

CITY HEIGHTS AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of November 1, 2021 Meeting

Call to Order: Chair Russ Connelly called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Francisco Garcia, Rosa Calvario, Asma Abdi (7:50), Jim Varnadore, Edwin Lohr, Scott Anglim, Brian Green-Carson (7:29) Maria Cortez, Roddy Jerome, Kenneth Furukawa, David Nelson, Rahmo Abdi (7:31) Marcellus Anderson, Mazda Mehraz, Mick Rossler, Patty Vaccariello, Randy Torres-Van Vleck, Paula Ezccura and Phoung Nguyen were present.

Corrections to the minutes from October 4th, 2021

- Accepted as presented.

Approval of the Agenda

Russ notified the committee that the presenter for item 6.2 had contacted him and requested that the item be pulled from the agenda as they have been notified by the City of changes to their project and are not ready to present at this time. Agenda approved unanimously with modification.

Staff Comment:

Andy Field, Director of Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation on the following:

- Focus on equity, Biodiversity, Covid impacts and solutions, Reopenings - 'come play outside' program, Philanthropy, Infrastructure, Staff in City Heights, Inventory, Colina del Sol pool, Beneficiary areas/facilities, Joint use locations (Schools like Rowan) and Maintenance.

Stephanie Estrada from Mayor' Todd Gloria's Office:

- Partnership with Governor's office and Caltrans - Homelessness Cleanup Program, Sanitation, Climate initiative- municipal energy strategies, City is hiring, Fairmont Avenue Fire Station and Parks Master Plan.

Julio Garcia from Council Member Sean Elo Rivera's Office

- D9 Event (homelessness forum), Council Office hours - virtual options available, Chollas Park development meeting Invite, "Get It Done" app.

Off-agenda Public Comment:

- John Segevia, Yasmeen Obeid and Denise Lopez spoke about continuing the Youth Seats and John's possible candidacy for one of the seats.

BUSINESS AGENDA

6.1 Appointment to fill the District 4 2023 and At Large 2023 Seats (Action item)

- Phuong Nguyen submitted an application for the D4-2023 seat. He introduced himself and his background. No other candidate stepped forward. Patty motioned and Randy

seconded to select Phoung to fill the seat. Vote was 16-0-0 with the Chair not voting and Phoung was seated.

- Paula Ezccura submitted an application for the At Large-2023 seat. She introduced herself to the committee. No other candidate stepped forward. Brian motioned and Patty seconded to select Paula to fill the seat. Vote was 17-0-0 with the Chair not voting and Paula was seated.

6.2 (Item removed)

6.3 7-Leaves Cafe 4460 University Avenue (Info item)

- Daisy Tong and Michael Tran spoke about the concept for their new restaurant and concerns about a drive-thru , area businesses and traffic in the area. Will come back when plans are more concrete.

6.4 MTS Bus Project - 47th Street Presentation & Input (Info item)

- Peter Casellini - gave a presentation about a projected Bus Depot/Maintainence Facility. Showed the projected area they are trying to acquire. Some people expressed concern about the potential industrial zone, size and placement. Peter emphasized they would do due diligence, emphasized the 100% zero-emission goal and will include the CHAPC in future scoping of the project..

6.5 Presentation - California Citizen's Redistricting Commission (Info item)

- Andrew Amoroa - Gave Presentation: Criterium about line drawing by order and population - Can't be partial to politicians, Online tools for more public input. He gave a timeline.

6.6 Committee Selection of First Vice Chair and 2022 Election Subcommittee (Action Item)

- Jim Varnedore volunteered to fill the position. Vote was 17-0-0 with the Chair not voting and Jim was confirmed as First Vice Chair.
- Paula, Scott, Keni and Phuong volunteered to sit on the 2022 Election Subcommittee.

Chair's Report

Russ mentioned discussion/action on Youth Seats will occur at the December meeting.

Board Comment -

Keni, Maria, Brian, Roddy and Mick made comment.

Adjournment – 8:47 PM