



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

Planning a Vibrant Downtown for All

Downtown Community Planning Council (DCPC) Meeting Agenda

May 21, 2025, 5:30 PM

City Hall 12th Floor Committee Room

202 C Street, San Diego, CA, 92101

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To share your thoughts and comments with DCPC members, please email comments@downtownplanningsd.org.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

II. 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.

III. Community Reports

- A. Representatives from Elected Officials and Agencies.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Public Spaces
- B. Communications
- C. Balboa Park
- D. Design Review [reserved for item V-D]

V. Action Items

- A. Approve April Minutes
- B. MTS Transit Center Street Vacation - 1313 National Avenue
- C. Streetcar Renewal Project
- D. 1401 Imperial Housing Project
- E. Amendment of Representative Terms
- F. New Member Appointment

VI. Remainder Non-Agenda Public Comments

The remaining non-agenda public commenters (Item III) will speak at this time.

VII. Adjournment

Next meeting on May 18, 2025, 5:30 PM, at City Hall's 12th Floor Committee Room.

April 16 2025 Minutes Approval

Bob Link, Executive Secretary

Action Item

Approve the meeting minutes for the April 16 2025 meeting of the Downtown Community Planning Council.

Draft Minutes:

Downtown CPG Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2025, 5:30 PM

12th Floor Committee Room, City Hall,

202 C Street, San Diego, CA, 92101

I. Call to Order 5.37pm & Roll Call

- A. In attendance (7): Rodriguez (Chair), Bargmann (V. Chair), Link (Scty), Barr, Helmer, Hewitt, JP Schwarz,
- B. Absent: (4) Eddy, Salas, So, Werve (Excluded due non-working virtual in alternate meeting room - E. Schwarz)
- C. Vacancies: (8) Horton Gaslamp Bus.; Horton Gaslamp Res.; Little Italy Bus.; EV North Bus.; Marina Bus.; Marina Res.; At Large; At Large Community Org. (ex Rodriguez)

II. Consent Agenda: Bargmann, JP Schwarz (2nd) Approved (Items A,B,C, D) 10-0-0

- A. Manny Rodriguez board resignation eff. 4.30.2025
- B. March Minutes Approval (without changes)
- C. 14th Street Greenway Project EV
- D. Port of SD Increases Parking Fees at Embarcadero Marina Park
- E. Administrative Policies update

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- A. None

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

- A. Clayton Fowler DSDP
 - 1. Highlighted 4.25.2025 9:00am EV Walkabout
And Earth Day 4.21.25 0900 Tree Planting EV-details on web site
 - 2. Reviewed DSDP Unsheltered statistics (March report not yet available)

[February-2025-Unsheltered-Counts-W-Maps.pdf](#)

Reported 811 unsheltered, 18% reduction from last month, +2 from last Year. 477 sheltered through family reconnect, 378 through outreach program

3. Clean & Safe Services & Stats

[Maintenance – Downtown San Diego Partnership](#)
[Street Sweeping Route and Schedule](#)

4361 Safety & Maintenance tickets (3243 on App), 95% attended by Clean & Safe team of which 1971 were maintenance, 2390 Safety

No Update was provide re Ballpark Maintenance District

B. Pipeline Replacement, Little Italy (Water Replacement Capital Project)

Scott Sanfilippo, ssanfilippo@sandiego.gov, 619.553.7497, Jason Gonzalez, gonzalezJ@sandiego.gov, 619.553.7492

1. Overview identified 1.4 Million residents impacted by downtown Capital Projects
2. 2 yr time to completion 2026-28, \$15.2M, replace 100 yr old water pipes
3. Ketner/India corridor, Minimize traffic, airport impact using night labor
4. In response to question acknowledged that agitation when repressuring pipes may cause some debris but not enough to require special notices

V. Leadership Selections & Appointments

A. Elections:

1. Chair: Bargmann nominated, no alternates, unanimous approval
2. V. Chair: Hewitt nominated, no alternates, unanimous approval
3. Secretary – no nominations, tabled to next meeting. Link to provide minutes. Hewitt to back up elected Secretary in future.

B. Appoint Alternates to Executive Chair on external entities

1. CPC – Bob Link (continue). unanimous approval
2. Parking Management – JP Schwarz. unanimous approval

C. Appoint Committee Chairs

1. Planning - unanimous approval
2. Design Review –Helmer. unanimous approval
3. Public Spaces – Hewitt. unanimous approval

VI. Committee Reports

A. Downtown Parking Management Group – Manny supplemented agenda report

1. FRED has not been paid since July 2024 due to not meeting service requirements
2. Highlighted parking spaces lost due to red curb implementation
3. Vendor bids now need to be specific, including estimates for unknowns, templates provided. Subcontractor bids to be provided.
4. Budget getting increased oversight – specifics in process
5. Metered parking added to many locations. Some with reduced rates per resident requests. Shared meters on curbs with 5 or more spaces
6. Commercial loading zones added where need documented.

B. Balboa Park committee – Eddy absent, no report

VII. Items pulled from Consent agenda. None

VIII. Remainder non-agenda Public Comments. None Additional

IX. **Adjournment: 6:26 pm**

MTS Transit Center Street Vacation - 1313 National Avenue

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Action Item

MTS is undertaking a Transit Center expansion project at their 12th & Imperial Transit Center. The MTS project will expand and reorganize the existing bus transit center at the 12th & Imperial station. Part of this project will require vacation of portions of 13th Street, National Avenue, and Commercial Street in the vicinity of the project. MTS filed our application for Street Vacation (PRJ – 1132335) with the City and it is currently in the Project Review phase.

We will consider expressing our, potentially qualified, support for the project.

[Map](#)

[Project Description](#)

Streetcar Renewal Project

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Action Item

Vibrant Uptown is a group of residents in the Uptown neighborhoods that promote the Uptown neighborhood as a place to live, work, and play for all.

They are exploring and advocating for the resurrection of the STreetcar System as a way to address increasing roadway congestion, likely with the use of dedicated funding from a new district.

We will consider expressing our, potentially qualified, support for the project.

[Backgrounding Document](#)

[One-Pager](#)

1401 Imperial Housing Project

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Action Item

The City of San Diego agreed in May 2024 to partner with Carrier Johnson & Arete Development, on behalf of SVDP Management, aka Father Joe's Villages for a new low-income housing project to be constructed over the existing building located at 14th Street and Imperial Avenue. This initiative aims to address the growing need for affordable housing within the city and will be adjacent to Father Joe's existing residential properties in the block.

We will consider expressing our, potentially qualified, support for the project.

[Project Summary](#)

[Rendering](#)

[Site Plan](#)

Amendment of Representative Terms

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Action Item

Amending the terms of certain vacant seats such that the following seats' terms will expire in the designated year. This is done to 'even out' the proportion of resident and business seats up for election in any year. The seats and expiration years to be set are as follows:

- At Large Resident, 2027;
- Little Italy Business 2026;
- Horton/Gaslap/Core Resident, 2026;
- At Large Community Organization, 2027.

New Member Appointment

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Action Item

Appointment of Mr. Danny Avita, an East Village resident, to the open At-Large Resident seat, and the appointment of any other individuals who the Council will consider for the following open seats:

- At Large Community Organization,
- East Village North Business,
- Horton/Gaslamp/Core Business & Resident,
- Little Italy Business,
- Marina Business & Resident,
- At Large.