

Bankers Hill Neighborhood Parking Committee (BHNPC)

Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 6th, 2017
5:00 – 6:30 PM

*Merrill Gardens, 2567 Second Avenue San Diego, California 92103
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1. Establishment of Quorum, Call to Order and Introductions

BHNPC Committee Members Present: Douglass Scott, Tom Fox, Megan Garth, Roy McMakin, Char-Lou Benedict

UCPD Staff Present: Elizabeth Hannon, Chris DeMoville

City of San Diego Staff Present: Joe Jimenez

Public Present: Joh Knoll, Paula Barth, Nayda Locke, Tom Yount

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- J. Knoll wrote a letter to City Council Representative Chris Ward to address the parking problem at his office location on 2366 Front Street. He is concerned that there is no parking around his offices and believes 4 hour time limited parking along this block will help alleviate long term car storage.
- C. DeMoville mentions that he will follow up with B. Bailey at a meeting they have scheduled tomorrow.

J. Jimenez arrives (5:03pm)

- D. Scott asks what the next steps would be to change this to time limited parking.
- C. DeMoville responds that he will need to follow up with J. Jimenez for the proper procedures.
- J. Jimenez confirms that he will follow up with C. DeMoville to review parking duration studies. He also mentions that City Council will only need to make a decision on this issue if it involves putting in parking meters, but not time limited parking. He also notes that the next step in this process is to begin outreach to neighborhood residents.
- N. Locke, a Bankers Hill resident, requests the BHNPC to adopt a residential permit program for Bankers Hill.
- D. Scott and C. L. Benedict note that this discussion is later on the agenda and asks to move forward with the meeting.

3. Chair's Report

- D. Scott notes that the BHNPC made contact with over 50 attendees at the Bankers Hill Community Group meeting and hosted a roundtable discussion addressing current projects and priorities of the BHNPC. Community comments were taken and will be used as backup and support to current BHNPC initiatives.

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- D. Scott also asked for any BHNPC members to please call in absences to make sure they are excused.
- D. Scott also noted that there is a stop sign coming at 5th and Grape thanks to the efforts of local community activists. Stop sign should be installed within 30 to 90 days.
- D. Scott also mentions that he received a letter from Neil Haig with comments and we will add that to our community outreach efforts.

4. Approval of January 2016 Minutes (*action item*)

[BH170201] Motion: to Approve January 2016 Minutes

- Introduced by T. Fox: seconded by C.L. Benedict
 - **Vote for Approval: 4**
 - **Vote Against Approval: 0**
 - **Abstain: 1**
- **Motion Passes: (4-0-1)**

5. Development of UCSD Internship Program (*action item*)

- C. DeMerville will follow up with the necessary individuals to begin this program after full board approval.
- C.L. Benedict would like these interns to work on the residential parking permit study.

E. Hannon Arrives (5:12pm)

- E Hannon specifies that the projects would most likely include residential parking, doing survey outreach, and assisting in building a comprehensive database of available parking in Bankers Hill.

[BH170202] Motion: to develop a summer internship program with the University of California at San Diego School of Urban Studies and Planning conducting surveys of parking needs Bankers Hill for Summer of 2017, with projects to be developed by staff:

- Introduced by C.L. Benedict: seconded by M. Garth
 - **Vote for Approval: UNANIMOUS**
 - **Vote Against Approval: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- **Motion Passes: (5-0-0)**

6. SANDAG Bikeway Enhancements (*action item*)

- E. Hannon notes that C. DeMerville was tasked with writing a letter to SANDAG that aligns CP100-18 with the proposed bikeway enhancements. She is directing the letter from SANDAG to the city and will review with Chris Wards staff tomorrow. She reviews the specific enhancements including midblock lighting.
- D. Scott mentions that he would like to see Acorn lights placed in the neighborhood, and that midblock lighting will enhance neighborhood safety.

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- T. Fox notes that he has attempted to form a Maintenance Assessment District to install these Acorn lights, as previous requests to install these lights have been denied by the City Attorney's office.
- E. Hannon mentions that the city attorney will only approve these improvements if they add to the safety of the neighborhood, not for aesthetics. She will mention this to Chris Ward with a hope that he will help get these enhancements approved.

[BH170203] Motion: to have staff work with the City and SANDAG to gain approval for Bikeway Safety Improvements for the Bankers Hill portion of the 4th & 5th Avenue SANDAG Bikeway:

- Introduced by D. Scott: seconded by T. Fox
 - **Vote for Approval:** UNANIMOUS
 - **Vote Against Approval:** 0
 - **Abstain:** 0
- **Motion Passes:** (5-0-0)

7. South Bankers Hill Residential Permit Project (action item)

- C. DeMoville mentions that he and E. Hannon met with City Engineers, J. Jimenez, and the Chen Ryan consultant to review the outcome of cities license plate study in South Bankers Hill. He notes that the study results don't provide strong support for a residential permit program and that UCPD will need to conduct extensive outreach to determine the number of cars owned by residents in the neighborhood.
- E. Hannon comments that the study shows that while occupancy and parking duration are high, there is parking turnover, which may not satisfy the city's benchmark for a residential permit program.
- C. L. Benedict responds that parking duration is often greater than 8 hours, which indicates downtown business people are using Bankers Hill as a parking reservoir.
- C. DeMoville comments that according to the city, between 50 to 70 percent of the license plates surveyed are registered within the South Bankers Hill zip code.
- P. Barth notes that she often sees commuters park in front of her residence at 2440 Front Street take a bike from their car and ride to work downtown.
- E. Hannon comments that the city did not say no to a residential parking permit, and that the study conducted by UCPD was to review the culpability of a nighttime parking permit. She states that the city believes that many of the cars parking for long hours are residential cars. She notes that the city would like more extensive residential outreach conducted before taking this to city council.
- N. Locke comments that the city does not require enough parking in new building developments in Bankers Hill.
- T. Yount comments that his neighborhood is facing similar issues and would like his residence on Union Street included in the Residential Permit Study.
- E. Hannon responds that his location has been accepted by the consultants and can be added to the study area.
- D. Scott asks if this is survey could be included in the internship program?

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- E. Hannon notes that the suggestion from city staff is to change to 4 hour time limited parking throughout this residential zone.
- R. McMakin asks for the resident's opinion on the potential change to 4 hour parking.
- P. Barth responds that this will be detrimental to many residents as they will need to move their cars every four hours.
- D. Scott asks if they can initiate 4 hour parking, but exclude residents?
- E. Hannon responds that this would constitute a residential parking permit. She also notes that the city will issue a limited number of these parking permits, and that often time's residents looking to have friends and family over will not be able to give them passes to park in the residential permit zone.
- R. McMakin notes that in these scenarios, residents would just need to limit their visitors and events to 2 hours or less.
- E. Hannon notes that the city is looking to conduct extensive outreach to determine the actual residential need versus access to parking.
- N. Locke suggests that 95% of the people in her neighborhood have no idea that this discussion is taking place, and that residential mailings won't get much response. She feels it is more appropriate to go door to door to raise awareness.
- R. McMakin suggests that these residents may need to become more involved in this process, as the city will be more inclined to listen to residents, and to have them write letters addressed to Chris Ward.
- T. Fox comments that it is easier for the city to turn down UCPD than it is for them to turn down residential requests.
- E. Hannon believes we should organize a public comment session specifically on this issue.
- T. Fox suggests that they call C. Wards office directly whenever they see someone parking in Bankers Hill.

[BH170204] Motion: to endorse UCPD staff to begin comprehensive survey of the target area outlined in Residential permit study during 2017: the public outreach process should involve mailings, door to door contact, and setting up a community input sessions, and also involve council member Chris Ward in the process.

- Introduced by D.Scott: seconded by R. McMakin
 - **Vote for Approval:** UNANIMOUS
 - **Vote Against Approval:** 0
 - **Abstain:** 0
- **Motion Passes:** (5-0-0)

8. Fourth Avenue Sidewalk Project (*potential action item*)

- C. DeMoville comments that he will bring this up to C. Wards staff when meeting with them. He also notes that the next phase of this is to find out the specific length of the sidewalk SANDAG is building, so that he can get a detailed quote from the city for the cost of this sidewalk.

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- R. McMakin asks if this is something ready to present to the full UCPD board
- E. Hannon notes that the problem with this currently is that it repurposes parking away from that block along Fourth Avenue.
- D. Scott and C.L. Benedict comment that the parking losses would be made up through angling parking along side streets in the vicinity of this sidewalk.
- E. Hannon reports that she and C. DeMoville estimated the cost of this sidewalk to be around \$300,000.00. She suggests that if the BHNPC wants to move forward, that it is added to the budget as a specific project.
- R. McMakin notes that this motion has been passed already, and that we need to use that motion until we meet with C. Wards staff and will carry this over to next month's meeting.

9. 6th Avenue Time Limited Parking (*potential action item*)

- C. DeMoville notes that this was brought up during outreach in Bankers Hill, however he questions whether or not UCPD has jurisdiction over the east side of 6th avenue.
- J. Jimenez comments that Parks and Rec may have jurisdiction over that stretch of 6th Avenue.
- C. L. Benedict would like to investigate this to create parking consistency along 6th Avenue.
- D. Scott would like to look from Elm to Upas along 6th Avenue and tasks UCPD staff to follow up with this next month.

10. Comprehensive Strategies, Angled Parking, 2-4 Hour Zones, etc (*information item*)

- E. Hannon comments that this is one of the first projects that staff will begin to work on, and that staff has begun outreach by attending the Bankers Hill Business Group meeting during January.
- C. L. Benedict asks for a time frame regarding the outreach SANDAG will be conducting in order to begin the angled parking initiatives.
- J. Jimenez responds that he has drafted several versions of the letters. He needs to begin compiling addresses to begin outreach when he receives the final copy of SANDAGS design concept.

11. FY18 Action Plan and Budget (*information item*)

- E. Hannon reviews the overall budget process and timelines, and emphasis that the BHNPC needs to finalize a FY18 budget at the March meeting. She will review the numbers with J. Jimenez for a full presentation at the next meeting.

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- D. Scott comments that the 50,000.00 marked towards wayfinding can be taken out, and the smart car infrastructure can also be moved into other projects, specifically pedestrian improvements.
- E. Hannon notes it may be prudent to remove money from transit stops and routes as these items have been declined in the past by the city attorney's office.
- C.L. Benedict wants to get rid of street car feasibility.
- M. Garth would like to see what was spent on each item.
- E. Hannon goes through line items and notes that she will line that up for more clarity at the next meeting.
- T. Fox would like to add money to communications.
- D. Scott emphasis that he would like to move money into pedestrian improvements and notes that all the big BHNPC projects are tied into the bicycle route and the angled parking changes.
- E. Hannon asks staff to get better estimates on the wayfinding signs already approved by the BHNPC.

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