

**October 27, 2023. 3pm**

**In attendance:** Doug Scott, Peter Raymond, Tom Fox, Karl Domond

**Excused:** Michael Meacham

**Staff:** Gerrie Trussell - Executive Director, Jess Felix - Communications

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Doug Scott called the meeting to order at 3:07pm

**Non-Agenda public comment**

The Fire Marshall ordered the closure of on-street patio dining for district restaurants; tables prevent the fire trucks from properly accessing the curb. A penalty fine of 1000 dollar per week will be charged for any outdoor cafe seating remaining as is.

As bike lanes are in process on Laurel, it's in our interest to see about extending the south end bike lanes all the way to 6th Ave into Balboa Park.

Traffic calming is desperately needed on 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Avenues, especially south of Laurel. We've had fatalities in this neighborhood as a result of speeding. 4th and Kalmia is particularly dangerous; a painted crosswalks is the least we could do. BHNPC is very concerned with accidents, part of Vision Zero.

**Approve Minutes - August 2023**

**(Raymond/Fox)**

Motion to approve the September 2023 minutes made by Peter Raymond, Tom Fox second. All vote to approve.

**Response BHCG Update**

Staff attended the last BHCG meeting to announce the upcoming parking meter changes, extended time limit, and reduced rate. The room was full, no one was opposed. 8 1/2 x 11" fliers will be posted in restaurants and storefront windows.

**Landscape/Maintenance Review**

Patrick from Native West was on the phone for a final consultation on the recommendations for our plant order. They'll be going in sometime mid-November. We're getting 374 total units for under \$2,500. Note to add 30 units of dudleya succulents spotted through the center of select planters. Staff will follow up on a Golden Medallion tree.

**Order Bike Corral at 1927 Fourth Ave**

Item tabled until the Board president is back in town.

### **Parking Conversions and Requests**

The City wants to meter all the non-metered blocks. There are multiple inconsistencies among blocks that could be deemed residential, commercial, or historic. Lower district blocks have inconsistencies in painted lines demarcating diagonal and straight lines.

Bankers Hill is caught between policy issues proposed by the City and our history of past parking space inconsistencies plus current developments that bring up many conflicting debates. We need a policy that addresses mixed-use parking. Perhaps one that allows for meters with more flexible constraints. A committee hearing was proposed to hear out all opinions and debate a viable course of action.

**Adjourn - 4:05pm**

**In attendance:** Doug Scott, Peter Raymond, Michael Meacham, Karl Domond

**Excused:** Tom Fox

**Guest:** Randy Bates - NatureScape

**Staff:** Gerrie Trussell - Executive Director, Jess Felix - Communications

### **Call to Order and Introductions**

Doug Scott called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

### **Non-Agenda public comment**

Meacham proseed asking the Board for \$500 to fix the stone masonry surrounding the big tree on 3rd/Olive. This is an in-streets project for traffic calming in a neighborhood with an elementary school and a heavy senior population. BHCG will match the funding. Laurel Ave has been repaved, but the addition of a bike lane up the steep hill will make the thoroughfare one lane.

### **Approve Minutes - August 2023**

**(Raymond/Meacham)**

Motion to approve the August 2023 minutes with one edit detailing the reason why BHPC is seeking new plant options made by Peter Raymond, Michael Meacham second. All vote to approve.

### **Landscape/Maintenance Review**

Staff collected a myriad of plant samples from the Native West Nursery. We placed them in the BMPs and swale planters to get a sense of size, growth patterns, and color palate. Randy from NatureScape was present to advise and collected our plant samples to get in the ground next week.

### **Video - Go Bankers Hill/Modality Highlights**

Staff plans to ask the BH Community Group for time to discuss a few outstanding action items. While there, it would be an opportune time to invite community members to show up at a certain time to be filmed using the bike lanes with various motility devices. Staff agrees to film typical, everyday commuters and community members using the lanes at popular rush hours.

### **Order Bike Corral at 1927 Fourth Avenue**

Sourcing quotes, the price jumps exponentially when the bike racks get heavy. Anything over a certain weight will be cost prohibitive.

### **Surveillance Cameras in BH**

**(Scott/Raymond)**

We expressed interest in neighborhood-wide security cameras. The City replied, inquiring if we would contribute financially. We need clarification on what that means.

We do support the idea of financially contributing for the implementation of surveillance cameras throughout the neighborhood, however we need further information on the financial requirements as well as the community and business analytics that will be gleaned. Some voiced concern for who might be monitoring this footage and taking action on it.

Motion to move forward with this course of inquiry made by Doug Scott, Peter Raymond second.  
All vote to approve.

### **Bankers Hill Signage**

With \$75,000 annually to spend here, community and business groups both want to discuss signage. Residents do not want more signage advertising the town. The City won't allow us to put up new signs without an ERMA and a MAD. Committee consensus is to wait until we have a MAD. Staff will follow up on requests to replace the blue and white boundary signs.

### **Parking Conversions**

Staff turned in an account of every meter number, 48 pages total, but we have not seen a reply or update. Item tabled until we hear back. Committee members would like to relay to the City finding a way to work with our next meter machine vendor to set up the machines in such a way that they do not print unnecessary receipts. These receipts end up as street litter.

Present committee members discussed next steps in communicating and finalizing upcoming meter time changes: 2hr to 4hr on east/west streets.

### **Adjourn - 4:28pm**

**In attendance:** Doug Scott, Tom Fox, Peter Raymond, Michael Meacham

**Guests:** Patrick Montgomery - Native West Plant Nursery, Randy Bates - NatureScape

**Staff:** Gerrie Trussell - Executive Director, Jess Felix - Communications

### **Call to Order and Introductions**

Doug Scott called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

### **Non-Agenda public comment**

N/A

### **Landscape / Maintenance Review**

Present committee members were joined by guests Patrick Montgomery of Native West and Randy Bates from NatureScape for a walking tour of neighborhood planters. Randy explained and advised current contract protocol. Patrick took note of our spaces, soils, climate patterns, and currently planted species to advise a palate of viable plant life options. Our next step will be to visit Native West nursery in Chula Vista to view plants in person.

Our professional landscape consultants told us that the plants selected by SANDAG/ the City were not suited for our environment. We were advised to seek different plants that are more suitable, particularly for the swales.

### **Video Go Bankers Hill/ Modality highlights**

Present committee members discussed theme, targets, participants, and materials.

### **Parking Conversions**

Present committee members discussed next steps in communicating and finalizing upcoming meter time changes: 2hr to 4hr on east/west streets.

### **Adjourn**

**In attendance:** Doug Scott, Tom Fox, Peter Raymond, Michael Meacham, Karl Domond  
**Staff:** Gerrie Trussell - Executive Director, Jess Felix - Communications

### Call to Order and Introductions

Doug Scott called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

### Non-agenda public comment

Noted community improvements actively in progress include curb cutouts and a new transit stop on First Ave. Crosswalks are still desperately needed. Pedestrians are constantly at risk. The City recently had to pay \$4.5 million for a fatality and spinal cord injury. We need one at 2nd/Laurel. If someone gets hit there, Doug Scott will testify against the city.

Staff asks every month about the crosswalks going in on 4th/Palm and 5th/Palm – they were paid for in 2019. If we assemble a crosswalk list this month, staff can submit it next month. Sites to request crosswalks include: 2nd/Laurel, 3rd/Upas, 5th/Redwood, 3rd/Hawthorn, 1st/Redwood, 3rd/Juniper.

UCPD staff provided sign cleaning-kit buckets.

In Hillcrest, unknown individuals have taken it upon themselves to remove multi-meter parking kiosks and signs. Since the City contract is over on our parking kiosks, we should request regular meters be reimplemented.

### Approve minutes June 6, 2023

(Scott/Meacham)

One change was noted, to strike a line stating that the City has replaced the bollards on 4th Ave. Even though the City reported this, the bollards have yet to be replaced.

Motion to approve June minutes with the above edit made by Doug Scott. Michael Meacham 2nd. All approve.

### Pride weekend follow up: Parade and BHCG cleaning agreement

Our neighborhood looked great; Bankers Hill volunteers were handling the event. Many people who were not on the volunteer list were still pitching in. The festival was very well policed.

It was noted that the City is not cleaning the bike lanes. A city sweeper needs to hit that area; the magnolia trees on 5th/Olive are shedding and no one is taking care of them. It's creating a stench.

### Landscape / Maintenance Review

Staff provided a list of plants in assorted colors under 18 inches. Committee favorites notes were California Fuschia, purple needle grass, coastal goldenrod, and yellow yarrow.

Given the heat and watering situation, the course of action discussed is to have the Native West nursery contact scope our planters to get a professional opinion on what effective plating options might be. Then we can visit as a committee to view shortlist selections in person. Our current contract with NatureScapes is

under \$1K per month for summer watering once a month, using all reclaimed water, plus trash can collection 3x weekly.

Staff advises the committee that we have \$75K total allocated for maintenance. Currently we pay about 60k for the maintenance contract. We might need to spend more to get them to water more often. The committee feels that these community planters are the most visible thing we do; they need to be great.

Meachum voiced that an assessment of what we're currently using is advised. Reclaimed water has higher salinity. A soil test and water test should be ordered to bring back the plants we have. If we can get access to a hydrant for free water from the City, we can look into upping water frequency up to 3x a week up til November. Michael Meacham volunteered to ask. We can also possibly ask the Native West contact for a soil test.

**Bollard replacements:** The current bollards we have are anchor-bolt design and can't be put back in. One option to re-secure them might be a thin-set cold process molded asphalt patch. Consensus agreed to try this. Our primary goal is to protect pedestrians. Also, we will write to SanDag to request the bollard supplier list in order to maintain the infrastructure that we've been provided in Bankers Hill, including the bollards.

**Video: Go Bankers Hill/modality highlights**

**(Meacham/Fox)**

Motion to create graphics to promote the parking meter time limit change from 2hr to 4hr with a mention of "Bankers Hill Neighborhood Parking Committee" at the bottom made by Michael Meacham. Tom Fox 2nd. All approve.

This content is to be sent to 5th, 4th, and 1st Ave businesses. Discussion to continue for further content educating on our modality lanes, specifically north and south specified bike lane directions.

**Order Bike Corral at 1927 Fourth Avenue**

The City said they would replace the bike rack. They never did. We should. This is in front of the Wet Stone wine bar. The option presented was a freestanding rack with a possible asphalt patch in the street where there is already a red zone, so parking would not be affected. Doug Scott recused himself from the consensus vote on the basis that this is in front of his property. Majority ruled to pursue a sturdier option than the one presented. Meachum is concerned about the City confiscating the rack and its prevention of street sweeping.

**Surveillance cameras in BH**

Bankers Hill would like to endorse this endeavor for our community, but we must make sure that the vendor we contract with will monitor and maintain the data in a way that protects privacy and public safety. Consensus support was unanimous.



### **Bankers Hill Signage**

Discussion on signs at community boundary zones pointing to special points of interest (quoted at \$5K a sign) tabled for next month.

### **Parking Conversions**

The list staff compiled were sighted and verified as viable. In order to get an engineer, the committee must select the top 10 priorities. Committee consensus approves that staff and Doug Scott pick their first tier.

### **Adjourn - 4:37pm**



**In Attendance:** Doug Scott, Peter Raymond, Michael Meacham, Karl Domond

**Excused:** Tom Fox

**Guest:** John Percy

**UCPD Staff Present:** Gerrie Trussell, Jess Felix

### **Call to Order, Introductions**

Doug Scott called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

### **Non-Agenda public comment:**

Committee notes that many neighborhood planters are suffering. There's been no sign of the water truck lately. Do we have authority to access them? Water and weeding would be needed.

### **Approve minutes May 2, 2023**

*(Meacham/Scott)*

**Motion to approve May 2023 minutes made by Michael Meacham. Doug Scott 2nd.**

**3 votes to approve (Raymond, Domond, Meacham) 1 abstention (Scott)**

### **Pride weekend: Parade and BHCG cleaning agreement**

The community group that organizes Pride weekend is looking for volunteers. Hours will be paid. An extra day of trash service will be set.

### **Jupiter Street Art Project - German Rojas, Artist Consultant**

*(Meacham/Scott)*

Artist German Rojas invested a lot of labor and time in completing the application, providing a viable design vision and meeting several times with UCPD staff. Trussell is asking the committee to pay a consulting fee stipend to compensate the artist for his time and design. The committee agrees this is ethical and practical, an act of good business, to pay him for his time and also set a reputation for UCPD's relations with artists for any future commissions.

Even in the absence of the Juniper Street project completion, options for planters should still be pursued to accomplish the goal of beautification and pedestrian safety.

**Motion to pay artist German Rojas a consulting a \$1200.00 stipend made by Michael Meacham. Doug Scott 2nd. All approve.**

### **Landscape / Maintenance Review**

When considering what plants to fill our planters, options should fit more in the category of "ground cover." The plants and blooms we select should be under 16 inches at full maturation. The City waters plants biweekly. Request was made not to cut blooms.

Regarding bollard replacement, two were replaced at 4th & Grape. Another came down at 5th & Spruce. The City is consistently replacing the bollards, but the design of these bollards is impractical. The way they're

shaped and fastened makes them too vulnerable to dislodge upon impact. The committee is interested in exploring alternative bollard styles and materials. Delineators, decorative k-rail, concrete, etc.

### **Walking Signs - 12 ordered, Installed**

The new signs have been installed; a couple have already been tagged (Fir Street). If we get vinyl signs that can be adhered with a squeegee over the graffiti, our signs can be cheaply and instantly refaced.

### **Parking Conversions**

**(Meacham/Raymond)**

Meter time limit changes from 2hr to 4hr: A majority of business owners and residents are in high support of meter time extensions. The Committee examined the block to block inconsistencies among meters on the 300, 400, and 500 blocks of east-west streets and targeted these for meter extensions. Main avenues (4th/5th/6th) would remain 2hr.

Once parking conversions are approved, we'd submit the work order which will take about 90 days to complete. This gives us a 90 day window to generate a campaign for all recent UCPD multimodal improvement announcements, including parking meter extensions and bike friendly business outreach.

### **Motion to approve and request the work order for parking meter conversions from 2 hour to 4 hour on east-west streets and a \$3,000 budget to promote it made by Michael Meacham. Peter Raymond 2nd.**

Restore parking and meters at 2760 5<sup>th</sup> cross street Olive- **Request denied due to Fire access requirements.**

3-Min white to 15 Min green at St Paul's 2700 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. **Tabled until we contact St. Paul's to see where the request is coming from.**

2855 Fifth Avenue (The Park) curb conversions, **removal of 3 Minute Passenger Loading Zone (it does not meet their resident's needs), and repurpose some unregulated gray curb. Add meters and spaces – Approved**

Parallel to Diagonal – begin to identify priority list to City

Public Notices

A discussion followed to move BHNPC meetings to the end of the month, 4th week, to make sure that BH committee meeting action items can be immediately put before the Board.

### **Adjourn - 4:22**