.com](#)
  - iii. Gary highlighted new Rachel's Center with immediate plans to replace current 40 beds with growth objective to 210 beds
    1. [Housing Commission Approves Expanded Rachel's Promise Homeless Shelter - Times of San Diego](#)

### **4. Community Reports (Representatives from Elected Officials and Agencies)**

1. Malik Thornton (D3) CM Stephen Whitburn
  1. Highlighted intention of city to begin ticketing on March 1<sup>st</sup> for parking within 20' of intersection (whether or not marked crosswalk)

1. [New California law aims to improve pedestrian safety by changing parking rules – NBC 7 San Diego](#)
  2. Provide notice of Fire Safety town hall details on D3 web site
  3. Acknowledged effort to repair street lights
  4. Reviewed collaboration with CALTRANS to address unsheltered on Freeway properties (Contact ASMs Ward, Boerner)
  5. Advised that GASLAMP is not moving forward with Bollard program
    1. [Gaslamp Quarter bollards temporarily removed due to budget deficit | cbs8.com](#)
2. Clayton Fowler DSDP, Alonso Vivas CLEAN AND SAFE
  1. Reviewed DSDP Unsheltered statistics  
[February-2025-Unsheltered-Counts-W-Maps.pdf](#)
  2. Clean & Safe Services & Stats  
[Maintenance – Downtown San Diego Partnership](#)
  3. PBID Renewal  
[PBID Renewal – Downtown San Diego Partnership](#)

## **5. Committee Reports**

1. Elections (Link). No feedback to ongoing effort, no Open Forum speakers
2. Public Spaces (Hewitt)
  1. DPMG (Manny).
    - a) Parking impacts throughout the city and as a result of Daylighting law acknowledged.
    - b) RFP seeking City Wide Circulator Shuttle is anticipated to result in June '25 selection
    - c) Current issues re Circulator payments result from failure to meet standards
    - d) Results of 25 FEB at Little Italy office meeting to be shared next DCPC meeting
    - e) Bylaw revisions for DPMG 501c3 anticipated for formalize membership, funds management
  2. Updated Street Design Manual Draft
    - a) Board discussion focused on ADA Intervals at Crosswalks, increase use of no turn on red, enforcement of intersections by red light cameras, more diagonal crosswalks, ADA compliance. Updates anticipated a upcoming DCPC meetings
  3. Balboa Park Committee (Eddy Absent – no report)
- C. Downtown Community Plan Update (Ryan Baham, Subcommittee Chair)
  1. Ryan highlighted committee objectives including pedestrian friendly block consolidation, encouraging welcoming spaces.

3. Motion (Helmer), 2<sup>nd</sup> (JP), unanimous approval of proposed amendments.

**6. Items pulled from Consent agenda**

1. Consent Item B, Celine Project. Manny highlighted the opportunity to review at the upcoming Design Committee review meeting prior to DCPC MAR 19 action item. Development of Historic site, Discretionary permit. Design Review scheduled for 13 March, Sofia Hotel, 1:30pm

**7. Remainder non-agenda Public Comments (none)**

**8. Adjournment: 6:47pm**

**Next meeting on March 19, 2025,  
5:30 PM, at City Hall's 12th Floor Committee Room**