

**GREATER GOLDEN HILL PLANNING COMMITTEE (GGHPC)**

**> MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2015**

**> Balboa Park Golf Course Clubhouse, 6:30 pm.**

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**> Present: Ruchell Alvarez (Chair), David Strickland (Vice Chair), Cheryl**

**> Brierton, Mike Burkardt, Janice Davis, Sabrina Diminico, Melissa**

**> Serocki, David Swarens**

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**> Absent: Ashley Christensen, Richard Santini, Pastor Thomas Sims**

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**> 1. Call to Order. Shortly after 6:30 p.m.**

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**> 2. Additions and/or Deletions to Agenda. None**

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**> 3. Approval of Minutes.**

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**> \*Meeting of June 10, 2015. Swarens moved, Strickland seconded,**

**> approval of draft minutes. 7-yes, 0-no, 1-abstaining. Davis not**

**> participating.**

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**> \*Special Meeting of June 22, 2015. Chair deferred action to her report.**

**> (See below.)**

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**> 4. Governmental Reports.**

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**> \*San Diego Police Department, Community Police Officer (Kevin Vasquez).**

**> Central Division Resource Phone List distributed. Crime update: 1**

**> homicide. Helicopter broadcasts planned.**

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**> \*39th Senate District (Joyce Temporal for State Senator Block). Not**

**> present.**

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**> \*53rd Congressional District (Lee Steuer for Rep. Susan Davis). Not**

**> present.**

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**> \*City Council District 3 (Molly Chase for Councilmember Todd Gloria).**

**> Newsletter distributed.**

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**> --Project 25 update (homeless).**

**> --Pride month/US Supreme Court decision upholding same sex marriage.**

- > --Possible bus use of SR 94 shoulders (versus deck).
- > --Possible July 24 deadline for Ortiz to fix streets/curbs.
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- > \*City Planner (Bernard Turgeon). Deferred to Action Items. (See below.)
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- > **5. Chair, Vice Chair and CPC Reports.**
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- > \*Chair's Report deferred to end of meeting. (See below.)
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- > \*Vice Chair Report. None.
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- > \*CPC Report. The 9th City Council District member and the Fire Chief
- > are proposing a bond for November 2016, for 19 new fire stations.
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- > **6. Non-agenda Public Comment.**
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- > \*Gerry Ray. Reported on skull/wolves logo near Alchemy site and
- > Grape/Granada building without permits.
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- > \*Target Representative (Kate?). Expressed thanks for Special Target
- > Express meeting on June 22. Indicated that Target would provide GGHPC Chair with
- > point of contact for community.
  
- > \*Tom Mulaney (Member of Uptown Planning Group). Provided handouts and oral
- > presentation re park
- > equivalencies in draft Recreation Element, as presented to City Parks
- > and Recreation Board on June 18. The Park Equivalencies are proposed to be applied to
- > the open space and adjacent areas of Balboa Park for Uptown, North Park, and Greater
- > Golden Hill.
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- > \*Matt Settles. Commented on Mulaney's presentation, trash cans, water fountains, and
- > business licenses.
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- > **7. Action Items**
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- > **A. Draft Community Plan Update.**
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- > --City Senior Planner Turgeon indicated a draft plan update is now
- > available online. Turgeon distributed a document indicating staff
- > responses to prior comments to an earlier preliminary draft made by

- > **GGHPC in 2013. Turgeon indicated public comments concerning the present draft are due by October 3; GGHPC comments are due by Nov. 3.**
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- > **--Committee members expressed preliminary comments/input.**
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- > **\*Swarens indicated prior concerns had not been addressed, in particular, areas in the draft Historical Element.**
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- > **\*Brierton expressed thanks to Bernie for providing a hard copy of the draft, and acknowledged changes made concerning canyons and views; but suggested plan should also address density, traffic, income, ethnicity, as in an analysis provided to GGHPC by Marissa Mangan at SDSU. Brierton provided Turgeon with a copy of the report, as well as a copy of Fish and Game Code 2831 as amended in 2012, relating to multi-species conservation in open space in San Diego.**
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- > **\*Mulaney provided handouts concerning the proposed density bonuses system in the draft.**
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- > **\*Chair Alvarez moved, Vice Chair Strickland seconded. Unanimously approved:**
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- > **(1) To request the City to extend the timeline for GGHPC input to November 12 (date of GGHPC meeting).**
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- > **(2) To establish the following timeline for GGHPC input:**
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- > **--August (special meeting): Urban Design and Implementation;**
- > **--September: Mobility, Land Use & Recreation;**
- > **--October: Conservation, Economic Prosperity, Public Facilities/Services /Safety;**
- > **--November (or late October Special Meeting if City timeline not extended): Historic, Noise, Introduction.**
  
- > **(NOTE: After this meeting, City agreed to extend deadline.)**
  
- > **B. Intersection at Grape, Fern and 30th Streets.**
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- > **Chase indicated that City staff had been asked to create a traffic study, after the GGHPC June 22 Special Meeting concerning Target Express. There was discussion about the need for one from GGHPC members and the**

community.

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> **Alvarez moved, Brierton seconded, Motion carried unanimously: The GGHPC formally requests the City to conduct a traffic study at the Grape, Fern and 30th Street intersection, to address traffic before and after the Target opening.**

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> **C. Bylaws amendments.**

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> **[Note: GGHPC has dissolved the Airport Noise, Balboa Park, and Membership and Elections Standing Subcommittees, and replaced these with Representatives.**

> **Code Compliance, Land Use and Transportation Subcommittees have been dissolved entirely.]**

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> **Brierton inquired about amending the definition of Secretary. The**

> **Chair declined.**

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> **Chair Alvarez moved, Strickland seconded, motion carried with 1**

> **abstention (Brierton): To adopt the following amendments to GGHPC**

> **Bylaws:**

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> **--Article III, section 1: [GGHPC] to consist of 15 members [not 16];**

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> **--Article III, section 2, par. 4: Remove "subcommittee", replace with "representative";**

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> **--Article IV, section 1: Remove "Committee Chair", replace with**

> **"Representative";**

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> **--Article VI, section 1, par. 2: Remove "draft" before "agenda";**

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> **--Article VI, section 2: Add recommended language regarding posting agenda on GGHPC website;**

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> **--Article VI, section 2(vii), 2nd paragraph: Remove "Land Use**

> **Subcommittee"and "subcommittee", replace with "contact the Chair in advance of a scheduled meeting with enough..."**

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> **--Article VI, section 2 (b)(i): Remove Airport Noise, Code Compliance,**

> **Land Use, Membership and Elections, Parks, and Transportation;**

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- > --Article VI, section 2 (d)(iii): Include website and adopt staff
- > recommended language.
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- > **8. Information Items**
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- > **\*\*Deferred Chair's Report (see above.)**
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- > **a. Minutes of Special Meeting on June 22. There was a lack of a GGHPC quorum, so the Special Meeting turned into a community informational event. Brierton will draft proposed minutes reflecting this.**
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- > **b. Vacancies Update.**
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- > **GGHPC has 15 seats. Resignations must be in writing to become official, under the Bylaws. Until the written resignation is submitted, the GGHPC member is carried as absent for up to 3 meetings. Recomputing absences**
- > **with this in mind, there are 11 members of the 15, with 4 vacancies.**
  
- > **Alvarez has submitted the report to the City, as required when there**
- > **are less than 12 members. Alvarez anticipates a special election to**
- > **fill the vacant seats in September.**
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- > **[Note: Prior Minutes in 2015 will need to be amended to reflect**
- > **absences as computed this way.]**
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- > **c. Emails. The Chair contended that a series of emails noticed with the**
- > **meeting agenda violated the Brown Act. There was deliberation about**
- > **e-mail requirements under the Brown Act.**
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- > **--Brierton distributed documents from the San Diego City Attorney's**
- > **office stating that one-way transmission of background materials and solitary review by**
- > **Board members was permissible; and from the League of California Cities Guide to the**
- > **Act, indicating that board members could attend and speak at an open publicized meeting**
- > **conducted by another organization. In addition, Brierton indicated that correcting**
- > **factual misrepresentations, and making a request for public records of GGHPC past**
- > **actions, were**
- > **not violations of the Brown Act.**
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- > **--Burkardt commented that the email chain did establish his inadvertent violation of the**
- > **Brown Act.**

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- > --City Planner Turgeon indicated his opinion that there was a Brown Act violation.
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- > --Davis commented that she found the discussion tedious and repetitive. Accordingly, the Chair and Brierton agreed to meet with City Planning staff and possibly the City Attorney's Office, for further clarification.
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- > 9. Subcommittee Updates
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- > --Swarens reported that the Historic Subcommittee had reviewed the newdraft Historical Element.
  
- > --Swarens announced the next Historic Subcommittee meeting, for the 3rd Wednesday in July, at the Golf Course Clubhouse, at 6:30 p.m.
  
- > --Swarens reported that alternate Airport Noise Committee GGHPC representative Brierton would attend next week's meeting concerning landing flight path changes. At this time, it did not appear the changes would affect Greater Golden Hill, due to the present runway configuration.
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- > 10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.