



**UPTOWN COMMUNITY PARKING DISTRICT
UCPD Board of Director Minutes
March 13, 2023; 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Joyce Beers Community Center
3900 Vermont Street, 92103**

UCPD Board Members Present: Ben Nicholls, Paul Smith, Selina Stockley, Peter Raymond, Chris Shaw, Michael Meacham, Tom Fox, Roy Dahl, Susan McNeil Schreyer, Doug Scott

UCPD Board Members Excused: Byron Ross, Karl Domond, Miah Earn, Cecilia Moreno

UCPD Staff Present: Gerrie Trussell, Executive Director. Jess Felix, Communications

Establishment of Quorum, Call to Order, and Introduction

Nicholls called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm

Non-Agenda public comment:

No comment.

Presidents Report – Nicholls: “Lots of changes are coming to various community organizations in town, including Uptown Planners. I challenge us. The way that we keep ourselves in existence and relevant, not eclipsed by political factors, is by getting a solid track record of projects completed. We need to make ourselves indispensable to the community. Politicians can look at us and like what we do, or not like what we do. I challenge our committee to come up with projects that are popular and make a difference, because only city council policy keeps us in existence.”

February 2023, Minutes Approved - Roy Dahl (*Dahl/Shaw*)

Dahl states that February’s minutes reflect accurate memory.

Motion to approve the 2/13 minutes made by Roy Dahl, Chris Shaw 2nd.

All vote to approve with 1 abstention from Doug Scott for absence.

Review of Financials January 2023 - Susan McNeil Schreyer (*Schreyer/ Dahl*)

Susan McNeil Schreyer reviewed the January financials. The executive committee reviewed them as well.

Motion to approve made by Schreyer, Dahl 2nd.

All vote to approve with 1 abstention from Paul Smith for late entry to quorum.

City of San Diego CPD Manager - Krystal Ayala

Krystal Ayala is taking over for Ben

Verdugo. Nicholls voiced that Ben Verdugo was quite difficult to get in contact with.

Krystal’s department manages the community parking districts and shared mobility sector (ie: electric scooters, shuttles, and new PB transit endeavors). Someone from their engineering team will continue to institutionalize curb conversions. Krystal wants someone from city staff to attend these UCPD meetings to “keep the pressure on and ensure continued collaboration. As we approach the new fiscal year with budgeting, I want to institutionalize handling budgets and annual plans a little differently. We need to change POs by taking items to the city council much earlier to give us a month’s buffer to execute and open by July 1.”

Krystal encouraged Gerrie and all members of UCPD to attend meetings on her side (12th floor, in person), noting the dates April 26th (meeting to target active transportation and infrastructure) and May 16th with city council. She’d like to spotlight the great work this funding is being used for. “We want to do better at the city to update our website. Currently there’s no mention of parking committee work or projects.”

Individual Board member concerns brought to Krystal’s attention:

BEN NICHOLLS: "Projects we can spend our funds on have become broader. It used to just be parking spaces, these days it seems like there's more flexibility. Can we get a good sense on what your department thinks we can spend our money on? That would be helpful. For example, pedestrian lights and bike lane lights are not serving public safety. Can we spend our money on lights? What is the tolerance of the department for those sorts of things? I read the administrative part of our funding, which seems to be flexible, was spent to pay off the City's debts in regards to security cameras on traffic lights – defunct cameras that are all over town. If the police department can spend parking money, or CCTV can get that money, I would hope we can use that money to clean bus stops and improve lighting. I would like a good sense of the administrative split. Policy says we get 55%, but we base our budget on 25%. WHERE does that money go?"

In response, Krystal asked to see the article on funds used for cameras. Nicholls forwarded her the link to the piece in the Voice of San Diego.

KRYSTAL AYALA: "For me, I have an open door policy, let's have a discussion. We hear you, we want to collaborate. Pedestrian lighting has been an acceptable use of funds. With the maintenance piece there is a fine line, there's a separate funding source for maintenance. We do have a pretty conservative deputy that interprets the municipal code. Currently, regarding administration, a piece does come off the top for staff time, enforcement of parking meters, traffic engineers, and technology services. Each meter has a monthly fee."

BEN NICHOLLS: "There's a log jam relevant to Normal Street Promenade. It was supposed to start in August, the project is funded, but we're having issues with SANDAG."

Nicholls and Krystal Ayala were in consensus that this warrants starting a meeting.

PETER RAYMOND: "Car charging stations? Maybe at the CVS if we rented their lot? Is there a trolley going in Balboa Park? Currently there's a homeless encampment parked at Inspiration Point. Don't pollute our park. Put it in Golden Hill by golf course! Can Krystal give us an update on what streets are being repaved when so we can work on them too? Put in lights or sidewalk cleaning? All sidewalks should be cleaned on a regular basis. We're having an El Niño year, getting lots of rain. We can save that water for planters and maintenance. Bankers Hill is in favor of security cameras." There was discussion consensus to draft a letter to be given to the mayor and police chief.

SUSAN MCNEIL SCHREYER: "I would just urge Krystal to be the squeaky wheel on our behalf. The current bureaucracy is very delayed. Assuming things are going to get done does not work. We need a voice."

DOUG SCOTT: "A specific example of improvements that we worked on with the City and Sandag would be on 4th/5th Ave and Grape Street - It's our most heavily used crossword, and we installed 4 bollards to demarcate where pedestrians can enter the crosswalk. Through routine city maintenance, those bollards keep disappearing. These are improvements that we paid for, and someone is removing our improvements without authority, and without any communication to us."

KRYSTAL AYALA: "I want to understand where the disconnect is happening, so we can do some education on that. Community parking districts help expedite and streamline, and most of our department doesn't know what UCPD does."

SELINA STOCKLEY: "IRR is viewed as a no man's land. Can we team up with the airport, SANDAG or someone get a trolley service up there? The Washington Old Town connect is slated to go this year. Lighting under that bridge would be very nice. With the overall plan for a transit hub to be there, it's perfect timing."

ROY DAHL - "I'm concerned about the bigger picture transportation wise. In our study of 4th/5th Avenues, the trolley was scheduled to go from El Cajon Blvd. down Park Blvd. SANDAG wants to reroute it down University, but that negates the efficiency of the trolley plans. Nothing's been set in stone, but the plans to reroute will have big impacts in our community."

MICHAEL MEACHAM. "I'd like to reiterate that communication will go a long way towards resolving

things. I thought Claudia did an outstanding job. She took a lot of heat from a lot of negative people. Claudia was a true professional and deserves some recognition for responding so calmly.” PETER RAYMOND: “As more people will move into our neighborhood, continued involvement is crucial. Transportation conversions are ongoing. Spend time up here.”

FY 24 UCPD Budget and Narrative - Gerrie Trussell (Meacham/ Raymond)

Trussell: “We start our budget in January. All expenses and revenue are based on percentages. We did a lot of maintenance this year, because we did a lot of building last year. We found we can in fact encourage bus ridership by steam cleaning bus benches that are not covered, as MTS only maintains the bus benches with roofs over them. MTS’s comment is that when it comes to maintenance for uncovered, bench-only stops, they rely on local property owners.”

Successful points of our budget narrative include: Bankers Hill walking signs, Hillcrest Bike corral maintenance, the new ADA intersection in IRR, and the hosting of several neighborhood outreach meetings.

Budget narrative initiatives for next fiscal year include: improvements to Mural Alley such as bollards and canopy lighting, the Bankers Hill Juniper Street art mural featuring California sunflowers in direct view from the flight path, and continued cooperation with CalTrans and HBA to get an MOU agreement because right now the site of our future Little Spot is a homeless camp.

Trussell communicated that it is unrealistic to budget based on 2022 figures, as this would be “guesstimating total reserves.” The city will not entertain us using our money if it is not in the budget AND the narrative.

33 blocks of improvements such as acorn lightings, trash cans, stainless steel bike racks, etc. Motion to approve budget as presented made by Meacham, Raymond 2nd.

All vote to approve.

BEN NICHOLLS: “Detailed financial numbers that matter are: 1) The amount of money that meters bring in? 2) The actual split btw administrative, city share, and neighborhood share. 3) What this organization brings in, and 4) what we actually spend on.

Bankers Hill Extraordinary Maintenance Contract Extension- Doug Scott (Scott/ Smith)

We want to extend the City agreement to maintain the \$75,500 extraordinary maintenance contract with our vendor NatureScapes. To continue servicing the district litter bins, planters, water, and other essentials that a MAD would/will do. Motion to approve made by Scott, Smith 2nd. All vote to approve

Community Updates (informational)

No comments.

Adjourn - 4:10pm