

**Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee**  
**Joe LaCava, Chair**

**Minutes**

**Friday, June 20, 2014, 8:00 am – 10:00 am**

**Committee Chambers (12th Floor), City Administration Building**  
**202 C Street, San Diego, California**

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*Purpose of the Committee per Resolution 308721: "Undergrounding Committee shall advise the City Council on (1) how the City may better implement the program to minimize community concerns related to the installation of utility equipment, including above ground utility boxes, while undertaking undergrounding projects, and (2) how the City, community, and utility companies could improve communication in implementing the goals of the Program"*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe LaCava, Chair

David Moty

Vicki Granowitz

Bobby Johnston

John Ready

Thomas Hebrank

Ian Stewart, SDG&E Representative

Ed Eckert, Cox Communications

Ileana Engel, Cox Communications

Joe Gabaldon, Time Warner Cable

Christine Moore, AT&T

Brendan Lee, AT&T

**CITY STAFF/REPRESENTATIVES:** Councilmember Marti Emerald, Stephen Hill, Molly Chase, Ralph Dimarucut, Mario Reyes.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Joe LaCava called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and proceeded with introductions. Councilmember Emerald welcomed the committee and spoke to the purpose of the committee.
2. **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
3. **GENERAL FORMAT, PROCEDURES, and GOALS:** Information Item.  
Chair LaCava explained this was an advisory committee of stakeholders and reiterated the purpose of the committee.
4. **LOCAL AND STATE LIMITATIONS ON LOCAL REGULATION:**  
Information Item.  
Ryan Kohut, Deputy City Attorney assigned to the Utility Undergrounding Program went through Brown Act Training and provided previous City Attorney's opinions on the undergrounding program.
5. **COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE:**  
Information Item.  
Public Comment: Mark Rowland, Normal Heights, spoke about the process and

emphasized stakeholder voice and design guidelines. Earlene Thom, Normal Heights, highlighted the difference between older neighborhoods and street size. Don Rosencrantz, Kensington, recommended full subsurface undergrounding.

Member Comment: Chair LaCava relayed that he had received 20 emails of which 19 urged undergrounding of all utility appurtenances. Chair LaCava, Vicki Granowitz, David Moty, Thomas Hebrank, John Ready, and Bobby Johnston provided their neighborhood's experience and perspective of the utility undergrounding process.

6. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR

Action Item.

Chair LaCava nominated David Moty to serve as Vice Chair. Motion passed 12-0. Absent: Charles Angyl.

7. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING SCHEDULE.

Action Item.

Chair LaCava asked the committee to accept the meeting schedule to be once a month, starting at 8:30 am because of room time constraints and including a meeting in August. Motion passed 12-0. Absent: Charles Angyl.

8. ADJOURN TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING: July 18, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair LaCava at 9:15 am.