



UPTOWN PLANNERS

Uptown Community Planning Group

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2011: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Alice Birney Elementary School Auditorium

Present: Jaworski, Seidel, Liddell, Edwards, O'Dea, Towne, Wilson (Chair), Gatzke, Adler, Wendorf, Bonn, Bonner, Dahl, Lamb, Grinchuk, Mellos

Board Meeting: Parliamentary Items/ Reports:

Approval of Agenda

The following information item was continued until the April meeting. The individual scheduled to make the presentation was ill.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, RECYCLED WATER PURIFICATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT: Information Item Jen Farrow, City of San Diego Public Utilities Department, will give a presentation on the City of San Diego's Water Purification Program.

Seidel moved to approve agenda, as amended. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the December, 2010 minutes continued to the March, 2011 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dahl reported a balance of \$479.36.

Website Report: None.

Chair/ CPC Report

The chair was not present at the last CPC meeting; Councilmember Sherri Lightner, the new chair of the City Council Land Use & Housing Committee, attended CPC and discusses issues that would come before her subcommittee in 2011.

The chair indicated that San Diego Unified School District approved and issued a permit for the use by Uptown Planners of the Alice Birney Elementary School Auditorium for its meetings. The Uptown Center had likewise made the Joyce Beers Center available for monthly board meetings. There are occasions during the year that one of the facilities will not be available, so it was good to have two potential meeting locations. As Uptown Planners was a city-recognized city advisory group; for reasons of indemnification and insurance, Uptown Planners cannot share its meeting with another organization.

Future agenda items include an informational presentation by Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Center regarding their project at Fourth Avenue and Grape Street, and Caffè Vergano, a proposed sidewalk café on Fifth Avenue in Hillcrest. The chair reminded everyone that there would be a board election at the March board meeting.

Public Communication:

Joyce Summer presented an update on activities at the CCDC.

Tom Mullaney, of Friends of San Diego, spoke regarding SANDAG's population growth projects, and indicated they often were not accurate and were revised based on new data, such as census records. He passed out document entitled "Accuracy of Forecasting for the San Diego Region."

Jim Frost spoke regarding the proposed Sharp-Rees Stealy Medical Center at Fourth Avenue and Grape Street, and expressed concerns about the project's architecture, size, and the historic status of the existing buildings that house the medical center.

Ian Epley stated he felt the Interim Height Limit was having the effect of limiting new development in Uptown, which was contributing to the decline of the neighborhood. He recommended there be exceptions granted for projects, that are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Representatives of Elected Officials:

Courtney Thomson provided an update on the activities of City Councilmember Todd Gloria.

Consent Agenda: None

Information Item: Projects:

The City of San Diego Public Utilities Department, Recycling Water Purification Demonstration Project was continued at the time of approval of the agenda.

Action Item: Development Project Review

REQUEST OF LETTER OF SUPPORT TO PLACEMENT OF AN ALL-WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF PRINGLE STREET AND PUTERBAUGH STREET – Mission Hills – Neighborhood request that Uptown Planners approval a letter of support for placement of a stop sign at intersection of Pringle Street and Puterbaugh Street.

Request by neighborhood residents for the placement of all-way stop sign at the intersection of Pringle Street and Puterbaugh Street; the request is made pursuant to the "alternative process" by which a community planning group could recommend approve a stop sign request, and the City Council office subsequently authorize its placement. Kevin Kelly, a neighborhood resident, spoke on behalf of a group of residents who were present at the meeting.

Motion by O'Dea, seconded by Lamb, to support the request for a four-way stop sign at the above intersection; approved by a vote of 15-0 (non-voting chair abstaining).

3519 INDIA STREET CUP ("CLEAN ENERGY FUELS") – Five Points/ Middletown – Process Three -- Conditional Use Permit to amend CUP 85-0789 to add natural gas fueling facility to an existing gas station on a 0.56 acres site at 3519 India Street in the CL-6 Zone of Mid-City Communities Planned District; AAOZ, Airport Influence Area, FAA Part 77.

Presentation made by Paul Montgomery on behalf of the applicant. No other public comment; discussion by the board.

Motion to approve by Gatzke, seconded by Edwards to approve the project as presented; approved by a vote of 13-1; (non-voting chair abstaining; Liddell recused). Mellos, who voted against the motion, subsequently indicated he wanted the minutes to reflect his vote was a mistake, and he would have voted for the project.

Potential Action Items: Community Planning/ Special Events:

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CDC/HISTORICAL SOCIETY – University Heights –
Recommendations by University Heights CDC/University Heights Historical Society regarding zoning, urban design, and the creation of conservation areas and historic districts within the University Heights community

A power point presentation by University Heights CDC/ Historic Society regarding proposed zoning, urban design and creation of conservation areas and historic districts in University Heights; the presentation was made by Kristin Harms and Mary Wendorf.

Motion by Bonn, seconded by O’Dea, to refer the recommendations to CPCI to be evaluated for inclusion in the Uptown Community Plan update; a friendly amendment suggested by the chair included a recommendation that the proposal be presented to other stakeholder groups in University Heights. The motion passed 15-0 (non-voting chair abstaining).

Subcommittee Reports: Potential Action Item

Election Committee Report:

The Chair recommended that Beth Jaworski, Roy Dahl and Michael Seidel be appointed as members of the election committee for the March elections. A motion was made by O’Dea, seconded by Bonn, to approve the recommendation and appoint Jaworski, Dahl and Seidel as the election committee for the March 2011 board elections; motion passed by 14-0 (non-voting chair and Liddell abstained).

The Chair read the list of 25 individuals who had attended three board meetings in the last year, and so were qualified to be candidates for the board election on March 1, 2011. It included four current board members who could run for a second term; Don Liddell and Bob Grinchuk stated they would be candidates for re-election; Andrew Towne indicated he would not; David Gatzke was unsure.

Membership applications were made available at the meeting for other qualified candidates at the meeting; several were submitted. A notice was to be sent out to all individuals qualified to run as candidates, which would include a membership application. (The notice was sent out on February 6, 2011; in which all board members were also recipients).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by board secretary Andrew Towne