

CITY HEIGHTS AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes for April 3, 2019

1. Chair Russ Connelly called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Brenda Diaz, Brian Green Carson, Francisco Garcia, David Nelson, Jessie Sargent, Jim Varnadore, Maria Cortez, Mazda Mehraz, Patty Vaccariello, Randy Torres-Van Vleck, Roddy Jerome, Rosa Calvario, were present. Abdullahi Yusuf, David Bowen, Jose Hernandez, Juan Pablo Sanchez, Lisa Nguyen, Ramla Sahid, Rickie Brown, and Scott Paquette were absent.
2. The committee unanimously approved the minutes for March.
3. Chair Russ Connelly handed off the gavel to the Election Subcommittee Chair Brenda Diaz. Brenda thanked the election subcommittee for their work and City Heights residents who cast a vote. She announced the new members of the City Heights Area Planning Committee. New members joining CHAPC: Jake Banfield-Weir, Kelvin Barrios, Wendy Miller, Dhaha Nur, Blair Overstreet and Michael Rossler. Outgoing members Abdullahi Yusef, Jose Hernandez, Mazda Meraz, Ramla Said, Rickie Brown and Jim Varnadore were thanked for their service on the committee.
4. The committee unanimously approved the agenda with amendment to postpone item 7.2.
5. Off-agenda public comments: City heights CDC - Wakeland collaboration updates on SR-15 properties, closed escrow on the Sally Wong building and it will be 90-120 days for demolition. Esperanza Gonzales asked for a letter of support to ask San Diego City Council to provide interpretation at CHAPC meetings. Jim Varnadore gave a farewell speech and asked those interested in community updates to sign in so they can be added to his email address list.
6. Staff reports and comment: Representative from Senator Ben Hueso's office share information about a financial fitness workshop that will take place Saturday April 6 at 4301 University Avenue from 9-12. "Stopher" Vallejo and Ana Medina from Council President Georgette Gomez office share they will also be at the April 6 event previously mentioned. Encouraging participation for the creek to bay clean up on April 27th from 9am-12pm (check out creekto bay.org to learn more). City of San Diego will begin taking a look at budget for fiscal year 2020 and their office will be coordinating an IBA budget town hall on May 9th at 6:30pm (location TBA). They will be partnering with SANDAG for community outreach for Orange Avenue bikeway on April 23rd 6 to 8 pm at Ibarra elementary.
7. Business Agenda:
7.1: CUP 623590 for Head Start Facility at 4110 41st Street (Action Item)
Matt Kingdon from Jeff Katz Architecture gave a presentation on the Head Start Facility project that will be on 41st Street and Polk Avenue near Central Elementary and Teralta Park. There will be parking along the alley and on the site. There will be offices and classrooms as well as an outside playground area on the east side of the site and turf. After discussion, David Nelson offered and Patty Vaccariello seconded a motion for approval of the CUP contingent on returning to the committee with elevation and design details of the building. The committee voted 14/2/0 (chair not voting) and the motion passed.

7.2: NUP 600882 for wireless facility at 4555 El Cajon Blvd.

Tabled and will come to the committee in the future.

7.3: SANDAG Bikeway Updates

7.3.1: Orange & University Bikeway Updates (Action Item)

District 9 Policy Advisor Marcus Bush invited the community to the Bikeway Workshop happening April 23rd from 6 to 8pm as it's an opportunity for the community to come speak and voice their concerns. Marcus is here to give overview on the process being made on the Orange Bikeway which will be 2.1 miles and will run along Orange Avenue between 32nd Street and Estrella Avenue and will provide connections to other bikeways. After discussion Chair closed the discussion on the item. No vote was taken.

7.3.2: Proposed Monroe Bikeway diversion though City Heights (Action Item) - Project Manager at SANDAG Daniel Vay. Gave an update on how SANDAG and the City have changed course and are looking to pursue funding opportunities for planning studies to examine other alternatives for a bikeway connector. No vote was taken.

7.4: Presentation on Water/Sewer Contracting (Info Item)

James Nagelvoort and Claudia Abarca from the City of San Diego Public Works gave a presentation to on their Contracting Methods and Requirements. The topics they covered were: contracting delivery method, prime contractor prequalification requirements, contract requirement, construction management, contractor performance evaluations, and contractor debarment process.

7.5: Form Executive Board search committee (Action Item)

Randy Torres-Van Vleck and David Nelson will be reaching out to committee members to ask them if they want to run for Chair, Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, or Secretary.

8. Chair Comments: New committee members please share your email address if different from your application so he can share the updated roster to the City. Via this email address you will receive an invitation to take the COW (Community Orientation Workshop). The COW might now become a training all committee members have to take every year but it's still being streamlined. There was a mistake on the proposed angle parking on the east side of Poplar Street between James Way and Columbine Street so the project will come back to us possibly next month. There will be stop signs going up at 36th and Landis.
9. Francisco Garcia, David Nelson, Randy Torres-Van Vleck, Rosa Calvario, Brenda Diaz and Maria Cortez offered committee comments.
10. The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.