

**CITY HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT
PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2007**

The members of the City Heights Project Area Committee (PAC) held their meeting at the Metro Career Center Office Building.

The following members were present:

Karen Bucey	Jay Levine	Elizabeth Tate
Rudy Burlin	Fred Lindahl	Patty Vaccariello
Carl Davis	Tony LoPresti	Jim Varnadore
Astrid Cybulskis	Aide Rodriguez	Andrea Zinko
Valentina Hernandez 6:35	Juan Pablo Sanchez	
Alfred Ilginis	Joe Sciarreta	

The following members were absent: David Nelson, Michael Sprague and David Taylor.

Also Present: Melissa Garcia (Redevelopment), Kenia Rivera (Redevelopment) and Pam Ison CD 3.

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call was conducted. A quorum was established.
- II. Agenda:**
Astrid Cybulskis motioned to approve the agenda seconded by Juan Pablo Sanchez
Motion passed 15-0-0.
- III. Minutes:**
Patty Vacariello motioned to approve minutes from October 8, 2007 with amendment to section VI. C seconded by Elizabeth Tate. Motion passed 12-0-3.
- IV. Public Comment, PAC Members Comment and Staff Announcements**

Public Comment

The following members of the Public made comments:

John Hartley
Linda Pennington
Colin Matheson
Enrique Gandarilla
Pam Ison (CD 3)

PAC Member Comment

The following PAC members made public comments:

Andrea Zinko
Elizabeth Tate
Jim Varnadore
Jay Levine-Introduced himself to the PAC.
Tony LoPresti
Rudy Burlin
Karen Bucey

Staff Announcement

Melissa Garcia-On November 7th The Land Use and Housing Committee discussed restructuring the Redevelopment Agency. The item has been referred to the Agency Board at their December 4th meeting. Discussion on this topic included the possibility of removing the Redevelopment Agency from the City structure. A Commission Model seems to be the model that would be explored. Melissa also announced that the grand opening of the Auburn Park Apartments will be on December 5, 2007 from 11:30-1:30.

V. Administrative Matters

- A. City Heights Project Area Committee Election -Information-**Melissa announced the results of the PAC Election held on October 8.
- B. New PAC Member Jay Levine El Cajon BIA-Action Item-**El Cajon BIA recommendation accepted by PAC. New member Jay Levine was welcomed to the PAC.

VI. Old Business

A. Home in the Heights Program Guidelines-Action Item- Presentation by Michele St. Bernard regarding the guidelines. Karen Bucey requested that original Version be provided to members of the PAC. Jim Varnadore motioned to move item to December annual meeting seconded by Astrid Cybulskis. Motion passes 16-0-0

B. Affordable Housing Update-Information Item- Presentation by Michele St. Bernard general update on City Heights Housing production, completed units, future projections, and opportunity funds.

C. El Cajon Blvd. Pilot Village Project-Possible Action Item- Update from Melissa Garcia. The City Planning and Community Investment Department along with the Council Member and an economic consultant have decided to move forward with smaller footprint that includes some residential sites. CPCI is asking for input from community groups by next PAC meeting so that the solicitation can be issued by February 2008. The expectation is to have the development solicitation out for 90 days. There will also be a selection committee which usually has one member from the PAC. Jay Levine mentioned he is disappointed with how project is going and wants an RFP issued for the whole site. Jim Varnadore stated that the new development should include public space. Jay Levine motioned, seconded by Rudy Burlin, to notice all property owners of the new status. Tony LoPresti made a friendly amendment to have the RFP brought to the PAC; amendment was accepted by Jay Levine and Rudy Burlin. Motion passes 15-1-0.

D. City Heights Budget-Information Item-Melissa Garcia gave a general update on the City Heights Budget. PAC members found update useful.

VII. New Business

A. City Heights Business Association Request for Funds-Bus Shelters-Possible Action Item-Presentation by Enrique Gandarilla. Enrique requested the support of the PAC to install 20 new bus shelters in City Heights which would cost approximately \$140,000. Enrique explained that these are vital to residents of City Heights; he further noted that bus shelters that are already installed are well received by residents of City Heights. PAC members agreed that this would be a great cause to support. Elizabeth Tate motioned to approve funds in the amount of \$142,605 for 20 bus shelters seconded by Valentina Hernandez. Motion passes 13-2-0.

VIII. Chair and Subcommittee Reports

A. Chair's Report- Report from Karen Bucey.

B. Housing Subcommittee-Housing subcommittee update.

IX. Next Meeting Agenda- PAC discussion on next meeting's agenda

X. Adjournment -The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.