

MINUTES

Barrio Logan Community Planning Group

Meeting Location: 2212 Main Street, San Diego CA 92113

May 20th , 2015

I. Meeting Called to order by Brent Beltran, Stand in Chairperson

II. Meeting Notes – Approved!

1. Approval of the minutes
2. Correction
3. Comments under planning

III. Members Present

Brent Beltran

Hector Perez

Curt Jones

Rafael Castellanos

Erick Ortega

Elvia Martinez

Mario Chacon

Juanita Lopez

Members Absent

Tom Ryan

Tim Fraser

Fernando Hernandez

Mark Steele

II Approval of Minutes - Done

III. Adopton of the agenda:

Staff Reports

- a. **Barrio Logan Sign** won an award, medal/trophy will be housed at city offices. Requests for logical final location can be considered. For now, congratulations to Sign Team who made it happen.
- b. **Gaby from Councilman Alvarez:** Monthly office hours to meet with community members, next Thursday, 3:00-5:00. Please contact his office for more information
- c. **Aida Castaneda:** California Caucus Foundation Scholarship, July 1st deadline for college scholarship. 25 throughout the state. Small business workshop and Chula Vista conference will be hosting a small business event. Continental breakfast.
 - a. ADA compliance on corner of Logan Ave... Contacted Caltrans, timeline for project will not be till 2018. Looking at getting it done though. Construction in 2017-2018.

V. Public Comments

- a. No public comments

VI. Comments from Planning Group

- a. **Ramp for Logan/Coronado on Ramp:** Good progress, we wish had gone faster.
- b. **Letter to the UT regarding article:** A planning group letter was going to be drafted, Brent in charge, we are behind schedule, but group believes that it should be done.
- c. **Invite the UT to Board Meeting:** Extend invitation to the board meeting so they can establish better perspective on community.
- d. **Sound and Lights issue:** Met with Councilman Alvarez office, BEA, NASSCO, and MTS representatives. Was very cordial, productive, good presentation on reported sounds and disturbances. Background given on federal regulations for trains and trolleys, and how these regulations pertain for urban, residents. Hopefully dialogue can continue, examine the issues, and find pragmatic solutions.
- e. **Lighting Project Update:** Nassco can come in and speak to lighting project. – Confirmed!
 - i. **Beautification of Main St:...** Opportunities to improve the corridor?
 - ii. **Opportunity to establish a pedestrian bridge?** Caesar Chavez extension connecting Barrio Logan to bayside park. How do young people traverse main street? – Josie Talamantez is willing to write letter to Stephan Vance.
- f. **Cross walk on Logan,** near entrance to I5 South: Brent confirmed email back from city, but there are new crosswalk guidelines being put through creating some delay. Need to pass council, then they can push for making it happen. Can we set up a “Push Button- Actuate flashing lights”
- g. **Planning department** has requested we write a letter to American Planners Association: Regarding the award for Barrio Logan sign. From Local to State to National, with Barrio Logan sign recognition. Need a letter of support from this group, to include in this package. Motion to write a letter, confirmed!
 - i. **Barrio Logan Association:** Would like to include a letter of support. Due May 28th ...,
- h. **Community plan discussion: Barrio Logan 1978 City General Plan:**

Questions

 - i. **Is it common for City Council NOT to go with plan?** Rarely does the city not side with the planning groups.

How often, what mechanisms do plans and communities engage to preserve identity? (Mario Chacon)
How these other group preserve culture and heritage: Little Italy Association was formed when (mid 90s), they put a levy on the new business/residential... which now funds the cultural activities that group now funds and hosts... (Historical Districts)

VII. New Business:

No new business