



UPTOWN COMMUNITY PARKING DISTRICT, INC.

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2015 at 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Board attendees: Tim Gahagan, Char-Lou Benedict, Cecelia Moreno, Roy Dahl, Michael Jacobs, Doug Scott, Chris Shaw, Megan Garth, Megan Gamwell, and Susan McNeil-Schreyer

Staff: Elizabeth Hannon, Ben Verdugo

Others in attendance: Joe Jimenez, Adriana Martinez, Benjamin Nicholls, Walt Chambers, Ben Jackson, Louie Main

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

- Quorum was established and everyone introduced themselves
- Bruce Reeves, Ann Garwood, Jared Svendsen and Selina Stockley were excused

**2. President's Report**

- T. Gahagan announced that E. Hannon's review is approaching and he will be sending out review forms to the board.
- Starting next month during the President's Report, there will be a short review on the Brown Act.

**3. Approval of Consent Agenda A-C**

- Item C, communications expense approval for Mission Hills, was pulled from consent agenda.
- A. Approval of Minutes – January 12 and January 20, 2015
- B. Approval of December 2014 and January 2015 Financials
- **Motion:** "To approve consent agenda items A-B" (R. Dahl, C. Moreno) Motion passes 8-0-1

**4. Mission Hills Communications Expense Approval**

- Mission Hills Parking Advisory Committee and the Business Improvement District have approved a \$2,500 allocation from the communications budget to develop a parking information section of the BID website.
- The item was requested to be pulled from consent by C. Benedict who wanted more clarification and assurance that the expense was dedicated exclusively for parking and not for other activities.
- S. McNeil Schreyer said that they have redesigned the BID website and would like to coordinate parking with the businesses in Mission Hills. She added that they would also like to convey parking information/education to the public through the website.

- **Motion:** “To approve \$2,500 for Mission Hills to develop a parking information section of the BID website” (S. McNeil-Schreyer, C. Moreno) Motion passes 8-0-1

**5. Hillcrest Parking Committee Expense Allocation (Action Item)**

- C. Benedict arrived to the meeting.
- R. Dahl reported that the Hillcrest Parking Committee approved an additional \$8,000 towards the pilot of the Hillcrest Lunch Trolley which will start in May and run through July. Because of the three month run, additional funds will be needed for trolley operations.
- **Motion:** “To authorize allocating an additional \$8,000 (for a total allocation of \$23,000) towards a three month pilot of the Hillcrest Lunch Trolley.” (R. Dahl, C. Moreno) Motion passes 6-0-4, 4 abstentions (C. Shaw, M. Garth, C. Benedict, T. Gahagan)

**6. Smart Meters / Technology (Information Item)**

- Adrian Granda with Councilmember Gloria’s office was in attendance to discuss the latest developments with the smart meters.
- 3000 of the 4700 city meters have been installed to date; there have been delays due to production. In-dome vehicle detection sensors have been installed in IPS meters on Fourth between Robinson and University as a pilot project and the City will be analyzing real time data during the process. The pilot is scheduled to last approximately six months.
- The City is in talks with pay-by-phone vendors that would possibly be included in the City’s parking app that is being developed.

**7. City CPD Audit / CP100-18 / Legal Counsel (Potential Action Item)**

- E. Hannon discussed the recent developments regarding the audit and the possible revisions to CP100-18. A. Granda has requested that the parking districts get together and submit a list of possible revisions to CP100-18 no later than February 27 for the City to review.
- E. Hannon proposed forming an ad-hoc committee to help develop the list of changes to the policy. The committee would meet once. She also provided a memo to the group detailing how parking funds are currently spent and existing memorandums of law from the City Attorney.
- C. Moreno asked if the board will still be pursuing an attorney and T. Gahagan said that the goal of the organization has changed since there could be possible revisions to the policy.
- C. Moreno, M. Garth, R. Dahl and S. McNeil-Schreyer volunteered to serve on the committee with E. Hannon.

**8. EV Charging Station Installation Presentation (Action Item)**

- Jacques Chirazi with the City of San Diego reported that the City received \$500,000 in funding to install 41 charging stations at nine locations in the public right-of-way throughout San Diego.
- The requirements to install charging stations are as follows: the stations have to be near high demand areas, near a transformer and one has to be located next to an ADA parking space.
- The proposal was to install three charging stations on the east side of Normal Street with two at the north end intersecting Harvey Milk and one on the south end which

- will be next to existing ADA parking. Each charging station would have dual ports, so six parking spaces would be affected. In the ADA spots, anybody with an ADA placard can park in the space.
- T. Gahagan asked if the City looked into other areas of Hillcrest and J. Chirazi said that the City explored other locations but this location was the only viable option due to the proximity of the existing transformer and possible demand. T. Gahagan asked how frequently the charging stations in San Diego are currently utilized in a 24 hour period. J. Chirazi said that in the beach areas cars will park at charging stations up to 3-4 times a day and in Balboa Park frequently during museum hours.
  - Louie Main with Salon Antoine spoke in opposition to the proposed charging station locations as they would impact business and said that the Normal Street median is always vacant. E. Hannon said that the meter on Normal Street is only at 6% utilization and the parking district is currently looking at lowering the rate and possibly extending the parking time up to eight hours to increase utilization.
  - Ben Jackson, owner of 7-11 said that community outreach has not been thorough as he has not heard of this proposal until recently. He didn't see a problem with the installations of charging stations at the ADA parking spots, but opposed additional stations due to the lack of free parking during the day.
  - C. Shaw said he was in favor of the charging stations and felt they would be utilized. He added that lowering the Normal Street median price to .25 cents per hour would be a great idea. E. Hannon asked J. Jimenez how long it would take to change pricing at Normal Street and he added that the change could happen within 2-4 weeks.
  - C. Moreno said that there are major plans for Normal Street and didn't know if it was a good idea to install the stations if they would possibly need to be moved in the future.
  - R. Dahl said that at the most recent Hillcrest Parking Committee meeting in January, a resident with the condos at the corner of Normal and Harvey Milk came in with a request to convert unrestricted parking on the north end of the block to 2-hour parking. He said that it might be a good idea to include a motion that would address time limited parking and the charging stations on Normal and the reduction of rates/increased time limit at the median.
  - **Motion:** "To change the parking on the east side of Normal Street to 2-hour parking, to reduce hourly rates to .25 cents per hour / increase time limit to eight hours at the Normal Street median, to approve the proposal to install charging stations as proposed by the City of San Diego and to install appropriate signage about the rate change." (R. Dahl, C. Shaw) **Motion fails**, 3-2-5, 2 no votes (C. Moreno, S. McNeil Schreyer), 5 abstentions (D. Scott, M. Jacobs, T. Gahagan, M. Garth, C. Benedict)

9. **FY16 Budget and Action Plan Community Outreach** (Information item)

- E. Hannon announced that staff has been engaged and outreaching with the community with the upcoming budget for FY16. An advertisement about all community input sessions will go to print in the next Uptown News publication.
- One of the changes that possibly will be happening is to spread budgets out over five years with a City contract covering the same term.

## 10. Committee Updates

- **Hillcrest Report**
  - R. Dahl reported that the next two Hillcrest Parking Committee meetings will focus on the budget for FY16
- **Bankers Hill**
  - D. Scott reported on 5 parking gains on Fourth Avenue that will be implemented by the City. Three are on the 2000 block and two are located at the American Lung Association building between Nutmeg and Olive.
  - The next budget outreach meeting will be hosted by the Bankers Hill Community Group at their monthly meeting on Monday, February 16 at 6:00. There will also be another budget outreach meeting the following month in March also hosted by the BHCG.
  - D. Scott also reported that he put in requests to install street trees and will monitor to see if they get installed and where the funds will be coming from.
- **Mission Hills**
  - S. McNeil Schreyer announced fronting property owners are resisting the idea of filling in curb cuts.

**Adjournment – 6:30 p.m.**

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

Uptown Community Parking District's next meeting is Monday, March 9, 2015 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