



UPTOWN COMMUNITY PARKING DISTRICT, INC.

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 8, 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, Roy Dahl, Bruce Reeves, Ann Garwood, Jared Svendsen, Megan Garth, Susan McNeil Schreyer, Selina Stockley

Staff: Elizabeth Hannon, Ben Verdugo

Others in attendance: Adriana Martinez, Joe Jimenez, Nancy Moors

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

- Quorum was established and everyone introduced themselves

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- A. Garwood noticed that the parking meters were inaccessible for a couple of days on Fourth between Palm and Olive because of construction and wanted to know where the lost revenue was going. E. Hannon said that staff has been trying to get an answer for years but still do not have a clear answer from the City. J. Jimenez said that the City receives \$6 per meter, per day.
- S. McNeil Schreyer reported that the Rental Car Center at the airport is nearing completion. A joint BID/Town Council meeting will occur on June 12 at Francis Parker School where airport representatives will discuss rental car traffic impacts on West Washington.
- Debra Gosling a resident of Hillcrest lives on First Avenue between Walnut and Brookes and would like to have an additional handicapped parking spot installed because the existing blue zones are usually at capacity. She felt that another handicapped spot can be added next to the existing handicapped spot where a red zone currently is located. B. Verdugo said he will follow up with J. Jimenez and Traffic Engineering to see if there is space available to add a blue zone.

3. President's Report

- T. Gahagan announced Benjamin Nicholls has been selected by the HBA to a director seat on the UCPD. He will replace M. Gamwell. T. Gahagan asked the board if they would like to appoint B. Nicholls, though he is on vacation and absent from this evening's meeting. The board decided they prefer making director appointments when the person is present. E. Hannon suggested this be an action item for July's meeting. All agreed.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda A-B

- A. Approval of Minutes – May 11
- B. Approval of May 2015 Financials

- **Motion:** “To approve consent agenda items A-B” (R. Dahl, C. Benedict) Motion passes 8-0-1, 1 abstention, (T. Gahagan)

5. **IRR Request for Letter of Support – Street Closure** (Action Item)

- El Indio is in the process of obtaining a permit to close India Street from the San Diego Avenue split to Winder (fronting the restaurant) to celebrate their 75th anniversary on Saturday August 15 and requested a letter of support from the UCPD.
- **Motion:** “To write a letter of support regarding the closure of the section of India Street fronting El Indio Restaurant on August 15, 2015 from 10am to 3pm.” (S. Stockley, S. McNeil Schreyer) Motion passes 8-0-1, 1 abstention, (T. Gahagan)

6. **SANDAG Bike Project Action** (Information Item)

- E. Hannon reported that on June 5th the Transportation Committee Meeting left many unclear on what was decided, but after subsequent conversations with SANDAG staff, she stated the project will include the following:
 - SANDAG is pursuing a study that includes technical engineering for the retaining wall at the base of Washington that will preserve parking, add sidewalks and a bike lane;
 - The ramps on Washington and University will remain open to automobile traffic;
 - On University, shared lanes will be implemented from the ramps over to 9th Avenue; and protected bike lanes will begin after 9th heading eastbound to Normal Street;
 - Protected bike lanes will remain on 4th and 5th.
- R. Dahl said that since Transform Hillcrest was rejected, the medians in Hillcrest will be reduced heavily which will have a negative impact on placemaking.
- E. Hannon said the group can recommend a motion regarding the next steps but suggested that it might be wise to wait until SANDAG provides more information on the next steps.

7. **FY16 Budget & Action Plan; Council Policy 100-18** (Information Item)

- E. Hannon reported that the City’s recently amended CP100-18 allows more flexibility regarding lighting, ongoing maintenance of projects and employee parking. The changes will be reviewed by Smart Growth & Land Use Committee on June 10th at 9am.
- J. Jimenez provided an example regarding employee parking; if a business had 500 employees and only 100 spaces were available, then a lottery could be implemented for the available spaces.
- McNeil Schreyer asked about special events in the revised policy and how projects can be funded. E. Hannon said that for special event shuttles, all of the funding cannot be supplied by the parking district but can have buy-in from BID’s to establish a shared cost. A brief discussion ensued about what amount will be considered “buy-in.”

8. **City Updates** (Information Item)

- J. Jimenez said that parking duration on Normal Street median has changed from 2 hours to 8 hours but the user can only pay for 2 hours at a time as the meter has yet to be adjusted by Cale.

- Shared commercial/passenger loading zone in IRR on India is set to be pre-marked this week by J. Jimenez so a work order can be created. Also in IRR on Winder and Chalmers the parking reconfigurations will cost \$3800 per each street and the next steps will be to present the reconfigurations to Uptown Planners.

9. Committee Updates & Projects in Progress (Information Items)

- Hillcrest
 - R. Dahl said that the HPC is currently focusing on bulb outs to support diagonal parking on Essex which will be a comprehensive place making / parking gain project.
- International Restaurant Row
 - S. Stockley reported that a stop sign survey request on India and Chalmers was denied by the City. J. Jimenez said that an alternative process can be revisited where IRR can go through their councilmember to appeal the denial.

10. Staff Updates

- B. Verdugo reported that he is revisiting 1.0 survey denials with J. Jimenez. Many of the denials are on 6th where long stretches of red curbs still exist.
- B. Verdugo reported he now has access to IPS back office but was just granted access to the data and will have more detailed information soon.

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

Uptown Community Parking District's next meeting is Monday, July 13, 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