

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
University Town Center – Forum Hall
Executive Committee Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, **September 9, 2014**
Minutes

Directors present: Janay Kruger (JK) (Chair), Meagan Beale (MB) (Vice-Chair), Andrew Wiese (AW), John Bassler (JB), Nan Madden (NM), (PW), George Lattimer (GL), Donna Andonian (DA), Jason Moorhead (JM), Kyle Heiskala (KH), Bruce Rainey (BR), Kristin Camper (KC), Anu Delouri (AD),(PW), Kris Kopensky (KK), Ash Nasser (AN), Petr Krysl (PK), Caryl Lees Witte (CW), Dan Monroe (DM) and Ryan Perry (RP).

Directors absent: Nancy Groves (NG), Sam L. Greening, Jr. (SG) and Lynne Guidoboni (LG).

- 1. Call Meeting to Order** – Janay Kruger, Chair, at 6:12 pm
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by Moment of Silence**
- 3. SDPD – Officer**
 - a. Introduction and update on community.
 - b. 37 feet long or recreational vehicle 2am–6 am parking restriction being enforced.
 - c. Introduced Lt Tina Williams.
 - a. Encouraged women to be cautious noting woman crossing footbridge was recently assaulted. Suspect not caught – ongoing investigation. Please keep an eye out and report anything suspicious.
- 4. Agenda: Call for additions/deletions: Adoption**

Motion: Motion to approve as presented by PK and was seconded by KK.
Vote: Unanimous, motion passed.
- 5. Approval of Minutes – July 2014**

Motion: Motion to approve by DA and seconded by KK.
Vote: Unanimous, motion passed. PK and JB abstained.
- 6. Announcements - Chair Letters/Meetings**
 - a. SANDAG will be finalizing EIR.
 - b. October 6th at 5:00 Mayor Faulkner holding District 1 Open House regarding Infrastructure.
 - c. October 14th meeting will include Kilroy project and Shops of La Jolla upgrades.
 - d. New parking garage at UCSD on East Campus and finalizing Outpatient Clinic.
 - e. Resignation received from Pat Wilson, will be looking to fill position in March.
 - f. Alison Don from Marty Block's office will be working with Sherri Lightner.
- 7. Updates:**
 - a. UCSD – Anu Delouri**
 - a. Monthly Update reviewed - includes project list and design phases that are shown on website.
 - b. East Campus parking structure update.
 - c. Outpatient Pavilion update.
 - d. Working on posting open house in October or November to invite people to learn more about the campus. More information will be available at next meeting.
 - b. Membership Report – John Bassler**
 - a. Sign in sheet in back. Noted board elections and required meeting attendance.
 - c. Councilperson Sherri Lightner Office – Mel Millstein**
 - a. Construction on Governor and Genesee intersection - pocket lane. Expect to be done by September 26, 2014.
 - b. City Staff and Mayor's office evening meeting at City Hall to include infrastructure, City Plan, projects and thresholds.
 - c. Question regarding right-turn lane going westbound on La Jolla Village Dr. Mel will get more details. Expected to be done in 4-6 weeks.
 - d. Mayor Faulkner's office. Francis Barraza (Director of Appointments)**
 - a. None

- e. **Supervisor Dave Roberts** – Wesley Moore
 - a. None
 - f. **State Senator Marty Block** – Alison Don
 - a. Alison noted transitioning to Sherri Lightner’s office and that Chris Ward can be contacted during the interim.
 - b. August 1st was deadline for bills.
 - c. SB50 Bachelor’s Degree bill passed.
 - d. Residential care facilities related bills passed.
 - e. Senator Block in town for recess and will be having community coffees. Attendance is encouraged.
 - f. **Assemblywoman “Speaker” Toni Atkins** – Deanna Spehn
Not here.
 - g. **52nd District, Congressman Scott Peters** – Hugo Carmona
 - a. Legislative update – Noted that there are a number of political votes coming up including continuing resolution.
 - b. Public events:
 - a. Service Academy and ROTC Information Night, September 24th at 6:00 pm.
 - b. Mission Beach Centennial.
 - c. Screening of environmental documentary.
 - c. All 26 lanes in San Ysidro at Port of Entry will be opening.
 - h. **MCAS Miramar** – Juan Lias/K. Camper
 - a. Miramar Air Show on October 3, 4 and 5 with Blue Angels and on September 22 and 23 Blue Angels coming through on their way to Hawaii.
 - i. **Planning Department** – Dan Monroe
 - a. Director accepted position outside of county. Search is under way for new department director.
- 8. Public Comment** – Non-Agenda Items 3 minutes per speaker.
- a. Luigi Angelucci – Stated University City La Jolla Park East project is getting through City requirements. Distributed book and encouraged reading before approval request at meeting next month.
 - b. Question asked if all neighbor concerns have been noted. Answer: Not that aware of. Traffic increase concern was noted. Response: Noted that there are 3 bus stops and expectations are that some people will be using public transportation.
 - c. Elsa Barton inquired about PW board member vacancy, noted interest to join UCPG board, and gave background.
 - d. Dave Hanson noted opposition to trolley project in regard to traffic, noise, and raised track concerns. Noted trolley could run along Coaster line and thinks it was over estimated as to number of people that will be using it. Noted congestion during construction and urged board to revisit and think about consequences. Asked people to voice concerns and contact elected officials. Stated program developed is one of least resistance and he will continue to voice concern.
 - a. Another person seconded concern and complained that opposing petitions were not acknowledged. Stated people do not want it.
 - b. Another person noted congestion that will result. Those running project are not listening to people living in community. We need to talk about how stations fit in.
 - c. JK noted can schedule meeting at SANDAG downtown to review and asked for names, phone numbers and email addresses. It was agreed that JK would schedule meeting and notify people interested.
 - d. Question: Does project need Coastal Commission approval? Response: Can be discussed at SANDAG meeting JK is going to schedule.

9. Information Item: Nobel Park and Library Electric Charging Stations

- a. Presenters:** Jacques Chirazi and John Hsu, City Project Managers
- a.** Run electric charging stations and propose 4 parking spaces with installation of 3 electric vehicle chargers in Nobel Park and Library area.
 - b.** Open to the public.
 - c.** Discussion regarding multiple ways to pay for charge – per hour, by credit card, etc.
 - d.** Funding comes from California Energy Commission.
 - e.** Number of plug-ins for electric vehicles in California is over 100,000 today.
 - f.** Question: How do you avoid others from parking in spaces? Answer: Nothing currently available to enforce but looking for ways to enforce. Hours to be posted, depending on location.
 - g.** Not meant to charge entire vehicle. Will be similar to stations in Zoo parking lot.
 - h.** No solar at this time.
 - i.** Questions: Do we have something at UTC? Answer: Not yet, but coming. Noted that Tesla has own charging stations.
 - j.** Question: How many types of adapters will be available? Answer: Universal plug – all companies except Tesla is using same plug, however, Tesla will give adapter that will work with this system.
 - k.** Open payment system, can pay without being member.

10. Information Item: Westfield Shopping Center Phases 2A and B – Substantial Conformance Report

- a. Presenter:** John Alderson, Project Manager, Westfield Shopping Center UTC
- a.** Discussion regarding responsibilities of UTC and what they are doing.
 - b.** Reviewed previous meetings with UCPG UTC subcommittee and noted that project will be better as result of subcommittee meetings.
 - c.** Noted that JK has full set of SCR submittal which is 3rd submittal.
 - d.** Reviewed property slides of site plan.
 - e.** Relocation of Nordstrom within UTC noted.
 - f.** Showed Nordstrom drawings with comments on nicer finishes and impressions.
 - g.** Noted Trolley not shown in current drawings as it is part of next phase.
 - h.** Plant species selection noted and that invasive plants will not be used.
 - i.** Nordstrom shows two levels of parking and two levels of store with 70,000 sq. ft. compared to current 30,000 sq. ft.
 - j.** Traffic routes of delivery trucks and view plane shown, noting 180 ft. view plane to take into consideration bike, pedestrian traffic, etc.
 - k.** Transit Center location shown on street edge of Genesee with own entry and exit. Details of trees and benches to be finalized.
 - l.** Bridge access points are ready for light rail (Trolley) when it is ready.
 - m.** End of the line for light rail is at UTC.
 - n.** Top level parking spaces will be shaded with solar panels or trellis.
 - o.** Dedicated walkway described from light rail platform into the mall.
 - p.** Street edge of Genesee ideas reviewed. Showed trees along walkway and pocket park (1 of 2) that includes benches and landscaping.
 - q.** Drawing of walkway with plants and width shown on the top level of parking. Desire is to avoid a back door affect and have welcoming inviting entrance.
 - r.** Second bridge shown that did not exist in January. It was noted that this was added as a result of subcommittee meetings.
 - s.** Showed more detailed drawings of Transit Center where light rail platform aligns with top level of garage, noting Transit Center is 50 percent open to the sky with intent to enhance light rail impression.
 - t.** Showed crossing options into mall from Costa Verde that includes camera controlled by UTC security and SD police department.

- u.** Drawing discussed that shows elevation and landscaping using mature trees and decorative effects along building.
- v.** Valet service reviewed to facilitate easy and safe way to access center and restaurants. There will be a charge to offset expense that will be less than \$10. There will be four lanes to facilitate drop off and pickup. Anticipates that La Jolla Village Drive will be primary entry. A storage center will be available, as well as accommodations for bike riders.
- w.** Restaurants will be added at La Jolla Village Drive and Genesee that will include outside dining in a sophisticated area.
- x.** Showed staircase and covered escalator, noting detail of steps that are not simply concrete.
- y.** Forum Hall to be replaced with larger area that includes large patio area for various uses.
- z.** Corner of La Jolla Village Drive and Genesee shown that includes walkways leading up into mall, café with view of landscaping, coy pond, outdoor dining with trellis and fire pits.
- aa.** Nordstrom front of store within mall will include outdoor seating.
- bb.** Mall shade features shown with seating underneath.
- cc.** Macy's area with place for kids to play and water scrim noted.
- dd.** Tree diagram shown and plans reviewed for replanting of trees.
- ee.** Noted discussions with subcommittee regarding safety, traffic and esthetics.
- ff.** AW noted work done by subcommittee members and questions and answers reviewed. Focus on how mall interfaces with the Transit Center, Trolley, impact on pedestrians inside and outside, exterior appearance, corner of La Jolla Village Drive, streets and traffic turn lanes and bus stops. Expressed agreement with John that process was quite interactive and appreciated response from Westfield and subcommittee involvement as plans progressed. Noted that one final set of questions posed by the City remain. Subcommittee voted to approve project with provision that Westfield answer all questions by the City.
- gg.** JK noted SANDAG might come back with request for more parking spaces.
- hh.** JK asked John to come back quarterly with update on progress.
 - ii.** John stated mitigations noted and clarified that there is 750,000 sq. ft. of entitlement and they are doing all the mitigations that includes areas not being updated.
- jj.** Question: Delivery – is there a traffic light. Answer: No.
- kk.** Question: What businesses will go away? Answer: Cozumel's hopefully will relocate to location within UTC.
 - ll.** Question: What about Crate and Barrel? Answer: Will remain the same.
- mm.** Noted plan improvements incorporated since original presentation.
- nn.** John noted that Westfield is motivated to build in this market and to start first quarter of next year, provided construction drawings are done. Construction period lasts two years and hope to be done by March of 2017.
- oo.** Question: Are apartments included? Answer: Not now, but later will likely be built near Nobel in area by Goodyear.
- pp.** Question: Is valet exclusively valet? Answer: Yes, to eliminate customer confusion.
- qq.** Question: Will bus stop and parking on La Jolla Village Drive remain? Answer: Bus stop on La Jolla Village Drive near Genesee will remain. Parking on the street on La Jolla Village Drive will go away with exception of 10 or 12 spaces.
- rr.** Question: What type of restaurants will be added? Answer: Breakfast offerings, family restaurant and contemporary cuisine.
- ss.** Question: Will anything be done regarding certain areas where light is poor, such as near Macy's children's play area and near Pottery Bar by children's train. Answer: Macy's will be done and Pottery Barn location will be reviewed.

- tt.** Request: In regard to environmental and esthetic issue, SD has been noted as leader in reduced lighting so request was made for downward focused lighting for better view.
- uu.** Question: Are there any dedicated parking spaces for Trolley? Answer: No, unless requested later.
- vv.** Question: Are there any service stations for the Trolley? Answer: No.
- ww.** Question: How will you keep students from parking in mall? Answer: Placing cameras on top of ArcLight and Crate and Barrel for three weeks to see how parking is being used. Controlled parking in structure or validation to deter longer term parking. Intent is not to charge customers, but to maintain parking spaces for customers. Parking will probably be validated.
- xx.** Comment noting appreciation to Westfield's invasive plant issue and getting rid of problem plants and commended them for their cooperation.
- yy.** Question: Is this the last phase? Answer: Construction is two phases starting with Nordstrom.
- zz.** Question: Are there any plans for Sears automotive Center? (Noted it was not nice looking) Answer: Not intended today however decisions are evolving and expect conversations will evolve to improve area, e.g., landscaping.
- aaa.** Question: Is this Phase 1 and 2 shown? Answer: Yes both plans were included. Phase 1 was 2012 renovation. Phase 2a and 2b is presentation shown.

Motion: Motion made by AW and seconded by PK that full board approve Substantial Conformance Review under condition that Westfield meets all City requests, with caveat of additional parking requests and John attending UCPG meetings quarterly with progress updates.

Vote: Unanimous, motion passed. RP recusing.

11. Adjourn – 8:16 pm

Next Meetings:

November 18, 2014

December, 2014 - No Meeting

Submitted by:

Donna Andonian, Acting Secretary
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