

Minutes of The Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC) meeting of November 14, 2012 (6:30 pm).

Present: Ruchell Alvarez, Richard Baldwin, Cheryl Brierton, Susan Bugbee, Maureen Burke Medveyev, Janice Davis, Pat Shields, Dave Strickland, David Swarens, Angela Vasconcellos
The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ruchell Alvarez, at 6:35 pm. In the absence of GGHPC Secretary John Kroll at the meeting, Brierton volunteered to take the minutes.
There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.
Brierton moved, Davis seconded, motion carried: To approve the minutes of the meeting of October 2012. (Motion carried, 7-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.)

Government Reports:

- *Community Police Officer Suzy De La Pena was absent. No SDPD report.
- *53rd Congressional District: Katherine Fortner, aide to Rep. Susan Davis, distributed "The Davis Dispatch" for November 2012 & highlighted recent actions.
- *76 Assembly District: No one present. No report.
- *Council District 3: Courtney Thomson, aide to Todd Gloria, distributed the "District 3 Dialogue" for November 2012, & responded to questions from GGHPC members.

--Regarding undergrounding, GGHPC members expressed concern about construction yard staging in a residential area, & about asphalt being torn up. Re-asphalting of 30th Street is scheduled for Spring 2014. Thomson will check on status of the construction staging yard & report back.

--Regarding refunds of tax payments for the Maintenance Assessment District, GGHPC members expressed concern about notice to the community, the pace of reimbursements, and clarification of the City's position on the applicable statute of limitations. GGHPC members requested a simple, one-page flyer that could be posted, explaining procedures and deadlines for reimbursements, as well as information on the number of persons eligible for refunds, compared to the numbers who applied, and those who received refunds. Thomson will report back at the next meeting, and on a regular basis thereafter.

--Thomson will also report back concerning type of lights for scheduled replacement, and on illegal red curb painting on "A" Street between 24th & 25th Streets.

--Kudos to Thomson for keeping GGHPC informed of the 25th Street parking issue, so the community was able to provide input. Approval will be decided by the City Council.

*Council District 8: No one present. No report.

*City Planner: No one present. However, Bernard Turgeon reported to the Chair in advance of the meeting, that he was reviewing community input on the maps, & would present revised drafts at the January GGHPC meeting.

*City Attorney: Deputy City Attorney Nicole Kukas reported on law enforcement action relating to a parked mobile home.

*Other: GGHPC members expressed a desire to have representatives from the Mayor's Office at future meetings.

Non Agenda Public Comment

A request by Thomas Bike Shop for approval of a variance was referred to the GGHPC Land Use Committee meeting of November 2012. The applicant will provide the necessary information to the GGHPC Land Use Subcommittee Chair, Richard Baldwin.

Capital Improvement Project Recommendations

Brierton moved, Strickland seconded, Motion carried: "The GGHPC cannot provide meaningful input on the proposed Capital Improvement Programs without additional information and time, as for example, where the projects are located in our community, the impact on Greater Golden Hill canyons and open space, and consistency of the project(s) with the Greater Golden Hill Community Plan. GGHPC requests presentation(s) by appropriate City staff. (Motion carried, 7-yes, 2-no, 0 abstentions.)

Proposed State Route 94 High Occupancy Vehicle/Bus Rapid Transit Lane Project--Status update by Caltrans Project Manager Andrew Rice.

This project proposes to eliminate left-hand freeway connectors on east and west highway 94 to north and south I-15. 3 alternatives are currently being evaluated: (1) adding express lanes at grade; (2) adding an elevated second level/bridge for two miles, beginning at I-805 & ending at 28th Street; or (3) nothing. Additional information may be available at keepsandiegomoving.com.

Rice indicating he was working on project impacts, & intends to seek budget information from SANDAG for funding this project next month. Currently, Todd Gloria is the City of San Diego's representative on the SANDAG Transportation Committee, but new assignments will be made December 3 with the new Council.

GGHPC members, this year as last year, expressed concern about this project, which appears to have no benefit to Greater Golden Hill. GGHPC members urged that greater community input be sought (preferably before a budget is allocated). Other GGHPC concerns expressed included:

- *the project is based on a traffic study from the 1990's;
- *the project does not include recent traffic innovations such as median rail/trolley, or rail parallel to traffic lanes;
- *no information was presented concerning economic assumptions that suburban commuters from the South and East County would be travelling downtown for work;
- *the project appears inconsistent with the "City of Villages" planning espoused by the City;
- *access to Costco from I-15 will be eliminated;
- *the 30th/32nd Street I-94 ramps will be eliminated.

Rice will return to GGHPC with an update in February.

Sewer Group Job 601: This matter was taken off calendar by the City and will be rescheduled for the January meeting of the GGHPC.

Election of Vice Chair:

Brierton moved, Baldwin seconded, Motion carried unanimously: Pat Shields is elected Vice Chair.

Subcommittee updates:

- *Balboa Park & Transportation (Strickland): Importance of Hwy 94 community input stressed.
- *Airport Noise (Swarens): Revising retrofitting guidelines to case-by-case evaluation in 2014.
- *Historic (Bugbee): Has prepared 20-page draft for Historic District and will meet with City staff for input.

*Land Use (Baldwin): Did not meet in October-no agenda items. Will meet last Wednesday of November.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.