



UPTOWN PLANNERS

Uptown Community Planning Group

AGENDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

December 7, 2010 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Joyce Beers Community Center, Uptown Shopping District
(Located on Vermont Street between the Terra and Aladdin Restaurants)

I. Board Meeting: Parliamentary Items/ Reports: (6:00 p.m.)

- A. Introductions
- B. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order
- C. Approval of Minutes
- D. Treasurer's Report
- E. Website Report
- F. Chair/ CPC Report

II. Public Communication – Non-Agenda Public Comment (3 minutes); Speakers are encouraged, although not required, to fill out public comment forms and provide them to the secretary at the beginning of the meeting. **(6:20 p.m.)**

III. Representatives of Elected Officials: (3 minutes each) (6:30 p.m.)

Consent Agenda: none

IV. Action Items: Planning: (6:45 p.m.)

1. **INDIA STREET BIKE LANE—Five Points/ Middletown** – Proposal to place a bicycle lane along India Street from Laurel Street to Washington Avenue; would result in a reduction of on-street parking; a reduction of traffic lanes on India Street from three lanes to two lanes in some locations; and a narrowing of existing lanes; *(see attached letters from Middletown/ Five Points Business Association and North Bay Planning Board.)*
2. **ROBINSON AVENUE & 10TH STREETSCAPE PROJECT– Hillcrest** – City Traffic Engineering will present a proposal for streetscape/landscape improvements to the eastbound lane of Robinson Avenue at the intersection with Tenth Avenue, adjacent to the off-ramp from I-163. The project would retain, and make permanent, the existing one lane alignment of the eastbound lane of Robinson Avenue at the west side of the intersection;
3. **REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE HILLCREST FARMERS MARKET** –Request for letter of support by the Hillcrest Business Association for its permit renewal application for use of the Normal Street DMV site for a farmers market;

Information Item: Projects (7:30 p.m.)

4. **PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT GROUND WATER PRESENTATION – Uptown** – Informational presentation by George Adrian about the Public Facilities Department’s water supply strategy, including its pro-active efforts to enhance the sustainability of the region’s water resources.

V. Action Items: Projects (7:45 p.m.)

1. **4046 CENTER STREET MAP WAIVER – Hillcrest** – Map Waiver application to waive the requirements of a tentative map to create six residential condominium units (under construction) on a 0.16 acre site at 4046 Centre Street in the CL-2 Zone of the Mid-City Communities Planned District within the Uptown Community Planning Area; Residential Tandem Parking, Transit Area, FAA Part 77.

VI. Action Item: Community Plan Update (7:50 p.m.)

1. **MISSION HILLS HERITAGE RECOMMENDATION – Mission Hills** -- Recommendations by Mission Hills Heritage regarding zoning, height, historic preservation and the creation of conservation areas for the Mission Hills community of Uptown, which are proposed to be incorporated into the updated Uptown Community Plan.

VII. Information Item: Community Plan Update (8:20 p.m.)

1. **UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CDC/HISTORICAL SOCIETY – University Heights** – Recommendations by University Heights CDC/University Heights Historical Society regarding zoning, urban design, and the creation of conservation areas and historic districts within the University Heights community

VIII. Adjournment: (8:40 p.m.)

IX. NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Uptown Planners: Next meeting: February 1, 2011 at 6:00 p. m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center, in Hillcrest, or Birney Elementary School Auditorium in University Heights.

All times listed are estimates only: an item may be hard earlier than the estimated time:

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Re: **India Street Bicycle Lane Study**

Dear Community Planning group Chairpersons:

I am the Chair of the newly formed Five Points / Middletown Business Association. After being notified of the India Street Bicycle Lane Study, I passed along the website to the Study to all of the members of my Association. At our recently held meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, the Association membership took the following vote concerning this study:

Motion:

1. To reject the proposal of placing a bike lane down India St due to the following factors:
 - A) Safety issues – Vehicles travel on India St at excessive high speeds and there are various on and off ramps to Interstate 5 on this street. Placing a bike lane on this street would make this a “killing field”, and
 - B) Elimination of parking space – Our area is in desperate need for parking, and even the elimination of one parking spot can be detrimental to our neighborhood residence and businesses. This study is proposing the elimination of a total of 137 parking spaces along its planned route.

2. To recommend that the bike lane be placed entirely on Pacific Coast Highway due to the following factors:
- A) Bike lane already proposed to be on Pacific Coast Highway in the North Bay area, and
 - B) Having a bike lane entirely on this highway will allow it to run directly into the new Lindbergh Field North Terminal commuter/train/trolley station.

Vote: 23 Yes
0 No
Motion Passed unanimously!

I am aware that both the Uptown Planners, as well as North Bay Planning groups are hearing this Bike Study at their next respective meetings. If you could please pass along this letter to all of your board members prior to your meetings so they are fully aware of our communities' unanimous rejection of this proposal and with our recommendation.

Sincerely,



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From: Melanie Nickel, Chair, North Bay Planning Board,

To President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer

Subject: India - Kettner bike lanes

Date: Monday, November 22, 2010, 9:48 AM

Dear Kevin:

As Matt will have told you, the North Bay Community Planning Board unanimously recommended against the proposed bicycle lanes on India and Kettner streets. I'd like to share with you our reasons and comments.

The major problem was the proposed elimination of more than a hundred parking spaces in commercial and retail areas. There was a unanimous feeling on the board that any project which eliminates that much parking in commercial and retail areas is unacceptable, no matter how worthy the objective. These are small businesses that depend on available parking for their very existence, and dozens of people came to our meeting to say so.

The other issue was the fact that just last month, we approved a project to make Pacific Highway more usable as a bike route. We were told that work on that project would go forward immediately. Now just a month later we get a proposal to create a bike route on two parallel streets, a few blocks over from Pacific Highway. The city should make up its mind which approach it is going to pursue, instead of going after every street in the area. Bike lanes do have a deleterious impact on vehicular traffic, which we accepted in the case of the Midway/Barnett proposal, but we can't turn the whole area into bike lanes and ignore the impact on other forms of transportation.

The consultant gave a very professional presentation, one of the best we have seen. But basically our feeling was that this India/Kettner bike lane proposal is a non-starter, violating common sense on several levels, and it seems like a waste of money for the city to have even studied it. We certainly hope the proposal doesn't proceed any further.

Thanks, and have a great Thanksgiving!

Melanie Nickel
Chairman
North Bay Community Planning Board