

City Heights Area Planning Committee
Minutes for April 5, 2021

1. Chair Russ Connelly called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Jake Banfield-Weir, Rosa Calvario, Maria Cortez, Roddy Jerome, Jim Varnadore, Edwin Lohr, Francisco Garcia, Brian Green-Carson, Wendy Miller, David Nelson, Denisse Lopez, Rahmo Abdi, Patty Vaccariello, and Randy Torres-Van Vleck were present. Andrew Benavides, Vanessa Erickson, Ana Gonzalez, Blair Overstreet, Scott Paquette and Michael Rossler were absent. Russ discussed the voluntary sign-in sheet per the Brown Act.
2. The minutes of March 1, 2021 were accepted as presented.
3. Election Subcommittee presentation: Rosa – Double the voters than anticipated: 97 ballots were cast. She read the list of election winners and they were seated: Roddy Jerome, Asma Abdi, Kenneth Furukawa, Brian Green Carson, Krista Berry Ortega, Rahmo Abdi, Mazda Mehrnaz, David Nelson, Scott Anglim, Jake Banfield-Weir and Simonei Medina.
4. Russ then called the roll of the current committee and explained COW training requirements.
5. Jim moved, Patty seconded approval of the agenda as posted. Adopted unanimously.
6. Ben Mendoza of Council District 9 and Stephanie Estrada of the Mayor's office gave updates.
7. Patty made off-agenda comment on elections, Euclid sidewalks and former YMCA building projects.

Business Agenda:

Item 8.1 - Public Asset name change consideration for 47th Street Canyon

Kindra Hixon – San Diego CanyonLands presented - Bill Tall to be named for a habitat Garden "Farmer Bill's Habitat Garden" and a trail that runs through Olivia Canyon (known as 47th street Canyon by the City) to be called "The Tall Trail". After discussion, Brian made motion of approval to name the trail and the garden as requested. Seconded by Patty. Vote was 18-0-0 with the chair not voting and the motion passed.

Item 8.2 - Public Asset name change consideration for Colina Park

Claire LeBeau from Star Pal presented. This is a memorial naming and not a full renaming of the park. Portia Dawson did a lot of work with youth. Passed away in May 2020 due to Covid. Patty motioned and Roddy seconded to rename as well as redo the park entry sign to: "Portia Dawson - Colina Del Sol Neighborhood Park" with no City officials name to be added at any time. Vote was 16-2-0 with the chair not voting and the motion passed.

Item 8.3 - 676664 T-mobile Park Crest 5330 Orange Ave CUP

Vincent Voss with SAC Wireless - requesting modification of the current facility for removal of 3 antenna, adding 6 antennas and ascetic changes to the facility to blend in with the existing architecture.

Current CUP expired in 2019. After extensive discussion, Brian made motion to deny the CUP renewal based on City's requested design element changes. Seconded by David. Vote was 15-3-0 with the chair not voting. Second motion was made by David to request that City Staff move placement of the antennas to the roof top and the project be brought back to CHAPC with new design elements for approval. Seconded by Patty. Vote was 14-4-0 with the chair not voting and the motion passed.

Item 8.4 - Presentation – Parks for All

Susan Baldwin with PARC (Parks and Rec Coalition). Susan gave background on previous work with updating the City's Parks Master Plan which was rejected by the City Planning Commission last year. PARC wants to get the best possible scenario for the Parks Master Plan, Clarification on major changes to the way development fees are dispersed to different projects and to solve the number of issues found from Planning Groups that need to be addressed. Motion by Patty: Support the improvements to the Parks Master Plan and Recreation Element recommended by PARC, Send letter of support to the Mayor and City Council requesting that City staff work with Community Planning Groups, Recreational Advisory Groups, and PARC for input. Second by Brian. Vote was 18-0-0 with the chair not voting and the motion passed.

Item 8.5 - Formation of Officer Search Committee

Rahmo Abdi, Randy Torres Van-Vleck & Ken Furukawa volunteered to serve. Jim outlined the requirements and duties of the officer search committee. Russ outlined the positions to be filled.

9. Chair's report: Council Policy 600-24 revisions are being worked on by the City. Are we an official City group or a volunteer group giving input to the City? Council member Joe LaCava is in charge of this discussion that is ongoing. Library Master Plan revision is in the works. Online survey about hours, amenities, etc. to be completed by April 17th. Community Orientation Workshop (COW) proposed to be a Zoom Meeting sometime in May; City to provide details. City needs to be provided proof of completion for CHAPC participation. An electronic version can also be completed. Russ to send details to newly seated members once they are finalized.

10. Francisco, Rahmo and Rosa gave comments about the successful recent election and the process. Rosa added that Community Planners Committee (CPC) meeting is very insightful and that Russ can forward a link to that monthly public meeting. Randy: Town Hall on Thursday with El Cajon Boulevard Business Association. Edwin and Maria gave details on the mural project at Teralta Park.

Russ adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM. Next meeting will be on Monday May 3, 2021 at 6:30 PM.