



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

*Planning a Vibrant Downtown for All*

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

**January 15, 2025, 5:30 PM**

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

### **I. Call to Order 5.39pm & Roll Call**

A. In attendance (13): Rodriguez (Chair), Bargmann (V. Chair), Link (Scty), Barr, Eddy, Gu (virtual), Helmer, Hewitt, Schwarz, E. Schwarz, JP, Tan, Werve, Winslow.

1. late arrival after Item II. - Eddy

B. Absent: (1) So

C. Vacancies: Core Bus.; Columbia Bus.; EV North Bus.; EV South Bus.; Marina Bus.

### **II. Consent Agenda:** Approved 12-0-0-1. Eddy joined mtg after vote.

A. Airport Liaison Report

B. December Minutes Approval (without changes)

C. Communications Committee Annual report

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

A. Betsy Roth comments re Cannabis public health issues including quality of supply chain, pesticides, chemicals, no public input, no safety, misleading stats

B. Gary Smith, President DRG promotes upcoming residents meeting at DSDP.

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

A. Robson Winter (AD77 Rep Tasha Boerner rep)

1. Promoted interest in upcoming SB86 (Health Ed K-8<sup>th</sup> Gr.)

2. SB87 – Density Bonus Clarification (Residential not commercial)

3. AB242 – Expand statewide screening numbers

4. Solicited nominations for Women's Impact Award in particular regarding Military, Health and Human Services, Education

B. Clayton Fowler DSDP & Alonso Vivas CLEAN AND SAFE

1. Identified Voting/Ballot opportunity for Clean and Safe Renewal

2. Adherence to Ballot Deadline and request on DSDP website

3. Alonso highlighted Cyclone sidewalk washing machine effectiveness, water reuse, reduction per surface to once per year
4. Reviewed PBID renewal and ballot substitutes, due dates on Renewal Web Site
5. DCPC members shared concerns re Renewal Education, landlord notification, timing, tax implications. DSDP acknowledged City Ballot release awkwardness.
6. Alonso declared intention to make San Diego cleanest downtown by use of upgraded equipment, tamper proof trash cans, consistently reviewing options.

C. City Waste Reduction Div (Andrea) and Environmental Svcs (Nathan)

1. Reviewed 2022 Measure B with Board and Public
2. Community Review ongoing to evaluate Change to Fee for Services for Apts with 4 or less units and Single-Family homes. Separate charge for hauling service. Base Fee would apply plus special fees such as for hazardous waste.
3. 80% satisfaction with room for improvement as result of damages, service reliability, proper use of bins.
4. Open House anticipated Spring 2025 re fees, services, bulky item collections
5. City Council hearing expected in Marcy '25 re fees followed by public notice and anticipated effective date of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
6. Board discussions included mandatory use of city fee for service, no fee for contamination of trash in wrong bins, duration and efficiency evaluation recommended after 5 years, delay between 2022 Measure and 2025 implementation, consequences of negative vote by City Council, reason for \$4.5M consultant, management of hazardous waste.
7. Questions anticipate to be addressed at City Council Hearing.

V. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Elections (Link). Elections Procedures handout and Online voting overview presented to members. Plain language updates to Operating Procedures recommended, Clarification of neighborhood separation Map consistent with DCPC CPG, and specification that EVN and EVS are separated by a Market Street Center Line.
  1. All recommendations accepted for inclusion.
  2. Greg motioned to accept the Subcommittee report/plan. JP 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously. (12 votes) Bargman had exited the meeting prior to vote.
- B. Public Spaces (Hewitt)
  1. DPMG (Manny). Pockets of news, cost increases, service reductions
    - a) Parking Meter Contract Ends 4/5/25 – intent is to recompute

- b) New Metered Parking added to J Street (2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - c) Turn Lanes added India, Kettner to Grape, Grape two new turn lanes
  - d) E Street Greenway being questioned by EVA (D. LiMandri)
  - e) DPMG continuing transition to nonprofit – IRS 190 day delay to 501(c)(3) anticipated.
  - f) City has not yet paid Circuit's invoices due to missing information.
2. Downtown Parking District Guiding Principles (Hewitt)
- a) Focus remains on Downtown Mobility, Revenue intended to help improve mobility, reduce congestion. Focus with Transparency.
  - b) Principles to be shared with Parent Group and nonprofit (Manny)
  - c) Board comments focused on chances of success. Manny expressed confidence in transparency due to public exposure
  - d) In response to the question re whether intent is to maximize revenue, Manny shared City intent to focus on 85% occupancy vs revenue. The response shared amongst board members was to differentiate between revenue optimization vice maximization. Helmer asked to track, report, monitor revenues
  - e) Motion (Hewitt) made to include transparency, revenue optimization, track revenues. 2<sup>nd</sup> Eddy. Passed 11-0-1 with Winslow Abstaining. Bargman exited the meeting prior to vote.
3. Balboa Park Committee (Eddy)
- a) Highlighted 2026 proposed 19% increase in user fees, first increase since 2023. Applies to all Parks and Rec.
  - b) Fee increase was described as based on CPI, not cost of services per se. Fees differ between Youth, Adults, Nonprofits.
  - c) More discussion to follow.
  - d) Balboa Park Golf Course changes highlighted resulting from widening on 28<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> causing changes at 9<sup>th</sup> hole and 5<sup>th</sup> (4 Par to 5 Par. RFP expected FEB 2025 for Project July 2027, Project and Roadway are funded. Golf Course is known to be a revenue generator.
- VI. No items pulled from Consent agenda
- VII. No remaining non-agenda Public Comments
- VIII. Adjournment: 7:36pm

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