



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

Meeting Minutes of the
Downtown Community Planning Council (DCPC)
Wednesday, APR 19, 2023, 5:30 PM
In-person at San Diego City Hall, 12th floor Conference Room,
Civic Center Plaza, San Diego, CA 92101

Due to scheduled City maintenance, online viewing & commenting will not be available.

I. Call to Order (Link)_ 5:35 p.m.

A. Roll Call & Approval of the [March Minutes](#).

1. Present: Link, Rodriguez, Lauer, Winslow, Eddy, Russell*, Helmer, Schwarz, Wilson-Ramon, Kaen*, Bargmann, Rotondi,
2. Absent: Wery, McCleary, Cahill, Bahrami
3. QUORUM: 12/16 members in good standing are present. There are three vacancies. Marina & Columbia Business seats, Gaslamp Resident seat.
4. March Minutes approved without any objections. Russell, Helmer, Rotondi, Kaen abstained due to absence from the March meeting.

II. Elections of Officers: Following discussions the recommended slate of officers of Manny Rodriguez, Chair, Chloe Lauer, Vice Chair, Bob Link, Secretary, was recommended to membership. Unanimous Approval.

A. Manny Rodriguez was elected as Chair for the year ending APR 2024. Rodriguez continued as Meeting Chair.

III. Appointments to Vacant Seats: 2022 Board members Russell* and *Kaen that had each been absent on four occasions resulting in suspension of membership were in seats that were not filled during 2023 elections. Each member appealed to board for reinstatement. Wilson-Ramon motioned to reinstate Russell and Kaen, Schwarz seconded, Unanimous approval with affected members not voting.

- A. Additionally Rodriguez nominated Link to serve as DCPC Representative on CPC board. Lauer seconded. Appointment was Unanimously approved.
- B. Rodriguez nominated Brennan Doyle (non board member) to serve as Communications Chair. Link seconded. Appointment was Unanimously approved.

IV. Serving as Communications Link

A. **Mayor Gloria rep was not present at meeting**

B. **CM Whitburn rep, Emily Bonner:**

1. Highlighted upcoming Council Budget meeting on 5/7/23 (0900). Budget was identified with funding requests desired from community groups. DCPC did not have budget requests for upcoming fiscal year.
2. Acknowledged support for Hybrid meeting formats. Updated status to be monitored/provided.
3. Confirmed the LUH had forwarded Whitburn Unauthorized Camping on Public Land Ordinance to City Council for hearing late May or later timeframe. Ordinance is intended to go hand in hand with Safe Camping site availability throughout the city.

C. **City Development Services – Urban Division**

1. Brian Schoenfisch, Director, introduced team members: James Alexander, Sr. Planner, 9 years experience, known to DCPC; Jacob Basiniger, 6 months experience, Development Planning; John Wayland, 4 months experience, Parks; Ray Groupo, 3 weeks experience, Projects. Other absent members included an Intern, IT; Sr. Civil Engineer.
2. Brian Refreshed project status including North Central Sq Park (8th, 9th and G) to be recommended to City Council on 4/25/23 with workshops to follow; Childrens Park wrapping up ~5/27/23, DCPC to be invited for Grand Opening; Web Page Improvements at www.SanDiego.gov/downtown



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3. ASM Tasha Boerner rep Margaret Doyle
 - a) Tasha Boerner name change noted (dropping "Horvath")
 - b) Highlighted Committee Bills, including Transitional Housing, Medical/Health, commitment to follow up re hybrid Meeting
4. – 8: no reps were present for Senator Atkins, Downtown Partnership, Supervisor Vargas, Parks and Rec.

V. Action Items

- A. Pre Design Committee:
 1. Rodriguez motioned, Link seconded nomination of Chloé Lauer as Committee Chair – unanimous approval
 2. Volunteer members include Eddy, Schwarz, Bargmann and Winslow - Unanimous approval.
- B. Communications Committee: Focus to be Web, Social Media, Informative links and insights
 1. Brennan Doyle nominated as Chair by Lauer, Link 2nd. Unanimous approval
 2. DCPC Exec Committee to assist.
- C. Inspiration Point as Safe Camp Site:
 1. Extensive discussion: Highlights included current activation of Inspiration Point, image of city, concern with unsheltered population interest in moving in and consequence of moving out, requirement for on site mental health services, premature solution looking for a problem, overlap with existing vagrancy laws, concern whether this involved large tents (Emily replied this was not intended as congruent accommodation), prior city experience at other sites such as 20th & B, need to distribute sites throughout the city to minimize move between districts, concern for critical infrastructure, need to compare budgeted costs with benefits, add multiple support services and conveniences including wifi and device electrical charging capability :
 2. Helmer motion, Lauer 2nd: We approve the concept of safe tent camp sites and the possibility of using inspiration point provided there are services and infrastructure in a smart location and maintain the site not to be a blight on the park. Consider cost/benefit analysis of \$30,000 a year per tent vs. investing in more permanent solutions, such as housing.
Motion passed with one objection (Eddy).
- D. **CM Whitburn Unauthorized Camping on Public Land Ordinance:** Rodriguez highlighted Amendments. Emily clarified that City Staff recommendations at same tone as Ordinance. Lauer provided summary of Ordinance.
 1. Exclusionary zones surrounding schools that would not permit tents highlighted.
 2. Emily highlighted that current Encroachment Laws apply to trash cans, etc. whereas proposed Ordinance applies to people. Exclusionary area around schools highlighted.
 3. Member highlights largely in support of the Ordinance including concern with migrating in and out of exclusionary zones, presence without tents challenges are compounded by trauma and mental health issues, inappropriate potential impact on Care Court, enforcement officials (SDPD), budgetary concerns, concerns with excessive policing.
 4. JP motion for approval. Winslow 2nd. Unanimous approval of endorsement with Rodriguez abstaining.

VI. Informational Items

- A. 10th & G CUP continuation
 1. DCPC focus remains site activation. Eg. Night Market, Food Truck, DP, Site Improvements
 2. Suggestion is to have minimum activation days per year
 3. Manny to continue follow up with BOSA.



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- B. World Design Capital 2024, San Diego Commons, Bay to Part Paseo project updates to be provided by Lauer.

VII. Reports

- A. Rodriguez highlighted need for DCPC and all Committees to observe the Brown Act including posting of meeting notices and agendas.
- B. Public Spaces Committee – Balboa Park (Eddy)
 - 1. No Balboa Park meeting, no report
 - 2. Reverse Angel parking reviewed in park.
 - 3. Revisited Public feedback to meeting with spirited debate of eliminated parking spots.
 - 4. Approved resolution to increase by 120 parking spots to replace a portion of the 300 lost on Park Blvd. Allegation of Brown Act violation was corrected by repeat meeting/vote with same results.
- C. Owners, Developers, & Entrepreneurs Committee - Edward Kaen & Jean Paul Schwarz
 - 1. Highlighted work with Brian Schoenfisch, presentation to follow re collaboration, Homeowner recorded violations re unsheltered.
- D. Sanitation, Health, & Safety Committee - Terry McCleary
 - 1. Terry not in attendance
 - 2. Bob highlighted SDSU presentation at March CC meeting
 - 3. JP highlighted anticipated UCSD presentation at May Board meeting.
- E. Bylaws Committee – Intention is to introduce CPG bylaws changes in upcoming meetings preserving DCPC role representing Downtown Residents and Businesses
- F. Chair Report – Rodriguez. Highlighted COW/eCOW completion requirement. Details to follow when training becomes available. Completion to be tracked by Link to insure City Insurance remains

VIII. Board Members: Urgent / Non-Agenda Public Comments

- A. None

IX. Adjournment: 7:30 pm Next Meeting on May 17, 2023



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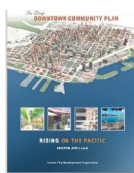
Purpose of our monthly training:

- 0 To introduce DCPC members to the planning documents that guide our work and the work of San Diego planners
- CJ To make connections between those documents and our charter in order to increase our effectiveness
- 0 To become more informed board members and thus better fulfill our roles• responsibilities
- 0 To gather comments on the impact of the Downtown Community Plan and the General Plan to submit to the City

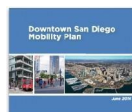


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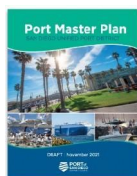
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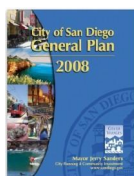
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NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



JANUARY

- A. 2022-23 Training Plan
- B. June: DCPC Bylaws (amended 2021)
- C. September: San Diego Downtown Community Plan (2006)
- D. October: Downtown San Diego Mobility Plan (2016)
- E. November: Port Master Plan (2020)
- F. December: City of San Diego General Plan (2008)
- G. January: SANDAG 'Forward' Regional Plan (2021)
- H. March: Review and Call to Action
- I. April: Discuss key connections between our charter and these Planning Documents
- J. May: Draft comments regarding the impact of the Downtown Community Plan (and other documents) on our community members
- K. June: Submit comments to the Urban Division and other groups