

GREATER GOLDEN HILL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 10, 2012 -- APPROVED

The meeting took place at Balboa Park Golf Course Club House on Golf Course Drive. Vice Chair Ruchelle Alvarez called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. The agenda had been posted in accordance with the Brown Act. A quorum was present.

Members present: Ruchelle Alvarez, Richard Baldwin, Cheryl Brierton, Susan Bugbee, Maureen Burke-Medvedev, Janice Davis, John Kroll, Richard Santini, Pat Shields, David Swarens, Matt Thomas, Angela Vasconcellos. **Members absent:** Octavio Gonzales, David Strickland.

Membership sub-committee chair Vasconcellos announced that Gonzales has missed four consecutive meetings and is eligible to be removed under the by-laws. A motion to remove him was made (Shields/Davis) and passed unanimously. The committee now has two vacancies.

Shields has resigned as chair. Alvarez was voted in unanimously as chair. Shields was voted in unanimously as vice-chair.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved, with seven votes in favor and four abstaining.

GOVERNMENTAL REPORTS

Courtney Thomson of Councilman Gloria's office took several questions.

- 1) An audience member noted an article in The Reader, which suggested that Gloria's website had removed many comments critical of his vote on the Plaza de Panama project in order to make it look as if his constituents were equally divided on the subject. Thomson replied that vulgar comments are removed but that Gloria welcomes critical comments and referred further discussion to staffer Steve Hill.
- 2) What to do about problems with sidewalk repair? (Report them to her.)
- 3) Is the Moose Lodge abandoned? (She will investigate possible code violations.)
- 4) What can be done about recycling scavengers? The problem has been reported to the police twice. Even so, the police do nothing even when they see scavengers at work.
- 5) Why is the lot at 29th and C streets being used as a construction staging area even though it is zoned as residential, not industrial?
- 6) What is the timeline for street repaving, and what can be done about the poor quality of work?
- 7) When the City Council votes on reverse angle parking on 25th St., will it take into account the many comments in favor of this plan made at neighborhood charettes?
- 8) How many property owners have applied for Maintenance Assessment District refunds? (So far 406 requests have been received.)
- 9) How is the definition of "abandoned property" being revised? (It now requires higher standards of maintenance.)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Gala Foods is now the site of the South Park Village Post Office, offering very limited service, such as the sale of mailing boxes and priority mail envelopes. It's unclear if services will expand.

COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

Discussion and action took place on several proposed revisions to the GGH Land Use Plan

Motion (Davis/Thomas) to designate Golden Hill School as an Institution/School was passed with

one abstention (Swarens).

Motion (Davis/Baldwin) to designate the barbershop at 30th St. and Broadway as neighborhood commercial was passed with one abstention (Brierion).

Motion (Davis/Shields) to include the closing of the 30th St. off-ramp from I-94 in traffic modeling studies was passed with one abstention (Swarens), who noted that all regional plans assume the closing will take place. Burke-Mevedev noted that local infrastructure can't sustain a closing and that access to Golden Hill, even with the off-ramp open, is inadequate.

Motion (Shields/Brierion) to oppose the off-ramp closing was passed with one abstention (Baldwin).

Motion (Shields/Brierion) to reduce the density of the area east of 32nd St. and south of Beech St. from medium (15-29 dwelling units per acre) to low medium (10-15 dwelling units per acre) was passed unanimously although Turgeon noted that such a plan could reduce the incentive to transform the area from industrial to residential.

Motion (Baldwin/Burke-Medvedev) to reduce the core area on Broadway between 28th and 32nd streets from medium high (29-44 dwelling units per acre) to medium (15-29 dwelling units per acre) was passed with one abstention (Kroll).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.