

UPTOWN PLANNERS

FINAL

APPROVED December 5, 2023

Uptown Planners Regular Board Meeting

October 3, 2023

In attendance: Stu McGraw, Chair; Chris Cole, Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Juli Hyde, Don Liddell, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia, Mat Wahlstrom, Jim Walsh, Troy Weber, Susan White

I. Board Meeting: Parliamentary Items.

1. Introductions/Roll Call

2. Seating of newly elected members and appointment to committees.

Troy Weber and Mat Wahlstrom welcomed to the UP. Mat Wahlstrom joins the Plan Hillcrest Committee

3. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order

4. Roster Information Requirement. The City is asking for two different rosters: one that includes only the same information as appears on our website. The second, being collected by Lu, will include addresses and phone numbers.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

Minutes from August 1 approved as amended. Abstained: September 5 minutes tabled until 11/7 meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report. No activity this month; we remain at \$33.95

7. Balboa Park Committee Report. Mayor's office reached out to Mary McKenzie to apply to fill a D3 seat, not the Uptown Planners' seat. A few members remain upset that Brer Marsh officially remains the UP representative when he is no longer on the UP. Mat Wahlstrom says we can request that Brer attend our meeting. Chris Cole suggests that we wait until an issue arises with positions Brer might take "as a UP member."

8. Airport Noise Advisory Committee Report. Chris Cole, no report.

9. Chair's/CPC Report: 301 Spruce Street appeal was denied. If the designation is denied, can we appeal? (Jim Walsh) No, the Planning Department has final say in this case. (Mat Wahlstrom) The issue of the Little Red Bungalow has received a lot of play in the media (Patty)

At CPC, discussed the letter regarding Planning Department response to complaint.

II. Non-agenda Public Comment.

Kate Callen announced her candidacy for the D3 City Council seat. www.katecallen.com.

Tom Mullaney.

Lu Rehling (Board member public comment): Announces that City Forestry is seeking a D3 member. Clean Air Day is tomorrow; public transportation is free. Tobacco product waste in San Diego is the subject of recent study by SFSU.

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III. Representatives of Elected Officials, Agencies, and Institutions.

Logan Braydis, from CM Stephen Whitburn's Office. According to the City Attorney's office, only projects with historical designation can be appealed. That's why the Little Red House could not be appealed.

CM Whitburn is aware of the irregularities of the HRB meeting regarding the Little Red House and plans to look further into it.

Encourages everyone to answer the budget survey online.

IV. Information Items.

1. Airport update. New Terminal 1 Project at San Diego International Airport. Nicole Hall, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.
2. Vacancy report. Mary McKenzie, Secretary. Clifford Weiler will be serving on the Grand Jury and resigned because of a potential conflict of interest. The second vacancy arises because Susan Blackwell was ill and was absent for three consecutive meetings. Subsequently, Blake Peterson's seat is also vacant after missing four (nonconsecutive) meetings.
3. Uptown Storm Drain Replacement. The Engineering & Capital Projects Department will award a design consultant services contract for civil engineering design and environmental services for the project.
4. In the Hills. Community event includes road closures on 10/28 and 12/9 on 1600 block of West Lewis Street.
5. Hillcrest Business Association. Annual meeting includes Mural Alley closure on 10/10 (400 block of University Avenue).

V. Consent Items

1. Special October Board Meeting Concerning CPG Recognition. Final Operating Procedures (plus demographic info) must be approved and submitted by 12/31 for Uptown Planners to continue to be recognized as a Community Planning Group. Lu Rehling, Chair, Operations & Outreach Committee. Special Meeting, October 12. Depending on room availability.

VI. Action Items.

1. Request for Right of Way Vacation of Paper Street. The north half of the street would revert back to the adjacent property owner of 3210 Goldfinch; the south half would revert to and become part of the city parcel that is contemplated as a pocket park. Josh Wozniak, Property Owner. Neither the developer, nor a rep from the City present. Mary McKenzie moves to table. 2nd by Matt Brown. Unanimous in favor, Chair abstaining.
2. Susan Komen Walk. Patty Ducey-Brooks moves to support and Juli Hyde seconds, to support the Komen Walk. Unanimous in favor, Chair abstaining.

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3. Ad Hoc Election Committee. Mary McKenzie, Chair.

Election results are in! Troy Weber and Mat Wahlstrom won their respective seats. Troy's seat expires in March 2024; Mat Wahlstrom's seat expires in March 2027.

There is a 24-hour period after the election in which a complaint may be filed.

Stu will discuss with the Planning Department how we might proceed without another special election before the March general election.

Mary McKenzie moves that Chair Stu McGraw reach out to the Planning Department, specifically Shannon Corr, to request that they allow us to roll any special elections into the March elections. 2nd by Don Liddell. Unanimous in favor, with Chair abstaining.

VII. Administrative Action Items.

Chair reports and set dates for meetings.

1. Election (Ad Hoc): Met 9/25.
2. Operations & Outreach: Met 9/21.
3. Public Facilities: Update on possible uses for old Mission Hills Library. Possible futures: Normal Heights property, University Heights Library closure, Birney Elementary School campus modernization.
4. Design Review. No report.
5. Historic Resources. No report
6. Plan Hillcrest (Ad Hoc): Met 9/28. Next meetings in October & November 9.

VIII. Requests for agenda suggestions and confirmation of next regular board meeting.

November 7, 2023. Joyce Beers Community Center.

IX. Adjournment.