

CITY HEIGHTS AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of December 6, 2021

Russ called the meeting to order and called roll at 6:34 PM. Paula Ezcurra, Francisco Garcia, Asma Abdi, Jim Varnadore, Edwin Lohr, Brian Green-Carson, Maria Cortez, David Nelson, Mazda Mehraz, Rosa Calvario, Roddy Jerome, Phoung Ngyen (7:10), Randy Torres-Van Vleck. Ken Furukawa (6:41), Marcellus Anderson (6:42), Russ Connelly, Rahmo Abdi, Scott Anglim and Michael Rossler were in attendance. Patty Vaccariello was absent.

1. After roll call, the sign in sheet was disclosed per Brown Act and Council Policy 600-24 guidelines.
2. Minutes of November 1, 2021 were approved unanimously as presented.
3. Maria motioned and Roddy seconded approval of the agenda. Passed unanimously.
4. Stephanie Estrada of the Mayor's Office as well as Ben Mendoza and Julio Garcia of Council President Elo-Rivera's office gave staff comment.
5. Becky Rapp gave public comment about proposed revisions to the Marijuana Retail Ordinance and Brian Green-Carson reported on a traffic accident involving him at Euclid Avenue and Wightman Street.

Business Agenda:

6.1 Sara McMullen of the City's Capital Improvements Program spoke about progress on reconstruction of the City Heights Pool. She stated that the pool and several other adjacent structures were being replaced/upgraded and that construction was slated to end in the winter of 2021-2022 with no known reopening date set specifically. Mazda, Jim and Asma asked questions regarding details of the facility once it is reopened. (Info item-no action taken)

(Due to technical difficulties, item 6.2 was trailed until later in the meeting)

6.3 The Committee discussed the matter of youth seats, which had been continued from the October 2021 meeting. Discussion included past performance of those holding the seats, future participation, outreach to advertise open seats and possible expansion of the age range of those participating. Yasmeen Obeid, Nancy Nguyen, John Segovia, Peblz Luv, Esther David, Makhfira Abdullahi, Safia Haidari, and Denisse Lopez of the community made comments. Committee members Roddy, David, Rahmo, Maria, Francisco, Randy, Brian, Phoung, Mazda, Asma and Jim also made comments. After

discussion, Randy offered, Jim seconded a motion to retain the youth seats. The Committee voted 18/0/0 with the Chair not voting and the motion passed. After further discussion, Randy moved and Kenneth seconded to recommend that the Planning Department and the City Council expand the age range of youth seats to between 16 and 24 years of age. The Committee voted 10/8/0 with the Chair not voting and the motion passed. After further discussion, Brian offered and Kenneth seconded a motion to fill the youth seats at the January 2022 meeting. The Committee voted 18/0/0 with the Chair not voting and the motion passed.

6.2 Paul Simmons of Curt Pringle and Associates representing Leisureland Mobile Home Park made a presentation regarding the proposed fire station planned for 47th street near Fairmount Avenue and asked the Committee to recommend to the City that it conduct a complete Environmental Impact Study on the location and project. David, Francisco and community member Dianne H. made comments. After discussion, Brian offered and María seconded a motion to recommend that the City do a complete Environmental Impact Report. The Committee voted 4/10/1 and the motion failed.

7. Chair's Report: The Chairman reported on the status of the sidewalk project on Euclid Avenue: There are delays with permits and money. Staff member Daniel Kay believes the work will be completed in FY-23. The Chairman further reported proposals to change the content of Council Policy 600-24 which governs the community planning system and 600-9 which governs the operations of the Community Planners Committee. The Chairman also reported on the status of the Election Subcommittee, the March election and reminded the audience about the need to be recorded on the sign up sheet if anyone is wishing to be recognised as attending for purposes of running in the next election.

8. Randy, Kenneth, Francisco and Maria made committee comment.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM. Next Meeting Monday January 3, 2022.