

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

-Ben Nicholls

- **Board Members Present:** Ben Nicholls, Roy Dahl, Cecelia Moreno, Susan McNeil Schreyer, Natalie Villegas, Steve Saars, Tim Gahagan, Selina Stockley, Doug Scott, Roy McMakin, Char Lou Benedict.
- **Board Absences (Excused):** Megan Garth
- **Board Absences (Un-Excused):** Tom Fox
- **UCPD Staff Present:** Chris DeMovile, Marc Marconi.
- **City of San Diego Council & Staff Present:** Councilmember Chris Ward, Joe Jimenez, Brittany Bailey.
- **Public Attendees:** Howard Haimson, Ann Garwood, Nancy Moors, John Knoll, Donna Simon, Chris Shaw, Daniel Geddis, Brian Hess, Bill Keller, Eric Fillion, Mya Rosas, Toni Duran, Kathleen Ferrier, Aindrea Sparks, Aliyah Johnson, Ginell Lucero, Paul Jameson.

## 2. President's Report

- B. Nicholls reports that UCPD Chief Operating Officer Elizabeth Hannon is currently away on family medical leave. The Executive Committee is meeting with UCPD staff and keeping projects moving while she is absent.
- B. Nicholls notes that the items on next month's Board agenda include clarifying midblock crosswalks and city plans for the bikeway between 5<sup>th</sup> and Park.

(S. Stockley Arrives, 5:06pm)

## 3. Non-Agenda Public Comment

*Comments are taken on items not on the agenda; time limit of two (2) minutes per speaker*

- J. Knoll mentions a Bankers Hill parking problem near his business at the corner of First and Kalmia where commuters are storing their cars and taking away parking from local business. He believes a 4 hour time limit will fix the problem.
- A. Garwood comments that parking for affordable housing in Uptown is getting worse and there is a general lack of off street parking for residents.

(C. Moreno, S. Saars, and N. Villegas arrive, 5:08pm)

## 4. Consent Agenda, item A-B (Action Items)

*Approval of Minutes – December 2016*

*Approval Financials – November 2016*

- C.L. Benedict noted financials were not in the emailed meeting notice packets to UCPD board members.
- These items will be included as an action items at the February UCPD BOD meeting.

## 5. Question/Answer Session with Councilmember Chris Ward

- C. Ward reports he is on day 29 of the job and he is excited to introduce his staff (Brittany Bailey, Tony Dee, and Molly Chase). He is Vice Chair of the Infrastructure Committee. He will be looking to create opportunities for affordable housing and transit oriented development.
  1. B. Nicholls asks a question that the Executive Committee developed: How can you help UCPD use parking funds in a more progressive way?
    - *C. Ward answers that he will begin working to untie the knots that impede UCPD access to relevant funds. He will work with the city attorney's office to explore solutions to easing access to funds for approved projects. He defers to the neighborhoods to make sound decisions with their funding.*
  2. B. Nicholls asks if Uptown will be able to replicate the community grant program that is currently in place in Downtown?
    - *C. Ward answers that he will lean on city staff for more information, but that Downtown is a specific region with its own layer of challenges.*
    - *J. Jimenez comments that City Staff has a contract that is followed after UCPD's reorganization and that city staff is open to working to help establish neighborhood programs.*
  3. B. Nicholls asks if there is anything C. Ward believes UCPD should be working towards?
    - *C. Ward answers that he believes ideas should flow from UCPD to his office, and that he will be UCPD's vehicle in city hall. He will circle back with staff on UCPD projects on a case by case basis.*
  4. T. Gahagan mentions the stumbling blocks that exist regarding access to funds for UCPD, and asks if there is anyway C. Ward and UCPD can streamline the process?
    - *C. Ward answers that he would like to follow up after he receives more information regarding this process.*
  5. R. Dahl comments that parking can be relieved by increasing walkability and pedestrian improvements. He would like to see the City of San Diego improve the walking experience.
    - *C. Ward responds that he'll begin working on that.*
  6. S. Stockley shares lack of lighting issues in International Restaurant Row that can create a dangerous environment for employees and patrons. She asks if there is a way that UCPD and C. Ward can expedite this process?
    - *C. Ward answers that he will work with staff and conduct a focused study to work on that.*
  7. C. Moreno asks C. Ward to explain why the city charges UCPD so much for permits to install signage and hold events that are beneficial to life in the city.
    - *C. Ward answers that he will work on a case by case basis, to justify fees and potentially exempt some fees.*
  8. S. Saars mentions the permitting requirements are stumbling blocks and a huge problem for the wayfinding signage project.

9. R. McMakin mentions the Maple Canyon sidewalk project and why it is justified to use UCPD funds to complete this sidewalk. He would like to find a way to get the city to work with UCPD.
  - C. Ward responds by asking if there is a part of this project that is dependent on SANDAG?
  - R. McMakin responds that this was initially a SANDAG grant; however the funding was moved into the bikeway project. He would like to close the funding gaps left by SANDAG with UCPD funds.
  - B. Nicholls mentions pedestrian needs are an important consideration.
10. D. Scott reviews some of the projects currently in Bankers Hill and he would like to add certain improvements, specifically bulb outs, to the construction plan. He placed a request to include this in construction but heard nothing back from the City and wonders why the city can't add these bulb outs to the pre-approved construction plan?
  - C. Ward answers that he can check from his office and find out why things were changed.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

- B. Keller mentions he sees many empty meters and questions whether or not the City of San Diego is meeting the 85% utilization rate required. He would like to see a focus on meter pricing, and believes there are lots of creative things UCPD & C. Ward can do to alleviate parking impacted communities.
  - C. Ward comments that one of the things he is interested in discussing is meter pricing and enforcement hours.
- N. Moors asks about campaign promises C. Ward made to review the parking districts, and whether or not he is going to look for anything specific?
  - C. Ward answers that he has nothing specific in mind, but it is on his to do list.
- P. Jameson with Bike San Diego mentions he bikes to work and biking is dangerous within the City of San Diego. He asks if it is possible to expedite the bike lane process to encourage safety and to work with the City Climate Action Plan.
  - C. Ward answers this is a broad question and he will provide a broad answer. There are many opinions that will require tradeoffs, however he will work with individuals regarding this and his door is always open to stakeholders.
  - B. Nicholls mentions UCPD will be addressing the bike lane project on next month's board agenda.
- A. Garwood asks for push towards equality for residential parking south of Washington Street. There are many older apartments where street parking is necessary.

**6. Recommendation to Hire Chris DeMoville as BHNPC Project Coordinator (Action Item)**

*COO recommends 25 hours per week as project coordinator (along with 33.3% of administrative work), \$37,000 (includes insurance)*

• **Motion: to Approve Recommendation to Hire Chris DeMoville as BHNPC Project Coordinator:**

- Introduced by C.L. Benedict: seconded by N. Villegas
  - **Vote for Approval:** UNANIMOUS
  - **Vote Against Approval:** 0
  - **Abstain:** 0
- **Motion Passes:** (11-0-0)

**7. Wayfinding Concept Presentation and Phase 2 Discussion (Action Item)**

*Results of neighborhood committee meetings and potential for Phase 2*

- D. Scott mentions Bankers Hill has already approved 8 Wayfinding signs with the City of San Diego, and that the city has expressed concerns regarding sign clutter in Bankers Hill.
- S. McNeil Schreyer shares the Mission Hills Parking Advisory Committee will be voting on continued participation in the Wayfinding program on 01/11/17.
- **Motion: to Approve Up to \$20,000.00 dollars to move forward with Phase 2 of the Wayfinding Sign Project, excluding Bankers Hill.**
  - Introduced by S. Saars: seconded by C. Moreno
    - **Vote for Approval:** UNANIMOUS
    - **Vote Against Approval:** 0
    - **Abstain:** 0
  - **Motion Passes:** (11-0-0)

**8. Meters & Enforcement Hours Recommendations Process (Potential Action Item)**

*Community information session*

*Meter Blocks (north-side) 422-510 West Washington, 1000 University and 1700 University Ave*

*Hillcrest enforcement hours shift (10 AM- 8 PM Mon-Sat)*

- M. Marconi gives an update on staff outreach efforts in Hillcrest and summarizes the background data that encourages these meters and the shift in enforcement hours.
- T. Gahagan comments that the time change and meter installation are good ideas, although he does not think putting meters in front of the non-profit center is a good idea.
- M. Marconi gives public testimony from B. Reeves, Hillcrest Hardware owner, in favor of these changes.
- C.L. Benedict questions the accuracy of the consultants maps and notes that the maps and data currently being used do not specify whether the area is primarily business or residential
  - B. Nicholls responds that residential areas in Hillcrest won't be affected by these changes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- H. Haimson of Lawrence Furniture comments he agrees with B. Reeves, and it would be prudent for UCPD to examine adding meters on the East side of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave between Robinson & University.
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- N. Moors is supportive of the parking meters in these 2 locations, and supports anything the business community wants to do to ease parking access. She also asks the business community to be sensitive to resident needs and she asks R. Dahl to bring this up at the Uptown Planners meeting.
- C. Shaw mentions this will be a windfall for area businesses and he supports the changes. He notes most of these spaces are already zoned as time limited.
- A. Garwood shares many cities along the west coast have residential parking permits close to business and residents deserve parking permits. She also notes these permits will provide the city with additional money and she would like to see UCPD push for this type of program.
- G. Lucero of Starbucks comments she supports these measures, and lots of their parking issues relate to high employee turnover. She also notes that many of her employees can't afford to pay for parking, and that sometimes walking to and from parking in the neighborhoods can be dangerous.
- P. Jameson comments many other options exist beyond parking, employees can take Uber and other rideshare services, and it is problematic to expect free street parking.
- J. Knoll mentions a Parking garage is needed in Bankers Hill, and North Park is a good example of how providing a dedicated parking garage can be beneficial for a community.

**9. IRR Banners (Potential Action Item)**

Replacement Banners for IRR- 14 total banners at \$50.00 each (plus \$25.00 for installation)  
\$1050.00 needed for scope of work.

- **Motion: To Approve \$1,050.00 to Update and Install Valet Banners in International Restaurant Row.**
  - Introduced by C.L. Benedict: seconded by D. Scott
    - **Vote for Approval:** UNANIMOUS
    - **Vote Against Approval:** 0
    - **Abstain:** 0
  - **Motion Passes:** (11-0-0)

**10. FY17 Current Projects and Priorities Updates (Information Items)**

**-UCPD Staff**

SANDAG Bike-way Update, Hillcrest Lunch Loop Service starting in January

- M. Marconi and C. DeMoville provide general updates regarding current projects and priorities being undertaken by UCPD.
- B. Nicholls mentions that the executive committee is currently working with UCPD staff, and any complaints or suggestions be sent to him. He also notes UCPD staff is doing a great job and he has full faith in their ability to complete all tasks assigned to them.

**11. City Report (Information Item)**

**- Joe Jimenez**

- J. Jimenez reports he will be working with UCPD staff to implement Mission Hills meters and Hillcrest meters and enforcement hours shift and outreach for the SANDAG head in parking changes in Bankers Hill. He will begin to coordinate this process with UCPD staff by the end of January



## UPTOWN COMMUNITY PARKING DISTRICT

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 9th, 2017; 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Joyce Beers Community Center – The HUB

3900 Vermont Street San Diego, CA 92103

#### 12. Neighborhood Committee Updates (*Information Items*)

- *Committee Chairs*

- S. Stockley mentions International Restaurant Row put in 8 hour time limited parking, and this has been very successful in removing airport parking in her neighborhood. She also mentions to J. Jimenez she would like to see a bulb out on India St. at Winder St.