



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego  
*Planning a Vibrant Downtown for All*

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**July 19th, 2023, 5:30 PM**

**12th Floor Committee Room, City Hall, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA, 92101**

**I. Call to Order**

A. Roll Call and June Minutes Approval

1. Board members present: Manny (Chair), Chloe (Vice Chair), Bob (Secretary), Chris, Emmett, Jean, Brendan, Nancy, Gregory
  - a) Quorum established with 9/15 members present
2. Board members absent: Nima, Tyler, Terry, Edward, Dan
3. Committee members present: Brennan Doyle (Communications, managing zoon and TV screens in meeting room).
4. June minutes approved.

B. May Minutes Approval

1. Minutes approved.

**Action Item**

**II. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

*Public comment will be limited to 1-minute per person if there are many speakers present. Maximum of 8 non-agenda public comment speakers at this time, additional speakers can speak after the Chair's Report.*

- A. No speakers.

**III. Community Reports**

A. Representatives from Elected Officials and Agencies:

1. DSD's Urban Division,
  - a) Not Present
2. Mayor's Office
  - a) Not Present
3. Councilmember Whitburn's Office
  - a) Ryan Darsey provides and Malik Thornton updates on Unsafe Camping Ordinance and 20th & B
4. Assemblymember Boerner's Office
  - a) Margaret Doyle provides updates on Assembly legislation
5. Senator Atkins' Office
  - a) Andi McNew provides updates on Senate legislation
6. Supervisor Vargas' Office
  - a) Paula Aguirre shares resources for community organizations and businesses.
7. Downtown Partnership.



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- a) Not Present
  - B. BRIDGE Affordable Housing Kindred Project
    - 1. BRIDGE presents the project. The presentation is available on the July Agenda packet.
- IV. Public Safety**
- A. AB 413 “Daylighting Bill” - Endorse ***Action Item***
    - 1. Board endorses the bill.
    - 2. First: Manny
    - 3. Second: Chloé
      - a) Yes votes:
        - (1) Manny
        - (2) Chloé
        - (3) Bob
        - (4) Emmett
        - (5) Jean Paul
        - (6) Brendan
      - b) No votes:
        - (1) Nancy
        - (2) Greg
        - (3) Chris
    - 4. No votes expressed concerns over loss of parking
    - 5. Public commenter Gary Smith expressed concern over parking loss
- V. Permits**
- A. 534 5th Avenue Live Entertainment (PRJ-1051280) ***Action Item***
    - 1. Board unanimously approves permit
      - a) First: Manny
      - b) Second: Emmett
  - B. 555 West Beech Street Live Entertainment (PRJ-1059458) ***Action Item***
    - 1. Board approves permit with Bob link as the only “No’ vote.
      - a) First: Manny
      - b) Second: Emmett
- VI. Committee Reports**
- A. Pre-Design / Design Review - Chloé Lauer
    - 1. 639 Kettner: Coastal Development Permit ***Action Item***
      - a) Board Approves Permit



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- b) First:
- c) Second:
  - (1) Yes votes:
    - (a) Manny
    - (b) Bob
    - (c) Chris
    - (d) Jean
    - (e) Nancy
    - (f) Greg
  - (2) No votes:
    - (a) Chloé
    - (b) Brendan
    - (c) Emmett
  - (3) No votes expressed concern that a site close immediately transit should be multifamily not a single family residence.
  - (4) Yes votes expressed support for multifamily but believed the lot's odd (and small) shape along with second stair requirements made it impractical.

B. Public Spaces - Manny Rodriguez

- 1. Interim Alternative for Balboa Park Committee **Action Item**
  - a) Chris Eddy states he is back and will attend Balboa Park meetings
  - b) No action taken
- 2. Free Lunches at the Central Library for Kids
  - a) June 20th - August 11th, Monday through Friday, 12pm to 1pm, at the Central Library
- 3. Pinnacle management of Fault Line Park
  - a) Business owner at Faultline Park shares that flies and feces are becoming an issue that needs attention
  - b) Emailed public comments (below) also describe a dire situation at Faultline Park
  - c) Since Pinnacle by contract is obliged to maintain the Park, the board expresses interest endorsing the City to take punitive actions against Pinnacle for failing to meet their responsibilities.
    - (1) Malik Thornton of Councilmember Whitburn's Office offers to dig in deeper and have talks with Parks & Rec about this issue.



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- d) Faultline Park clean up with Parks & Rec and Downtown Partnership Clean & Safe scheduled for August 31st, 9am - 12pm
  - (1) Nancy believes we should not be spending City money to clean up what Pinnacle is legally required to do.

C. Communications - Brennan Doyle

- 1. Brennan gives monthly updates on posts and engagement.
- 2. Feedback on Little Italy Historical Designations
  - a) Vast majority of public engagement opposed historical designation of the three properties in question.

D. Chair's Report - Manny Rodriguez

- 1. Little Italy Historical Designation Applications
  - a) No update from the City
- 2. Draft Priority Capital Improvement Projects
  - a) Chair urges people to share their priorities with him
- 3. Downtown Parking Management Group
  - a) July meeting was canceled
- 4. 20th & B Safe Sleeping Site
  - a) Ryan Darsey covered updates earlier in the meeting.
- 5. Review status of August meeting
  - a) There will be an August meeting.
- 6. Vacant Seats
  - a) Marina Business
  - b) Columbia Business
  - c) Horton/Gaslamp Resident
  - d) At Large

**VII. Adjournment**

- A. Next Meeting: August 16th, 5:30PM, City Hall 12th Floor Committee Room



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## Public Comments Emailed for July Board Meeting

### Cindy Cook



**cindy Cook** <cindyrrn@me.com>  
to me ▾

Jul 19, 2023, 5:53 PM (5 days ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

Hi there,

I'm an East Village Resident who's been concerned about the decaying Faultline Park. I've been reporting concerns since 2021, and you can see by my history of Get it Done requests.

I recently reviewed the original agreement between the city and Pinnacle, and to my dismay, have found Pinnacle has been grossly negligent to the point that people can get seriously hurt. Here are some examples:

- they spray paint the grass green, and even just spray right over poop instead of cleaning it up.
- trash cans overflow with dog poop for days on end, attracting pests and diseases
- ineffective security, people smoking, fentanyl paraphernalia found in sandbox at playground
- large light fell and could have killed someone, afraid about the other lights and am certain they are not being maintained properly
- The dog run area is a joke. The rocks hurt dogs feet (would you want to run and play barefoot on gravel?) well my dogs won't even walk in it to go potty. The gravel is not ADA compliant. I've seen a woman leave her walker outside the park to come clean up after her dog. This is an injury and lawsuit waiting to happen. The fence is absolutely garbage. The irrigation is not working properly, the new line that was moved outside the dog run is leaking or on too high creating a mud pit. The entire thing is just disgusting. Not to mention I have never once seen Pinnacle do any maintenance. I have to make multiple requests just to get them to empty the trash!! They also some refill the dog bags, so people are using the city bags, which is not part of the agreement.

I have many more complaints but I know the meeting is right now.

Thank you,  
Cindy Cook  
619-203-1887

Sent from my iPhone

### Kelli Hagan



**Kelli H** <hagank@sandiego.edu>  
to me ▾

Wed, Jul 19, 4:45 PM (5 days ago) ☆ ↶

Thank you for paying attention to east village. It needs a lot of work. Working on the green areas like faultline park is important to keep our area nice and livable.

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Best,

Kelli Hagan

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**Deanna Ratnikova**



**Deanna Ratnikova** <deanna.ratnikova@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 19, 4:36 PM (5 days ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

to me ▾

I was told that the Downtown Community Planning Council would be discussing Faultline Park at its next meeting.

I'm an East Village resident and mom of a young child. We like the playground at Faultline Park, but we don't go often due to the uncleanness of the park. There is usually dog poo somewhere in the play area, either fresh piles or smears of it. Dog owners also let their animals off leash outside of the designated area, and though all appear friendly, some have jumped on my daughter before the owner could intercede. I've never seen security present asking folks to leash their pets or go into the (poorly) fenced area.

I appreciate any attention the council can give to the park.

Deanna Ratnikova

**Shad Stanley**



**shad1ku@yahoo.com**

Wed, Jul 19, 4:18 PM (5 days ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

to me ▾

Fault line Park

We need Pinnacle to hold up their end of the deal, we need an enclosed dog run that has a real fence with a gate, ground cover that is safe for pets and folks with mobility issues, we need effective security, a safe playground, enforcement of the Park rules, and regular daily care and maintenance!

Shad Stanley  
1445 K St Apt 754

Sent from my iPhone

**Kelsie Cajka**



**Kelsie Cajka** <kelsie.cajka@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 19, 4:07 PM (5 days ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

to me ▾

Hi, I live in Pinnacle and regularly frequent Fault Line Park. The park needs an updated dog park with a safe and permanent fence, maintained for cleanliness and safety. Also if Pinnacle is responsible for this space, hold them accountable with fines and monitoring.

Thank you.  
Kelsie Cajka