



UPTOWN COMMUNITY PARKING DISTRICT, INC.
Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2016 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, Benjamin Nicholls, Chris Shaw, Michael Jacobs, Susan McNeil Schreyer, Selina Stockley, Ray McMakin, Jared Svendsen, Doug Scott, Megan Garth

Board absences: Cecelia Moreno

Staff: Elizabeth Hannon, Ben Verdugo

Others in attendance: Joe Jimenez, Adriana Martinez, Bob Martynece, Nancy Moors, Ann Garwood, Jim Frost, Ben Baltic, Khalissa Bolling, Paul Jamason, Chris Kluth, Linda Culp, Brandy Sweitzer

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

- Quorum was established and everyone introduced themselves

2. President's Report

- C. Benedict announced that she has been studying Roberts Rules of Order and will start off each meeting with an item to discuss which will help keep the board informed about procedures. She handed out informational sheets to each member.

3. Non-agenda Public Comment

- None

4. Approval of Consent Agenda – Item A-B

- A. Approval of Minutes – January 2016
- B. Approval of Financials – January 2016
- **Motion:** “To approve consent agenda items A-B.” (C. Shaw, R. McMakin) Motion passes 11-0-1, 1 abstentions, (C. Benedict)

5. Neighborhood Association Parking Projects (NAPP) (Information Item)

- S. Stockley arrived.
- R. Dahl announced that the City denied the NAPP proposed program and stated that the Hillcrest Parking Committee will not continue to pursue the process regarding FY17 implementation.

6. Budget and Action Plan Process (Action Item)

- E. Hannon presented an updated timeline regarding the budget and action plan. She added that the City has included the Car2Go and development fees into the annual revenue but breakdowns of each were not provided. Neighborhood committees are in the process of finalizing their draft budgets for board approval in March. Budget worksheets need to include 5-year projections.
- T. Gahagan asked to see Car2Go calculations and J. Jimenez said that he would follow up with M. Dibden-Brown.
- E. Hannon also provided a performance metrics worksheet the City has asked the

UCPD to provide; Using their form, project tallies with accomplishments of the previous fiscal year and including the first six months of the current FY. The worksheet documents meter utilization, community shuttle ridership, valet programs, number of parking stalls created, curb reconfigurations, bike parking, installation of new meters, app users and marketing reach.

- M. Garth suggested also documenting goals within the metrics worksheet, for example having a goal of vehicles parked within the valet metric and then staff could compare that figure to the actual number of parked cars. She also suggested adding a metric of total number of meters removed in the district.
- R. Dahl suggested having meter utilization broken down by particular block(s) as opposed to neighborhood. E. Hannon said these are good ideas moving forward.

7. **Curb Reconfiguration - Hillcrest** (Action Item)

- B. Verdugo presented an HPC approved proposal that would change the parking configurations on University between 10th and Vermont as well as 10th Avenue, just south of University. HPC voted to approve the following:
 - On University, the proposal would change 3 2-hour parking stalls on west end of University to 30 minutes, and would eliminate white passenger loading curbs in the middle of the block, by converting them to 2-hour parking.
 - On 10th, the proposal would change from existing two 2-hour metered and three unrestricted spaces to four 1-hour metered spaces and one unrestricted space.
- Staff suggested an alternate proposal to change the unrestricted space on 10th to a 1-hour metered parking stall which would make for a total of five 1-hour metered parking on 10th. The reasoning for the alternate proposal was because an unrestricted parking space would not benefit the retail businesses.
- **Motion:** “To approve HPC’s recommendation on University and staff’s recommendation on 10th Avenue”. (B. Nicholls, B. Reeves) Motion passes, 13-0-1, 1 abstention (C. Benedict)

8. **Neighborhood Reports – FY16 Project Priorities** (Information Items)

- Bankers Hill – D. Scott reported that that the Bankers Hill Neighborhood Group and Bankers Hill Neighborhood Parking Committee held a joint meeting to review SANDAG’s presentation regarding the bike project.
- International Restaurant Row – S. Stockley reported that a parking duration study has been completed on the west side of San Diego Avenue between India and Washington. The study confirmed that 90% cars are parked along the block for more than 8 hours per day. This will be reviewed along with the budget at the next parking committee meeting on February 19th.
- Mission Hills –S. McNeil Schreyer reported that the MHPAC held a committee meeting to review the preliminary budget which will be reviewed again at the Mission Hills BID meeting on February 17th.

9. **Staff Reports** (Information Item)

- Staff included a project priorities worksheet in the packet which details current projects in each neighborhood.
- E. Hannon presented board binders that will also be provided at neighborhood committee meetings. Bylaws, CP100-18, annual plan/budget, staff roster and map were provided in each binder. D. Scott recommended that staff also included City

Attorney memos regarding acceptable use of CPD funds.

10. SANDAG Bike-way Project Update (Action Item)

- Chris Kluth, Linda Culp and Brandy Sweitzer with SANDAG attended the meeting to discuss the latest update regarding the bike-way project
- S. McNeil Schreyer asked for presentation handouts but SANDAG did not have any available.
- C. Kluth presented on behalf of SANDAG and provided the following updates:
 - SANDAG has developed a GIS parking tool with help from the UCPD which includes different types of parking. SANDAG will be working with UCPD's GIS consultant to share data that the consultant can use when developing future GIS maps. SANDAG also worked with UCPD to develop occupancy counts in Bankers Hill.
 - SANDAG has developed an angled parking turning template workbook for every different variation of street width and how parking can be maximized at different angles.
 - SANDAG will work with the UCPD regarding parking meter coordination and movement.
 - SANDAG has developed a toolbox of shared parking opportunities/guidelines for transportation demand management and ways that employers can better utilize parking for customers.
 - On 4th and 5th there will be a gain of 41 parking spaces in Bankers Hill and a loss of 23 parking spaces in Hillcrest. The reason for the losses in Hillcrest is that the cross streets have been maximized and Bankers Hill has more opportunities for angled parking gains due to street width.
 - T. Gahagan asked about the gains in Bankers Hill and said that they have already been identified by the UCPD so the information should be nothing new on behalf of SANDAG.
 - The majority of the losses in Hillcrest are between University and Washington with a total of 10.
 - SANDAG will be incorporating pedestrian improvements as proposed by the Walk the Walk proposal. UCPD funds will be allocated towards ongoing maintenance of the bikeway.
 - Bus bulb-outs are being considered on 4th and 5th Avenues.
 - SANDAG has determined that the construction of a retaining wall at the base of Washington is feasible and parking will not be affected.
 - On Washington heading westbound down the hill, one traffic lane is proposed to make way for a bike lane and the traffic analysis supports the reduction.
 - Normal Street design might change due to improvements proposed by the HBA.
 - Preliminary design shows that University between 10th and Normal will be parking neutral.
 - SANDAG will be proposing to install increased lighting at intersections with increased pedestrian improvements.
 - Environmental Impact – CEQA exemption request will be ready in late March/Early April and the Board of Directors of SANDAG will review in April.

- B. Nicholls wanted more clarification regarding the restriping of parking and asked if SANDAG will be performing the work. C. Kluth said that SANDAG will not implement changes unless the community approvals for reconfiguration are in place when construction starts. Otherwise the bulk of the work will be up to the UCPD to implement the changes. B. Nicholls referred the rapid bus line and said that SANDAG did implement the changes and felt that the bikeway project shouldn't be any different. R. Dahl added that the reconfigurations should be the responsibility of SANDAG and should be included in the construction process.
- B. Nicholls said that most of the parking losses in Hillcrest are between University and Washington and suggested removing the bike way to preserve parking.
- D. Scott said that as the community shifts mode share, every pedestrian, bicyclist and transit user will be less dependent on cars and parking. He added that UCPD should work with SANDAG the City especially with the recently mandated Climate Action Plan.
- T. Gahagan said that Hillcrest is ending up with sharrows in the core because of SANDAG's unwillingness to mitigate for parking and a better solution would have been to design a dedicated bike lane.
- R. Dahl said that east Hillcrest is a challenge due to the offsetting road segment at 10th Avenue. He said that the design could have bike lanes in both directions on the north side of University and only one travel lane going west would need to be removed. He added that the proposed reduction of the medians is an abomination.
- A. Garwood recommended that SANDAG include Spruce, Quince and Upas into the design as proposed by Walk the Walk.
- P. Jamason said that is in favor of angled parking, especially reverse angled parking but said that there is no way around parking losses in certain areas. He added that he was concerned about the section of the bike-way on University where sharrows are proposed. He referred to a recent study where sharrows make a street more dangerous for bicyclists.
- T. Gahagan asked about the parking between University and Washington and how many bicycles would have to be ridden every day to make up for the 10 parking losses. C. Kluth said that there is not an accurate model that can project the appropriate number. T. Gahagan asked if there is current data from the counters on 4th and 5th that would support the parking losses and C. Kluth said that current data will probably not support the losses but will possibly in the future.
- N. Moors said that the figure representing a net gain of parking is surprising and misleading since SANDAG is not installing parking as it will be the responsibility of the UCPD.
- E. Hannon asked if anybody from the board would like to make a motion.
- **Motion:** "The Uptown Community Parking District urges the City of San Diego and SANDAG to preserve automobile parking along the propose path of the Uptown bicycle route while also designing a project that will increase mode share for public transport, bicyclists and pedestrians that will comply with the legally enforceable goals set forth in the City of San Diego's adopted Climate Action Plan". (D. Scott, M. Jacobs)
- R. Dahl asked if the motion would include asking SANDAG to include angled parking into their plan. D. Scott said that Bankers Hill is already working on angled parking initiatives and he would not amend the motion.
- Motion fails, 4-8-1, 1 abstention (C. Benedict)
 - Yea votes – D. Scott, M. Jacobs, M. Garth, R. McMakin

- Nay votes – T. Gahagan, R. Dahl, J. Svendsen, B. Nicholls, B. Reeves, C. Shaw, S. Stockley, S. McNeil Schreyer

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

UCPD's next meeting is Monday, March 8, 2016 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