

UPTOWN COMMUNITY PARKING DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2016; 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

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

Board attendees: Bruce Reeves, Doug Scott, Roy Dahl, Ben Nicholls, Tim Gahagan, Selina Stockley, Natalie Villegas, Susan McNeil Schreyer and Roy McMakin

Board excused absences: Char Lou Benedict, Megan Garth, Cecelia Moreno

Staff: Elizabeth Hannon, Danielle Oloko

Public attendees: Adriana Martinez, Elizabeth Studebaker, Joe Jimenez, Nancy Moors, Ben Baltic, Paul Jamason, Jacques Chirazi

1. Establishment of Quorum, Call to Order and Introductions

Tim Gahagan

- Quorum was established and everyone introduced themselves

2. Vice President's Report

Tim Gahagan

- Abstentions are not to be used as a politically correct “no”. If there are no conflicts and you can vote, please vote.
- Mike Jacobs, representing Bankers Hill resident seat, has resigned due to conflict with his work schedule.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda items A-C (Action Items)

A. Approval of Minutes –May 2016

B. Approval of April May Financials

C. Mission Hills BID Website Maintenance Invoice, \$1,200.00 payment July 2015-June 2016

Motion: “To approve consent agenda items A-B.” (Roy D, Ben N.)

Motion Passes 7-0-2, 2 abstentions, T. Gahagan, D. Scott)

4. Comprehensive Parking Management Strategies Part 3 – What Can We Do About It? (Information Item)

Elizabeth Hannon & Stephen Cook, Chen Ryan Associates

Overview of ideas, projects and on-street changes; GIS project update; data sets & phased recommendations for parking management

- E. Hannon and S. Cook presented the third segment of the comprehensive parking management strategies project that explored “where we are now” and how we implement recommendations based on these findings.
- S. Cook (Chen Ryan) reviewed data findings by highlighting residential parking demand and occupancy studies. He also presented a draft parking supply management plan including adjusted meter pricing, managing the parking supply for residents and employees, and limited time parking zones.
- S. Stockely and T. Gahagan inquired about how these recommendations align with existing policy and enforcement considering current patrol working hours. These suggestions would be in accordance with the residential zone policy currently in effect. Additionally, UCPD and the City are exploring how the inspection service team would help enforce these new parking rules, including night patrol.

5. SANDAG Bike-Way Position Statement (*Action Item*)

- Ad-hoc committee, consisting of Roy Dahl, Ben Nicholls and Susan McNeil Schreyer, met to update the position statement regarding the SANDAG Bike-way which they presented
- R. McMakin asked about the adverse environmental impacts related to removal of parking spaces as outlined in the committee revised statement. He does not believe there are true adverse effects and insists that the impacts should be stated.
- D. Scott added Bankers Hill has already submitted a statement and fears the revised UCPD statement will be too late. He also believes the project should not be delayed to preserve 16 parking statements. Additionally, he felt we should re-word the message to be more “positive and not marginalize the group”.
- S. Stockley and D. Scott offered amendments reflective of their neighborhood positions for inclusion in the statement.
- Upon review, several members of the board expressed concerns regarding the wording of the recommended new statement and made several motions to further revise the statement to be more reflective of the needs and concerns of all neighborhoods. The following was approved:

“ The Uptown Community Parking District appreciates the need to provide 21st century, multi-modal infrastructure for the businesses and residents of Uptown. The UCPD understands that the retaining wall on West Washington will be built so to provide safe pedestrian access while preserving parking and that the implementation of 47 blocks of multi-modal improvements in Bankers Hill should not be delayed.

However, we ask that SANDAG and the City of San Diego make an earnest effort to replace the 23 automobile parking spaces along 4th and 5th Avenues, slated to be removed concurrent with the construction of phase one of the Uptown Bikeway Project.

Unless SANDAG provides for off-set strategies for this loss such as new parking stalls nearby and/or midblock cross-walks that would provide safer pedestrian access to and from parking in the Hillcrest core, we will not be able to support the project on 4th and 5th in Hillcrest as currently designed.

We believe there will be adverse environmental impacts related to removal of parking spaces and reduction of travel lane widths along 4th and 5th in Hillcrest. Therefore we oppose the exemption from a full CEQA review for the Hillcrest section.”

Motion: *“To amend the position statement with board suggestions (as drafted above)”.*

Motion passes. 6-2-1, 2 Opposed: D. Scott, R. McMakin, 1 abstention: T.Gahagan

6. Staff Updates (*Information Items*)

Elizabeth Hannon

- Stop sign installed at 8th and Robinson with four on-street parking gains due to reduction of red curb
- Hillcrest curb repair project delayed until July 5th
- New gray curb- metered spaces (two white on 6th and two yellow on 7th) approved for implementation by fronting property, AT&T, City pre-marked, implementation pending
- Lunch loop project: Free Ride will not be able to service the route in July or August; staff has prioritized finding another vendor for these pilot months
- Planning is in motion for the Hillcrest Parking Structure Feasibility Forum (TBA, September)

7. District-wide Way-finding; Parking Signage Project (Action Item)

With each neighborhood committee voting in favor of joining the project, the board passed a motion of approval to proceed with Phase One. The next step is for staff to obtain a second quote, meet with chosen vendor for project scope review and form ad-hoc with representatives from each neighborhood.

Motion: *“To approve the district-wide signage assessment for design concept proposal and the divide the costs between neighborhoods”.* Motion Passes (R.Dahl, B. Nicholls, 7-0-1, 1 abstention. T. Gahagan)

8. Car Share Program (Action Item)

Jacques Chirazi

- The City of San Diego identified eight, but will likely only use four, potential car share spaces near residential permit zones and major employers (hospitals) for a 2-year pilot program in the Uptown neighborhoods. These spaces would help alleviate parking impacts providing spaces for commuters to park near employment centers.
- S. McNeil Schreyer expressed concern over “specially designated parking for ride share only” which would remove critically needed parking for all to use in Mission Hills
- The board was asked to make a motion in favor or opposed to the plan. No Motion was presented.

9. Re-Imagine Normal Street – (Action Item)

Ben Nicholls

- B. Nicholls presented an update to the Re-Imagine Normal Street project. The board shared favorable opinions and asked questions about the suggested parking improvements and funding. B. Nicholls requested a motion of support for the concept.

Motion: *“To support the concept of Re-Imagine Normal Street designs presented”.* Motion Passes (Roy D., N. Villegas, 7-0-1, abstentions: T.Gahagan)

Adjournment – 6:45 PM

UCPD’s next meeting is Monday, July 11, 2016 at 5:00 PM

Joyce Beers Community Center at the HUB in Hillcrest

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