

# **GREATER GOLDEN HILL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

## **September 12, 2012 -- APPROVED**

The August 2012 meeting did not take place.

The September meeting took place at Balboa Park Golf Course Club House on Golf Course Drive. Chair Pat Shields 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, Susan Bugbee, Maureen Burke-Medvedev, Janice Davis, John Kroll, Richard Santini, Pat Shields, David Strickland, David Swarens, Matt Thomas,  
**Members absent:** Richard Baldwin, Cheryl Brierton, Octavio Gonzales, Angela Vasconcellos

The minutes were approved (moved by Strickland, seconded by Bugbee).

### **GOVERNMENTAL REPORTS**

**Police Officer Kevin Vasquez** reported on lewd activity in the Morley Field and Florida Canyon areas. Shields again asked the department to monitor aggressive recyclers on garbage collection days.

**Nicole Kukas of the City Attorney's Office**, who in collaboration with the Police Department deals with neighborhood quality of life issues, described a program called "stayaway orders," which restricts neighborhood access to people with a history of criminal activity in certain areas.

### **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

The local **Community Garden** at Russ Blvd. between 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> streets will hold an open house on Sept. 16 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

**32<sup>nd</sup> St. Test Well Project.** Gregory Cross of Public Utilities said that water samples from the well have been analyzed. The rate of flow is much slower than expected: three to four gallons per minute instead of the hoped-for six to eight gallons, probably because of the heavily compacted soil. The water temperature, 92 degrees, is much hotter than expected. No bacteria have been found, but there is an initial sulfurous odor. Further analysis of dangerous chemicals will continue. The water is brackish and not potable. The question of further activity there is up in the air.

### **COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

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

Planning committees in other Uptown areas have voted to reduce density in certain areas. In line with their actions, the committee voted to reduce density along Broadway between 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> streets from high (44-73 dwelling units per acre) to medium high (29-44 dwelling units per acre), pending further action by the committee. (Motion proposed by Swarens, seconded by Santini, and passed unanimously.) That action may come after the city releases its traffic study for the area.

It was noted that the medium-high density area between 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> streets actually has three levels of density: one unit per 1000, 1250, and 1500 sq. ft. Further consideration of this area is needed.

After the meeting, Bernie Turgeon of the city's Planning Department circulated an e-mail stating, that the department's transportation analyst is configuring the traffic model so that alternatives

with and without the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street interchange with SR 94 can be modeled. (As presented at a previous meeting, Caltrans is proposing closing the interchange as part of a plan to widen the highway. Caltrans has no current plan to conduct a community workshop on the widening.)

In regard to the lot on Hawthorne St. adjacent to Gala Foods, which is zoned commercial but currently contains a residence, the committee decided to leave the designation as it is.

The medium density zoning on 28<sup>th</sup> St. between E and F streets will be kept as is.

The zoning on 30<sup>th</sup> St. between Broadway and Market streets will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.