

# UPTOWN PLANNERS

Uptown Community Planning Group

AGENDA

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

September 4, 2012

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Joyce Beers Community Center, Uptown Shopping District

(Located on Vermont Street between the Aladdin Restaurant and Panera Bread)

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

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

- A. Introductions
- B. Appointment of Secretary
- C. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order
- D. Approval of Minutes
- E. Treasurer's Report
- F. Website Report
- G. 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. **(6:30 p.m.)**

**III. Representatives of Elected Officials:** (3 minutes each)

**IV. Consent Agenda:** None

**V. Informational Items/ Potential Action Items: Planning: (6:45 p.m.)**

1. **UPTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE -- Potential Action Item – Uptown --** Discussion of Uptown Community Plan Update Draft Planned Land Use Map; and proposed changes to underlying densities and zoning in Uptown — Marlon Pangilinan, Senior Planner, Development Services Department.
2. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROCESS:** The Community Planning Groups will be making recommendations regarding the City of San Diego's Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Improvement Budget. Recommendations from each community planning group must be received by no later than November 21, 2012. *(See Attachment "A" from the Community Planners Committee)*

**VI. Potential Action Items: Projects: (7:30 p.m.)**

1. **4080 GOLDFINCH STREET ("MISSION 8 MAP WAIVER") – Process Three – Mission Hills –** Map waiver application to waive the requirements of a Tentative Map to create eight residential condominiums (under construction) on a 0.23 acre site at 4080 Goldfinch Street in the MR-1000 Zone; FAA Part 77.

**VII. Potential Action Items: Non-Project: (7:45 p.m.)**

1. **REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR JUVENILE DIABETES WALK** that will be held on November 10, 2012.
2. **REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SAN DIEGO RACE FOR AUTISM 5K** that will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2013; the event will utilize a route along Sixth Avenue, instead of its usual route through Balboa Park, because of pending construction.
3. **UPTOWN COMMUNITY PARKING DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET, REORGANIZATION & POTENTIAL CHANGES TO CITY POLICY 100-18 REGARDING COMMUNITY PARKING DISTRICTS** – Uptown – The Uptown Parking District had submitted a proposed budget for review by the City Council’s Economic Development and Strategies Committee on June 25, 2012; at the request of the Mayor’s Office the item was continued until September 17, 2012. On July 11, 2012, the City Council Budget and Finance Committee approved a motion to prioritize use of parking meter funds for tangible results and creating additional parking spaces. (*See Attachment “A”; memo from Councilmember Todd Gloria*)
4. **APPOINTMENT OF UPTOWN PLANNERS REPRESENTATIVE TO VA ASPIRE CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE** -- Western Slope/ Middletown -- as part of their CUP approval, the VA San Diego Health System VA Aspire Center created a Neighborhood Advisory Committee that will include a representative from Uptown Planners.
5. **Adjournment: (9:00 p.m.)**

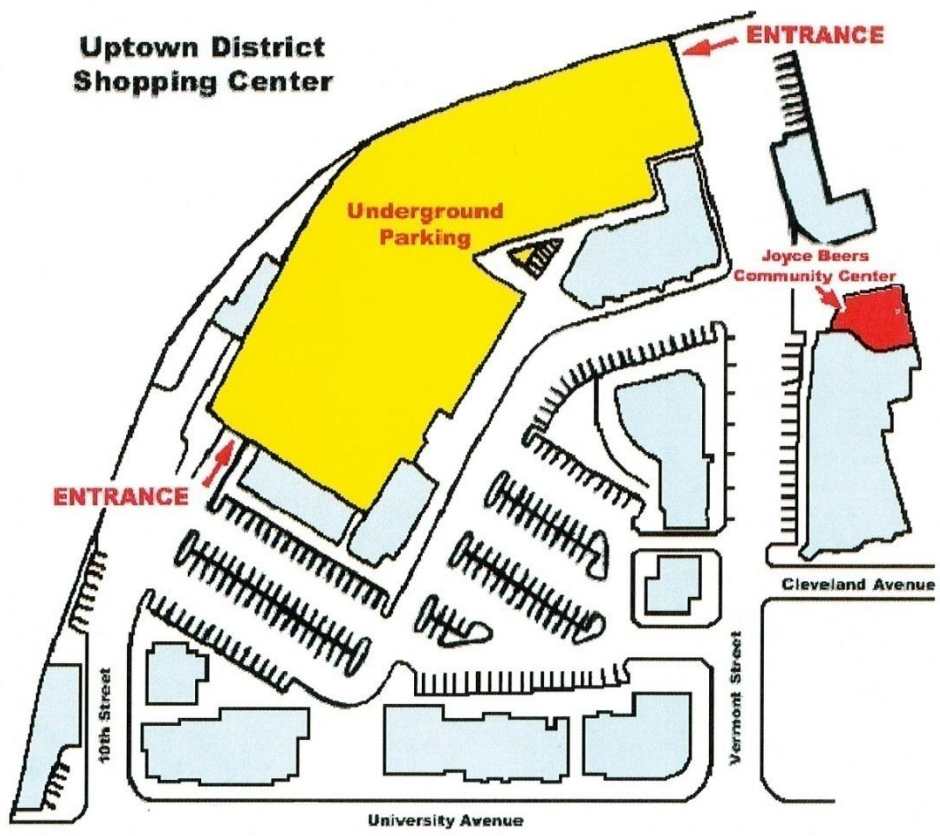
**VIII. NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Uptown Planners:** October 2, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Meeting Room on Vermont Street in the Uptown Shopping District; among the items on the September agenda will be the proposed ***Palm Street Properties Project***.

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***Below is a map of the location of the Uptown Planners meeting;  
Parking is limited to two hours in the ground level parking areas of the Uptown Shopping Center.***



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Attachment “A”

FY2014 CIP BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS  
A Systematic Approach to Public Participation  
Community Planners Committee and Community Planning Groups

**I. Premise**

1. The city seeks to integrate public input as part of developing the annual CIP budget; specifically, to gain that input *before* staff prepares the draft budget.
2. Public participation in FY2014 CIP budget is an important first step towards an on-going participatory budget process.
3. The Community Planners Committee and the 42 community planning groups (with a goal to add representation for Barrio Logan) is the preferred organizational structure for stakeholder outreach and public input. It is a city recognized organization operating under council policies and the Brown Act; as well as accountable to the City Council and the Mayor’s Office.
4. The realities of (a) limited capital funds, (b) prior funding commitments to multi-year projects, (c) lack of operational funding for new/expanded facilities, and (d) the short timeframe for public education and outreach will necessarily result in a constrained public decision-making process and input for FY2014.
5. The city and the public are committed to taking the lessons learned from the FY2014 experience towards a more robust process for FY2015 and beyond.
6. The improvements to the City’s CIP budget process started in 2010 must continue to provide greater transparency which will encourage greater involvement by the public.

**II. Schedule**

1. Public process first proposed, July
2. CPC recommendation to City on proposed new process, August 28

3. New public process is adopted, late September
4. Public outreach and hearings, October & November
5. Input by planning groups via the CPC to the City by no later than November 21.

### **III. Responsibilities**

#### **1. City**

- a. Provide breakout of CIP projects by community including Project Name, WBS# (CIP#), Brief Scope, Schedule, Total Project Estimate, Expenditures to date, Remaining Available Funding, Remaining Funding Needed for the Project, and Priority Score.
- b. Provide copies of needs lists kept by each city department, when available.
- c. Conduct CIP Training Session for planning group chairs
- d. Provide a Citizen's Guide to the CIP Budget

#### **2. Community Planners Committee**

- a. Develop public input process
- b. Develop Project Application Form and Priority Scoring Form
- c. Develop Public Outreach Summary Report
- d. Overarching management of Public Input including organization, direction, education, and packaging.
- e. Provide support when requested by individual planning groups.
- f. Partner with other stakeholder groups to enhance public outreach and direct public participation via planning group meetings.
- g. CPC shall not arbitrate or otherwise edit input from individual planning groups and will transmit as received
- h. Work with the City to improve budget development process for FY2015.

#### **3. Individual Community Planning Groups (Guidelines)**

- a. Conduct an aggressive public outreach within your community
- b. Hold one or more public hearings to gain input
- c. Formulate recommendation from their community

- d. Submit proposals to CPC by no later than November 7; including,
  1. Proposed projects. If not currently a CIP then provide detailed information (location, scope, etc)
  2. Priority ranking, if assigned
  3. Report on public outreach process
- e. Be an advocate for your community by participating in the City Council budget discussions in May.

#### **IV. Community Planning Group Process (Guidelines for FY2014 CIP Budget only)**

1. Conduct an expanded public outreach effort; your goal is to attract residents and merchants that do not normally attend your meetings. Use other community organizations and council offices for assistance.
2. Schedule at least one public meeting, more if feasible.
3. Initial consideration should be given to current projects on the CIP list that previously haven't had sufficient priority to obtain funding or only partially funded.
4. Second, draw from projects on your community's Public Facilities Finance Plans.
5. Third, draw from projects on "needs lists" as may be available from various city departments.
6. Fourth, identify "new" projects that have not previously been considered by the city. For FY2014, identify no more than 5 projects.
  - a. Be as specific as possible; for example, "new sidewalk along 100 block of ABC Street", not "more sidewalks in our neighborhood".
  - b. Projects must be consistent with your community plan. For communities with very old community plans and needs today that are not consistent with your plan, recognize that a community plan amendment may be needed before such a project can be implemented.
7. Use the Project Application Form (preferably in an electronic spreadsheet file) for each recommended project.

8. Use the Priority Scoring Form (preferably in an electronic spreadsheet file) if can facilitate your discussions. The form and ranking will not be used by the city, it is for your use only.
9. Transmit recommendations to CPC by no later than November 7

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Attachment “B”

**Office of Councilmember Todd Gloria**  
**NEWS RELEASE**

For immediate release: July 11, 2012  
Contact: Katie Keach, 619-235-5268

**Creating Change with Parking Meter Change**  
*Councilmember Advocates Parking Meter Funds be Used to Create Parking Improvements*

*SAN DIEGO, CA (July 11, 2012)* – Councilmember Todd Gloria, serving as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, today championed changes to policies and procedures to make more effective use of available funds for parking improvements in the City of San Diego.

**“The shortage of parking is a problem in many San Diego communities, and funds are available to solve it,”** said Councilmember Gloria. **“City staff and parking districts must move forward with tangible parking improvements for our neighborhoods.”**

Community Parking District (CPD) advisory boards have expressed frustration with the speed at which their proposals and projects are analyzed and implemented by City staff. Councilmember Gloria and parking-impacted neighbors believe a focus by CPDs on studies and reports has resulted in too few benefits or additional parking spaces.

The Budget and Finance Committee today held an oversight hearing that discussed guidelines for the use of parking meter funds and took action to resolve challenges and streamline the current process.

The Committee approved a motion asking City staff to consider potential changes identified by Councilmember Gloria for inclusion in Council Policy 100-18 and to modify existing agreements with the City’s CPD and asking staff bring back changes to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration. Potential modifications include but are not limited to the following:

- Prioritizing funding for tangible results and creating additional parking spaces;
- Eliminating inappropriate restrictions on allowable distances and impact zones for CPD project expenditures;

- Using previous successful projects as guidelines for future implementation to cut down on analysis and review time;
- Increasing regular coordination with necessary City departments and City Attorney; and
- Adding quantifiable performance measures into annual plans and budgets for CPD Board.

Parking meter revenue is split between the City’s General Fund, which receives 55%, and CPDs, which receive 45%. CPDs are tasked with using the funds to implement parking solutions in their neighborhoods. Three CPDs have amassed unallocated balances totaling more than \$1 million in areas that all suffer from tremendous parking shortages:

- Uptown: \$1,100,801
- Mid-City/El Cajon Boulevard: \$244,607
- Mid-City/University Heights: \$158,875

At the hearing, Councilmember Gloria called out some parking improvements that have been implemented in recent years.

- Angled parking was installed on Meade Avenue near Campus Avenue in University Heights, yielding a net gain of 10 parking spaces for a cost of \$3,200.
- The long-fenced vacant Pernicano’s parking lot in Hillcrest was opened for public use, generating 36 parking spaces at no cost to the City.
- A bicycle parking corral in Hillcrest added 12 on-street bike parking spaces for \$2,500.

**“It doesn’t take a lot of money to make a big difference in addressing parking shortages. Our neighborhoods deserve more of these improvements,”** said Councilmember Gloria.

Councilmember Gloria will continue to fight to ensure neighborhoods receive benefits as mitigation for their impacted parking conditions. Next steps include hiring a City traffic engineer to coordinate projects and updating parking regulations to clarify and simplify policies.  
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