

MINUTES

Barrio Logan Community Planning Group

Meeting Location: 2212 Main Street, San Diego CA 92113

November 18th, 2015

1. **Attendance:** Quorum achieved: See attendance table included at end of Meeting Minutes

2. **Meeting Minutes Approval:**

Changes Requested:

a. **Item #4 port district : Needs names of people who proposed the projects**

- i. #1 Josie Talamantez Lighting
- ii. #2 Councilman David Alvarez
- iii. #3 – Port District
- iv. #4 – Port District
- v. #5 Mr. John Alvarado
- vi. #6 Port District

b. **Page two: Artist name Armando Nunez needs to be added**

Next Steps: Secretary needs to update notes with changes requested and reposted

3. **Agenda Review and Approval:**

Motion for approval of Agenda: Approved Josie Talamantez motioned, Tim Fraser seconded, passed unanimously.

4. **Organizational Updates:**

Lara Gates: Planning department of San Diego:

- a. Million dollar grant funding to make improvements to the Chicano Park,
- b. South Eastern/ Encanto Neighborhood plans adopted unanimously
- c. Boston Ave. Grant application to Caltrans to plan a park along Boston between 29th- 30th.
- d. Opportunity to use space as Algae bio-filtering opportunity for filtering air is being investigated: To curb CO2 emissions along freeway...
 - i. Josie asked if we could consider for Chicano Park as well since it is next to freeway

5. **Comments from the Public**

- a. **Dennis O’Conner:** Thorn St. Brewing: Formally announced National Street project. Old Fraser building on National Ave in escrow. Though not owned by Thorn Street Brewing, it is owned by principals in Thorn Street. Brewing will occupy 50% of building, other 50% will be TBD. Thorn Street Intent is to use as Community Hub contributing to artist and community needs.

- b. **Dean Hewlett:** Complaint lodged regarding public use of Chicano Park. He described how he was approached and challenged as to what he was doing in park. He explained that as a Capoeira instructor, he was working with a friend and training in the park. He felt unwelcomed and pushed out of park. Happened two times, once 3 weeks ago and again today, at 3:15. He motioned towards fellow board member Hector Villegas as person responsible.

Key Issue: What constitutes standard use of public space vs. use requiring approval and planning and reservation (like the Kiosk)

Action: Complaint was heard, but board explained that this kind of issue is not within purview of Barrio Logan Planning Group. Chicano Park Steering Committee is more appropriate.

- c. **Josie Talamantez:** Josie requested more robust way to address follow up: brought up the issue of how do we better follow up on open questions and issues:
- i. Can we create a tracking sheet to follow upon questions or issues? Assign owners to follow up and make sure that we don't forget things.
 - ii. Create a section for tracking sheet to issues raised: No minutia, just list description and owner. Add agenda item every month to prepare for tracking sheet.

Action: Motion for approval Josie Talamantez motioned... Tom Ryan seconded - Approved unanimously

- d. **John Alvarado: Good Neighbor project:** John Alvarado is lifelong member of Barrio Logan community. Gave overview of "Good Neighbor Project" which was started 50 years ago. Volunteers would gather clothes, candies and shoes to donate at Tijuana waste dump.

- o **Mission:** Support at risk youth throughout the bay of San Diego. Free... Cost nothing to participants. Currently losing many students to gangs, drugs, disillusioned. Program is all about redirecting and building core values. Doing exciting things, getting student back engaged.
- o **Every year for last 25 years:** San Diego Ship Repair Association: has been giving gifts to kids across community. Thousands of kids have received gifts from companies and employees of these companies... donated toys and gifts.
- o **Christmas at Perkins Elementary:** Gave away 400 gifts and fed 500 families. December 19th, will repeat event again at Perkins. Open to volunteers: Bring your kids, expose them to the act of giving.
- o **Parade of Lights:** Entered last three years, have won the last three years. Please contact John Alvarado if you wish to join crew for two Parade of lights cruises.

Action Items:

6. **T-Mobile: Jerry Pluff:** here to represent a project proposed for 26th and Newton: Project currently in zoning review. Improve coverage for T-Mobile in community. Current use of building is warehouse. 16 antennae's on roof to cover entire area. (See notes). Antennae's will be covered with

fiberglass and will not be obvious to eye. There will be additional box on ground to house other equipment. Radio Frequency studies being conducted.

Map shared: Major lack of coverage in heart of Barrio Logan: Little to no coverage.

Looked at several locations, but this site was chosen for variety of reasons.

Two boxes on roof will enclose antennae. Will blend in with existing building. Trees and landscaping added to improve project appearance.

Question #1: Josie Talamantez: What are health issues potentially related to cell site installation?

Answer: RF Study is conducted to show that these antennae's will not be above FCC guidelines. 30 ft in air, general public at ground level... so unlikely the health issues will be an issue. Only potential issues: If you stand in front of antennae, then you have above the FCC. 20 feet is min distance needed to neutralize potential health issue.

RF Report can be shared with the committee: Josie requests access to health information regarding cell towers and frequencies.

Question #2: Lara Gates: Can they use shade producing trees? T-Mobile open to idea, working with city planner who requested same thing.

Question #3: John Alvarado: Is there a report showing what cumulative impact of multiple antennae impact? Cpt. Jones mentioned that there are two sprint towers on base.

Motion: Do we accept the plans with Lara Suggestion of shade producing trees considered in project design?

Vote: Brent Beltran first motion, Hector Perez second motion, all others approved with one Objection vote from Josie Talamantez.

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Mark Steele, Chair		P	P	P	A	P	P		P	P	A	
Brent Beltran, Vice Chair		P	P	P	P	A	A		P	P	P	
David Favela, Secretary		P	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	
Rafael Castellanos		P	?	P	P	P	A		P	P	A	
Mario Chacon		A	P	?	P	A	A		A	P	A	
Tim Fraser		P	A	P	A	P	P		A	P	P	
Catherine Herbst		P	A	?	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Capt. Curt Jones		P	P	?	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Juanita Lopez		A	P	P	P	A	P		P	A	P	
Elvia Martinez		A	P	?	P	P	A		P	P	P	
Erick Ortega		P	P	?	P	A	P		P	P	P	

Hector Perez		A	P	?	P	A	A		P	P	P	
Tom Ryan		P	A	P	A	P	P		P	P	A	
Josie Talamantez		P	P	?	P	P	A		P	P	P	
Hector Villegas		P	P	?	?	A	A		P	P	P	