



UPTOWN PLANNERS

Uptown Community Planning Group
REVISED AGENDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

May 4, 2010 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Joyce Beers Community Center, Uptown Shopping District
(Located on Vermont Street between the Terra and Aladdin Restaurants)

I. Board Meeting: Parliamentary Items/ Reports: (6:00 p.m.)

- A. Introductions
- B. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order
- C. Approval of Minutes
- D. Treasurer's Report
- E. Website Report
- F. Chair/ CPC Report

II. Public Communication – Non-Agenda Public Comment (3 minutes); Speakers are encouraged, although not required, to fill out public comment forms and provide them to the secretary at the beginning of the meeting. **(6:15 p.m.)**

III. Representatives of Elected Officials: (3 minutes each) (6:30 p.m.)

IV. Consent Agenda: (6:40 p.m.)

- 1. 4225 SIXTH AVENUE STORM DRAIN REPAIR SDP – Process Three --** Medical Complex – Site Development Permit for Environmentally Sensitive Lands to repair and replace existing storm drain located at 4225 Sixth Avenue, with 210 linear feet of 18-inch diameter HDPE pipe and reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) as well as new inlets, cleanouts, and anchors on the slope. The 6th Avenue Storm Drain Improvements project is located at 4225 6th Avenue and originally was constructed in the early 1960's. During the winter storms of 2004-2005 the storm drain was insufficient to direct storm runoff and failed on the slope. A temporary 12-inch HDPE pipe has been installed on the slope, but this temporary pipe is not stabilized or tied into Caltrans storm drain system such as the storm drain that was constructed in 1960's, allowing the runoff to flow freely onto Caltrans Right of Way and SR 163. This project will remove any of the remaining features of the storm drain constructed in the 1960's and replace it with approximately 210 linear feet of 18-inch diameter HDPE pipe and reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) as well as bringing the system into compliance with current standards. *(Information presentation made at April 2010 board meeting.)*

V. Information Items: Projects: (6:45 p.m.)

- 1. 450 WEST WASHINGTON STREET SDP, Public Right of Way Vacation ("VONS MISSION HILLS") – Process Five –** Hillcrest – Site Development Permit, Public Right of Way Vacation for adjacent alley and Sewer Easement Abandonment to demolish existing grocery store and construct a new grocery

store on a 2.19 acre site at 450 West Washington Street in the CN-2A Zone; FAA Part 77; Transit Area.

VI. Action Items: Projects: (7:20 p.m.)

1. **666 UPAS STREET CUP ('SPRINT/ CLEARWIRE – UPAS CONDOS')** – Process Four – Hillcrest – Conditional Use Permit to modify an existing wireless communications facility on the roof of an existing multi-unit family residential building at 666 Upas Street in the MR-400 Zone.

VII. Action Items: Community Issues/Requests for Letter of Support: (7:30 p.m.)

1. **REQUEST FOR LETTER FOR THE 36 ANNUAL SAN DIEGO LGBT PRIDE EVENT.**
The event will take place on July 17 – 18, 2010.
2. **RECOMMENDATION THAT NO SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN DENSITY BE INCORPORATED INTO THE UPDATED UPTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN** – Uptown – Proposal that Uptown Planners state its opposition to any substantial increase in density being incorporated into the updated Uptown Community Plan. This recommendation is made in conformance and pursuant to AB 375, which recognizes limitations on density are acceptable in locations where necessary infrastructure improvements may not be feasible. At present, Uptown has one of the highest densities of any community in the City of San Diego, and has absorbed significantly more than its fair share of the projected regional growth. Don Liddell, Rule Subcommittee Chair
3. **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR UPTOWN STREETCAR** - Uptown – Benjamin Nichols, Chair of the Uptown Streetcar Task Force; Executive Director of the Hillcrest Business Association:
 - i. Request that Uptown Planners support the concept of placing a “Portland style” streetcar connecting Downtown San Diego with Hillcrest, as recommended in the Uptown Community Plan (on pages 71 and 109). Such a streetcar would travel through Bankers Hill/ Park West and Hillcrest along the 4th, 5th or 6th Avenue corridor. Pursuant to the “Portland style” streetcar concept, its track would not require the removal of traffic lanes. Uptown Planners further request a feasibility study be immediately commenced to study project implementation of the streetcar recommendation, and explore potential financing options.

<http://www.portlandstreetcar.org/history.php>

VIII. Information Items: Community Issues: (8:15 p.m.)

1. **Proposed Joint Statement by University Heights CDC, Bankers Hill/Park West CDC, and future Five Points CDC:** Jim Mellos, Ernie Bonn, Jennifer Pesquera, Leo Wilson
 1. Each of the six recognized Uptown neighborhoods, as indicated on page 4 of the Uptown Community Plan, should have the prerogative to form its own business/community development oriented organization, whether it is a business improvement association or community development corporation. While autonomous, all such organizations should work collaboratively to achieve mutual goals;
 2. Each of the above organizations should have the decision-making responsibility for recommending to the City of San Diego how parking meter revenue and business license fees generated in their neighborhoods are expended, and should work collaboratively to recommend projects that benefit all of Uptown.

2. **New Hampshire Street: Red Curbing Pursuant to Fire Regulations** – University Heights -- Neighborhood Appeal over decision by Fire Department to red curb a portion of New Hampshire Street: Ernie Bonn, University Heights CDC.

IX. Subcommittee Reports/ Community Plan Update Advisory Group Report: (8:40 p.m.)

1. Public Facilities Subcommittee: Action Items

- i. **Request that the Uptown Park (“Mystic Park”) be added to the list of potential future Uptown park sites; and be included for study in the Uptown Community Plan Update** – University Heights -- The proposed park is approximately 3.5 acres in size, and is located north of Washington Street between Maryland Street and I-163. The proposed park could include a fenced dog walking area, children’s playground, and multi-grass area for community events. Rhett Butler, University Heights Community Association. *(Information presentation made at April 2010 board meeting.)*

X. Adjournment: (9:00 p.m.)

XI. NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Design Review Subcommittee Will not meet in May.

Public Facilities Subcommittee: – Next meeting, May 20, 2010, 3:00 p.m., at Café Bassam, located at 3088 Fifth Avenue (corner of Redwood & Fifth Avenue), Bankers Hill/Park West.

Uptown Planners: Next meeting: June 1, 2010, at 6:00 p. m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center, Hillcrest. (Note: Uptown Planners does not meet in July).

All times listed are estimates only: an item may be heard earlier than the estimated time:

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