



UPTOWN COMMUNITY PARKING DISTRICT, INC.  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.  
Joyce Beers Community Center  
Uptown District Shopping Center – 3900 Vermont Street  
San Diego, CA 92103

Board attendees: Tim Gahagan, Cecelia Moreno, Chris Shaw, Char-Lou Benedict, Selina Stockley, Susan McNeil Schreyer, Roy Dahl, Michael Jacobs

Staff: Elizabeth Hannon, Ben Verdugo

Others in attendance: B. Baltic, J. Jimenez, A. Granda, M. Loomis, C. Ward, A. Martinez, J. Frost, B. Martynec, L. Terpstra, W. Chambers, J. Stucke, B. Nicholls, G. Sadowsky, A Garwood via phone

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

- Quorum was established and everyone introduced themselves
- D. Scott, Lara Koljonen, Michael Brennan and A. Garwood have excused absences for not attending the meeting.

**2. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

- L. Terpstra announced that UCSD Hillcrest Medical Center will be making a donation to the Joyce Beers Community Center for improvements and requested that all ideas be forwarded to him.
- C. Benedict recently attended the Metro San Diego Community Development Corporation's meeting which reviewed Ron Roberts' gondola plan and it will not impact parking.

**3. Approval of HBA / HPC nomination of Chris Shaw to UCPD Board**

- **Motion:** "To approve Chris Shaw as a member of the UCPD Board." (R. Dahl, C. Moreno) Motion passes, 6-0-1, 1 abstention (T. Gahagan)

**4. Transforming Hillcrest - University Ave – J. Frost Presentation (Action Item)**

- J. Frost presented on an alternative plan to SANDAG's Regional Bicycle Corridor Project that focused on two segments of University, from Tenth Avenue to Normal Street (University East) and from First to Sixth Avenues (University Central).
- The University East plan promoted an increase in parking spaces, removed traffic lanes in each direction, used the SANDAG bike plan and used existing street improvements to minimize cost.
- The University Central plan promoted minimizing parking losses initially projected by SANDAG from 41 to 25, provided class 1 bicycle lanes, reconfigured University from two-way to one-way going westbound between Fourth and First and also used existing street improvements to minimize cost.

- T. Gahagan asked how buses would utilize University with the reduction in traffic lanes, and J. Frost said that the buses would use turnouts which would not slow traffic. C. Moreno asked where the turnouts would be located and J. Frost said they would be at the same location where they currently are.
- A. Granda said Councilmember Gloria's office has voiced concerns from the community to SANDAG and are trying to make sure this will be the best project possible. He added that this presentation is an innovative way to re-examine the project and assured the audience that Councilmember Gloria's office is aware of the concerns and challenges that need to be addressed before they sign off on anything moving forward. There is still time for input as SANDAG has not fully committed 100% towards an alignment yet as preliminary engineering will not be available until November or December.
- B. Nicholls said that by then the plan will have hit the 30% mark which will be considered by many the point of no return. T. Gahagan asked Adrian about that threshold and A. Granda said that the 30% has more to do with larger construction/highway projects and the bike plan is more malleable because it is dealing with medians and accommodating bike lanes.
- T. Gahagan asked the board to review the following staff recommendation *that the concepts be sent to SANDAG directly and incorporated into their processes to examine the feasibility of implementing these ideas.*
- **Motion:** "To move on staff's recommendation to send the concepts to SANDAG for further analysis." (R. Dahl, C. Moreno)
- B. Nicholls said that it would be a good idea to have a community forum regarding J. Frost's plan and possibly other ideas regarding the bike plan along University.
- Motion passes, 6-0-2, 2 abstentions (T. Gahagan, S. McNeil Schreyer)
- B. Nicholls said that it would be a good idea to have a community forum regarding J. Frost's plan and possibly other ideas regarding the bike plan along University.

#### 5. Approval of Consent Agenda A-B

- S. McNeil-Schreyer asked for more information regarding item A, approval of minutes, so it was taken off consent agenda.
- A. **Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2014**
- B. **Approval of Financials – July 31, 2014**
- **Motion:** "To approve financials on consent agenda." (C. Moreno, C. Benedict)  
Motion passes 7-0-1, 1 abstention (T. Gahagan)

#### 6. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2014 (Action Item)

- S. McNeil-Schreyer talked about the minutes correctly reflecting her request that a letter be sent regarding the background of the parking meter revenue not coming to the UCPD, and although her understanding was that a letter was sent and a phone call was returned, she would like to have a more specific answer as to why revenue is not coming to the district.
- E. Hannon said that she has prepared a written staff report which covers the IBEW lot later in the meeting.
- **Motion:** "To approve the minutes for July." (S. McNeil Schreyer, R. Dahl) Motion passes 6-0-2, 2 abstentions (T. Gahagan, M. Jacobs)

#### 7. Streetcar Feasibility – Next Steps Discussion (Action Item)

- In July, the Bankers Hill Neighborhood Parking Committee they made the following motion:
  - *The BHNPC expresses support for including the streetcar study in the community plan update and to work with the other community groups to create an entity to advocate the streetcar from the feasibility stage to execution. The BHNPC strongly recommends perusing a streetcar that does not use overhead wires.*
- Since the BHNPC meeting in July it was recently discovered that SANDAG is advancing streetcars in their long term plan which will incorporate Little Italy, East Village, Downtown, Uptown, Balboa Park and North Park. They have also allocated funding of around \$29 million and because of these developments, staff is recommending to wait on making any motions until more information becomes available.
- M. Jacobs said that it might be worth seeing what SANDAG will be developing first before making any motions.
- Motion: “To postpone the streetcar motion until October and to direct staff to discover more information.” (M. Jacobs, R. Dahl) Motion passes 6-0-2, 2 abstentions (T. Gahagan, C. Benedict)

## 8. Staff Verbal and Written Reports (Information Items)

### A. “IBEW” Mission Hills/ Hillcrest Library Lot

The board directed staff to seek details on the City’s decision that the UCPD will not be receiving a portion of the funds from the meter at this location. Staff was informed that in accordance with the City charter and/or Municipal code, the revenue from this particular lot, beyond recouping the set up expenses, must go into the general fund. This is also why no expenses are being applied to Uptown CPD.

- S. McNeil Schreyer wanted more specifics as to why and E. Hannon said she will follow up with the City although information might not be forthcoming.
- T. Gahagan said that a motion should probably be made
- **Motion:** “For staff to request specifics as to why and when the decision to not share revenue with the UCPD was made.” (S. McNeil Schreyer, C. Moreno)
- C. Moreno asked if an amendment to the motion should be made voicing the UCPD’s position that they do not agree with the decision.
- T. Gahagan asked for a show of hands if the board would like to amend the motion and a majority agreed.
- **Amended Motion:** “For staff to request specifics as to why and when the decision to not share revenue with the UCPD was made and why funds are not being distributed in the normal manner according to Council Policy 100-18”.
- **Amended Motion** passes 6-0-2, 2 abstentions (T. Gahagan, C. Shaw)

### B. Request for Traffic Analysis Results from SANDAG

Staff sent a note as directed. The SANDAG project manager is away from the office until the end of August. Council District Three responded with a promise to follow up.

### C. Bike Share update

Staff has been informed that bike share locations should be announced by the end of August and is still waiting confirmation of opportunity for review by UCPD / other community groups prior to installation.

To the question, "Can bike stations be put on private property?" Deco responds: The program is predicated on a partnership with the city and the use of right of way. Moving to private property has its own set of challenges grid connectivity, different contract agreements owners may want revenue in return, and liability issues. For the time it is a no, Deco Bike is partnering with the city.

#### **D. Performance Audit Update**

Staff has been compiling information for the City of San Diego regarding timelines of past projects and are hopeful that the City Auditor's office will have good ideas on how to improve efficiency and accountability between the CPD's and the City.

#### **E. Curb Survey 1.0**

Staff received confirmation that 53 work orders for parking gains will be completed by the end of the year after closely working with J. Jimenez to finish the initial survey; all are in Hillcrest.

### **9. Committee Updates**

#### **• Five Points/International Restaurant Row Report**

- S. Stockley reported on the approximate cost to install a pedestrian access ramp on the corner of India and Winder which is approximately \$100,000. She also suggested that instead of reconfiguring the drainage which is the reason behind the high cost, the City should investigate the possibility of reducing the size of the existing drain and create a pedestrian area. The most IRR would be willing to contribute to the install would be \$50,000.
- S. Stockley reported that she wanted to investigate changing some of the nine green curbed 30-minute metered spaces to two-hour zones to accommodate restaurant patrons.
- IRR Valet parked 430 cars in July.

#### **• Mission Hills Report**

- S. McNeil Schreyer reported that the Mission Hills BID board is investigating the possibility of single level parking at the Mission Hills/Hillcrest Library instead of two level undergrounding parking. They propose that parking should extend out to University instead of congesting Washington due to patrons stopping to turn into the library according to existing plans. J. Jimenez said he would look into whom to contact regarding the project and get back to the MHBID.

#### **Adjournment – 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Next Meeting Date, Time and Location:**

Uptown Community Parking District's next meeting is Monday, September 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Community Center in the Uptown District of Hillcrest.

Transcribed and drafted by Ben Verdugo