



UPTOWN COMMUNITY PARKING DISTRICT, INC.  
Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 11, 2016 at 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Joyce Beers Community Center, The HUB – 3900 Vermont Street, San Diego, CA 92103

Board attendees: Char-Lou Benedict, Roy Dahl, Bruce Reeves, Benjamin Nicholls, Chris Shaw, Michael Jacobs, Susan McNeil Schreyer, Cecelia Moreno, Roy McMakin, Doug Scott, Megan Garth, Selina Stockley

Board absences: Tim Gahagan

Staff: Elizabeth Hannon, Ben Verdugo

Others in attendance: Joe Jimenez, Bill Keller, Elizabeth Studebaker, Natalie Villegas, Paul Jamason, Tom Mullaney, Ben Baltic, Adriana Martinez, Trish (unwilling to give last name)

**1. Establishment of Quorum, Call to Order, and Introductions**

- Quorum was established and everyone introduced themselves

**2. President's Report**

- C. Benedict reported two items were asked to be put on the agenda but did not have sufficient details in advance of Friday's agenda setting deadline. The items were to establish a code of conduct for board members and the establishment of employee metrics. C. Benedict asked the board if they would like to chair an ad hoc committee for each item; nobody volunteered. C. Shaw offered to help E. Hannon establish metrics for the new position. The executive committee will review both items at their next meeting.
- C. Benedict announced J. Svendsen resigned his directorship due to scheduling conflicts with work. C. Benedict continued the discussion and referenced the bylaws which state a director can be removed for missing three consecutive meetings or four in a twelve-month period (unexcused absences). She added for May's board meeting, she will be requesting C. Moreno resign from the board due to three consecutive absences and six in the past twelve months. C. Moreno said she never has missed three consecutive and E. Hannon confirmed she has only missed two consecutive, but records have her missing six in the past twelve months.
- B. Nicholls said it is not a good idea to remove directors because they volunteer their time. C. Benedict stated J. Svendsen was asked to resign by the Hillcrest Parking Committee. B. Nicholls confirmed J. Svendsen was not asked to resign, but had too many conflicts with work.
- C. Benedict said the fact that C. Moreno has missed multiple board meetings and has been questioning items that have been already discussed at previous missed meeting, she is denigrating the work other board members have been doing.
- C. Moreno said she has attended every Executive Committee meeting, served on multiple ad-hoc committees and if the board was to measure how many hours she has served as a volunteer, she would be lapping other board members. She added the board is being hostile because she is always questioning items.

3. **Consent Agenda, items A-B** (Action Item)
  - Approval of Minutes – March 2016
  - Approval of Financials – March 2016
  - **Motion:** “To approve the consent agenda.” (D. Scott, M. Garth)
  - Motion passes 9-0-3, 3 abstentions, (C. Benedict, B. Nicholls, B. Reeves)
  
4. **Non-agenda Public Comment**
  - A. Martinez announced that the Metro CDC will be moving their meetings to 3:00pm on the second Monday of each month which will help with City staff to attend both meetings. A. Martinez also provided a brief update on what occurred at Metro CDC relative to the Airport Master Plan.
  
5. **Hillcrest Lunch Loop and Sunday Service** (Action Item)
  - E. Hannon reported that the Lunch Loop pilot for the week of March 28 – April 1 yielded an average ridership of 50 people. This was an increase of 15-20 riders per day compared to the Hillcrest Trolley operated by Old Town Trolley.
  - The HPC and staff recommended the following action item at their March meeting:
  - **Motion:** “To continue month-to-month with Free Ride to begin in May at a rate not to exceed \$7,000/month. Staff will concurrently develop a RFP for shuttle services.” (B. Nicholls, R. Dahl)
  - Motion passes 11-0-1, 1 abstentions, (C. Benedict)
  
6. **SANDAG Bike-way Project Update** (Information Item)
  - E. Hannon reported that staff met with SANDAG and City staff regarding the proposed reconfigurations in Bankers Hill. SANDAG will be noticing all properties fronting the proposed segments and the public will have a chance to respond. If more than 25% of a particular block face opposes the reconfiguration, then that segment will be removed from the project list. All approved segments will be presented as a group to City Council. Staff has yet to see proposed reconfigurations in Hillcrest.
  - B. Nicholls asked if there was a process to remove parking like there is a petitioning process to add parking. E. Studebaker said City Council has the authority to approve the removal of parking within the SANDAG Bike Corridors Project and SANDAG would secure permits for all work to be done.
  
7. **Hillcrest Motion – SANDAG Bike-way** (Action Item)
  - HPC proposed the following motion regarding the SANDAG Bike-way project
  - **Motion:** “Due to parking losses and high utilization rates, HPC recommends the protected bike path will not be installed on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> between Robinson and Washington”. (C. Shaw, B. Nicholls)
  - R. Dahl said the agenda referenced he seconded the HPC motion, but he actually abstained from voting because he was more supportive of installing mid-block crossings while keeping the bike lanes on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. E. Hannon noted that the HPC minutes can be corrected at the next committee meeting and the board can continue discussion with a new motion made tonight.
  - B. Verdugo presented meter utilization rates on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from Robinson to Washington with an average of 75-80% utilization for all blocks. He also presented a map detailing parking losses with a total of 13 between Robinson to Washington.
  - B. Nicholls said if the two block span from Robinson to Washington were painted bike lanes instead of separated bike lanes, the parking would be near zero losses.

- R. Dahl said a better solution would be to support mid-block crossings on each of the blocks because it would be much more pedestrian friendly. The average walking distance would hopefully be increased due to improvements like crossings and people might be less inclined to drive and park their cars.
- D. Scott agreed with R. Dahl and said if more emphasis was placed on pedestrian amenities then more people would be inclined to come to Hillcrest to shop and visit.
- A. Martinez reported that Councilmember Gloria said the approved plan that was heard by the Transportation Committee in June of 2015, will be moving forward as is. SANDAG will not go back and redesign 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Scott said that R. Dahl's idea for mid-block crossings should be considered in place of the motion
- **Substitute Motion:** "Mitigation on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> between Robinson and Washington would be better achieved by adding mid-block crossings which will increase the distance people are willing to walk and thus will mitigate the parking issue in the area". (R. Dahl, D. Scott)
- **Vote to allow for substitute motion fails 5-2-5,** 5 yays (R. Dahl, D. Scott, M. Jacobs, S. McNeil Schreyer, B. Reeves) 2 nays (B. Nicholls, C. Moreno) 5 abstentions (C. Benedict, C. Shaw, S. Stockley, M. Garth, R. McMakin)
- C. Benedict called the original vote
- Motion fails, 6-4-2, 6 yays (C. Moreno, B. Nicholls, C. Shaw, S. McNeil Schreyer, S. Stockley, B. Reeves) 4 nays (R. Dahl, D. Scott, R. McMakin, M. Jacobs) 2 abstentions (C. Benedict, M. Garth)

8. **Bankers Hill Motion – 4 hour Time Limited Parking Zone** (Action Item)

- Bankers Hill passed the following motion at the March BHNPC meeting:
  - The Bankers Hill Neighborhood Parking Committee recommends that four-hour parking be implemented for all metered and unmetered spaces from Elm to Upas between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues, except for the stretch of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Kalmia to Spruce Streets which is to be two-hour parking. In addition, we direct staff to review the area in question and recommend the addition of green zones as need to serve the needs of businesses in the target area. This is to be a six-month trial project. (R. McMakin, D. Scott)
- D. Scott said the reason behind the proposal was there were many professional uses that could benefit from a longer duration of metered parking especially along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He added Bankers Hill committee members have been surveying local professional businesses and many felt they could use the extra time for their clients who often run over two hours. D. Scott said because of the extra flexibility of the extended time, utilization of the meters could likely be increased.
- R. McMakin added when he asked local professional businesses, they would happily use a four hour meter and currently look for free parking instead of parking at a two-hour meter.
- R. Dahl asked about the blue zones on 1<sup>st</sup> outside of the 4 hour zone on the map. E. Hannon said they were placed on the map to show all meters in Bankers Hill but will not be proposed 4 hour zones. The 4 hour zone is proposed between 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Nicholls stated he noticed three people voted on the motion and asked how many people are on the Bankers Hill Neighborhood Parking Committee and how many community members attended the meeting. C. Benedict said there are five people on the committee, all board members, and two were absent. E. Hannon said that in Bankers Hill, only board members vote and C. Benedict added there were 5

community members at the meeting.

- B. Nicholls also asked if he could make the assumption that the Residential zone on the map will be implemented, and D. Scott said no, it was just to show the study area of the project. D. Scott added if a Residential Permit Program was implemented, it would be an inclusive model which would allow 2-hour parking for non-permit holders.
- M. Jacobs stated the motion was to simplify parking in Bankers Hill and to increase utilization in the meters.
- B. Nicholls recommended the BHNPC/staff should outreach to all businesses within the 4-hour proposed area instead of relying on a few surveys.
- R. Dahl said he would be more comfortable supporting a motion removing the wording “This is to be a six-month trial project”.
- **Amended Motion:** “The Bankers Hill Neighborhood Parking Committee recommends that four-hour parking be implemented for all metered and unmetered spaces from Elm to Upas between 3rd and 6th Avenues, except for the stretch of 5th Avenue from Kalmia to Spruce Streets which is to be two-hour parking. In addition, we direct staff to review the area in question and recommend the addition of green zones as needed to serve the needs of businesses in the target area. This is to be a six-month trial project. After six months, the BHNPC will consider if additional modifications will be made to the project”. (R. McMakin, D. Scott)
- B. Nicholls asked how many meters were in the proposed area and B. Verdugo said around 500.
- Motion passes 8-0-4, 4 abstentions, (S. McNeil Schreyer, C. Benedict, C. Moreno, B. Nicholls)

#### 9. Staff Updates

- E. Hannon provided the FY16 project priorities sheet for the board to review.
- E. Hannon said that she will be interviewing candidates towards the end of April for the new part-time position.

#### 10. Neighborhood Reports (Information Items)

- HC
  - Chris Shaw acknowledged and thanked C. Moreno for her volunteer service over the years, and thanked all the board for their service.
- IRR
  - The recently installed parking reconfiguration on Winder has yielded 3 additional spaces by converting from angled to head-in.
  - E. Hannon gave a brief overview of the community activity related to a potential airport/city action to remove parking on India and add a travel lane. A meeting is being planned to discuss this along with city and SANDAG proposed projects in Bankers Hill

#### **Adjournment – 6:30 p.m. -- Next Meeting Date, Time and Location:**

UCPD’s next meeting is Monday, May 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Joyce Beers Community Center at The HUB in Hillcrest (formerly the Uptown District). Transcribed and drafted by Ben Verdugo