

Golden Hill Planning Committee 6/2021

Zoom Meeting

6:33 pm meeting called to order

**Members Present**

Kathy Vandenheuvel - here

Sabrina DiMinico - here

Will Link -here

Susan Bugbee -here

Cheryl Brierton - here

Monica de la Cruz – here

Richard Santini – joined at 7:36.

Joe Coneglio – here

Valerie Pasquetto – here

Kerry Wesson – here

Michael Gruby – here

**Members Absent**

Reyna Ayala – Resigned

Ian Koskela – not here

Victoria Curran – arrived at 6:45

Celestine Faustino – not here

Paul Schumacher – not here

**Agenda Addition/Deletion**

Deletion- Toni Atkins won't be able to make the meeting, and she will come to next month's meeting. So the initial item is dropped for the agenda

Addition- Our park committee representative term has expired, so we'll need to reappoint Victoria. This is added to the agenda

**Vote to Approve Minutes:**

Joe abstains as he missed the end of the meeting

Kerry abstains as he missed the meeting

Valerie abstains

Mike abstains, also not present

Unanimous apart from abstentions.

### **Government Reports**

Ryan Darsey/City council:

rdarsey@sandiego.gov/ 619-236-6734

There is a new sign on the grotto in Golden Hill area of Balboa Park.

Meet Your Mayor webinar June 26<sup>th</sup> 10am-11am, people can submit questions to be asked of the mayor and the council member. This will be one of the last of the meet your mayor events.

Re: Homeless Encampments- CalTrans is ramping up homeless abatement. Please report those. To report encampments to Caltrans <https://csr.dot.ca.gov/> or call 619-688-6670

Re: Cheryl's questions regarding short term vacation rental ordinance/enforcement. Ryan reiterates the good neighbor policy, which can result in citations up to \$1000. Ryan reached out to Jenn Campbell's office, and they are working on enforcement in regards to the lottery system to try to make enforcement actions limit bad actor's chances of getting a license.

### **Cheryl Questions**

Cheryl saw the city council just saw they passed an ordinance to address gender/race disparity in pay, and wants to know how that will work. Ryan will forward info via Kathy.

### **Joe Questions**

Mentions that it's good Caltrans is starting to make a push on homeless encampments. Wants to know what the city will be doing.

Ryan mentions that the city is going to be making a push, and may start to be doing rotating, scheduled abatements.

### **Cheryl Questions**

Cheryl wants to know what is going on with the police budget and if money has moved over toward mental health services which might also help with the homeless issue.

Ryan says they've moved 4 million from the police budget, but isn't specific as to where that money went.

### **Will Question**

Will wants to know if that money moved from the police budget will go to homeless services.

Ryan answers that there is an additional 10 million for homeless services.

### **Stopher Vallejo/senate pro-temp Toni Atkins office**

Stopher apologizes for the senator not being able to make it, due to budget negotiations. Has a budget update- the state will have a transformative budget going into the fiscal year. As June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline

approaches, it's really looking like there will be large money for education, homelessness, rent/housing relief, climate/fire abatement, covid economic rebuilding, police reform.

Stopher also mentions that San Diego in particular is doing really well in vaccinating, with 73% (vs 50% for the rest of the state). San Diego county disproportionately won the vaccine raffles.

The state will be dropping certain covid restrictions next week.

Stopher mentions his background working in the city, and his experience working with city planning groups.

**Kathy Question:**

When will the planning group be able to meet in person again?

Stopher will look into it and report back.

**Kerry Question:**

Kerry has submitted proposals regarding honest pricing for ticketing venues and the like. He asks for contact info so he can submit that proposal to the senator's office.

**Cheryl Question:**

Cheryl praises Stopher's experience in living in golden hill and working with planning boards. She then asks about housing density and affordable housing in Golden Hill, and mentions frustrations with housing in the area. The board has approved several projects but we aren't seeing returns in affordable housing. Does Stopher/the office have any thoughts comments/etc regarding housing and why these solutions don't seem to be working?

There were a series of bills (5-10) aimed at streamlining and making it easier for housing construction, which should alleviate housing pressure. These bills will try to find compromises between neighborhood concerns and the need to build more housing. One of these bills (9) has strict unit limitations for split lots, and there are other development restrictions to keep neighborhood character.

**Cheryl**

Cheryl reiterates that affordability is key.

Stopher agrees, and these are valid concerns and front of mind when thinking about what kind of bills we are introducing.

**Kathy Question**

Is there a minimum lot size in SB 9?

There is a 60/40 limit for the units. Many local lots wouldn't qualify because they are so small. The law respects local control/local setbacks, etc. It's hard to analyze because the bill does give local governments a lot of ability to restrict it. The goal is the owner to build splits or granny flats, without allowing developers to put up high rises.

**Sabrina Question**

A follow-up in preparation for Toni Atkins visit. While this bill sounds good, in reality it's not going to solve the problem. Small investor groups are flipping homes, developers are buying up homes. Sabrina wants a financial analysis of the bill, how the senator envisions this working out, who the audience is, what developers this is targeting. She wants a detailed explanation for how this will work. She is requesting Atkins bring this information.

Stopher recently met with Representative Alvarez, who wanted to build an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) for his aging father and how difficult it was to get permitting for and ADU. This bill is aimed at fixing that.

Sabrina reiterates her frustrations with affordable housing.

#### **Non-Agenda Public Comment:**

Kathy mentions the Greater Golden Hill Community Development group needs board members. They are great a resource for our community because they are 501c(3), which allows them to go after grants/donations. If interested contact Kathy.

#### **Agenda 1- Park Master Plan Update**

About a year ago, the planning committee did provide comments on the initial draft. The revised version was released two weeks ago, give or take. This will go back in front of the council in July 14<sup>th</sup>, which is a tight deadline. If we want to take action on it we just have this meeting. Do we want to form a sub-committee?

**Cheryl-** The plan didn't take into account what we requested in our community plan and our desire for a multi-modal path through golden hill. I want to push back with the community plan with the things our community would like to see.

**Kathy-** the parks master plan doesn't go in to that level of detail in terms of specific projects. The winds are very likely that this will get approved so we probably need very specific recommendations for changes or our feedback will likely not have impact.

Kathy believes personally it's much improved vs last year. Her greatest concern for golden hill is that we're getting shafted by not being recognized as a community of concern despite a lack of parkland, and we have access issues to Balboa Park. The maps provided suggest anywhere in golden hill you can walk to a park in 10 minutes, which is plainly untrue and disappointing.

Kathy has specific comments about the recreation element. They indicate again communities of concern will get the priorities and have removed language regarding representation/park deficit areas in favor of communities of concern. Kathy finds that less equitable.

**Cheryl –** I'd like to condense what you said into a motion. The average income in golden hill is way below the city average, it's diverse, we have no parks, and yet we aren't a community of concern.

**Kathy-** the definition of community of concern is based on the climate equity index, in study that was already done.

**Cheryl-** we should push back in a strong way.

**Kathy-** we need to be specific, I'd recommend we ask for a reinsertion of specific language that was in the recreation element. Economically disadvantaged/underserved language was removed in favor of "communities of concern."

**Valerie-** concurs that we reiterate what we asked for previously.

**Monica** – suggests an adhoc meeting to review and hash out recommendations. There is discussion on the timeline required.

**Mike-** the paragraph that was stricken had the striking still visible. What would be the impact if we just asked for the strikes to be removed, so we include economically underserved/disadvantaged as well as communities of concern.

**Kathy-** Should we do an ad-hoc committee or are we comfortable submitting a motion right now?

**Monica-** It seems the timeline might be too tight for a real meeting. Communities of concern is how the city is trying to include economically disadvantaged areas, etc. The idea is to standardize what a community of concern based on this specific study, and the government is very unlikely to make changes in just the recreation element.

**Kathy-** I agree, but I think we have to try because the neighborhood does need it and we will end up pushed down the list of funding. It has taken 30 years just to get to the design stage.

**Victoria-** I agree we owe it to the community whether it works out or not.

**Cheryl-** motion I move to change the strikeouts in section RE A14 and allow that to be our chair recommendation.

**Will seconds**

**Kathy adds-** removing the strikeouts requires a bit of grammar smithing, so we'll allow that as a friendly amendment.

**"Designate as a priority, communities of concern, and economically disadvantaged and underserved neighborhoods for funding, acquisition and development of parks and recreation facilities."**

**And similar wording for RE A15**

**"Designate as a priority, communities of concern, and economically disadvantaged and underserved neighborhoods for funding, acquisition and development of parks and recreation facilities for youth activities. "**

Kathy yes

Sabrina yes

Will yes

Cheryl yes

Monica no

Susan yes

Joe yes

Kerry yes

Valerie yes

Mike yes

Richard yes

Victoria- yes

11 yes,1 no motion passes.

**Kerry-** suggests maybe it would be possible to get parks on some of the bridges/the more underserved areas of our community.

**Kathy-** we would love to see a lid over the 94.

## **Agenda 2**

We have an open position due to Reyna's resignation due to conflicts with her grad program. We appreciate her service to the committee. We'll have a call for nominations at our next meeting.

**Susan:**

We have two eligible candidates.

Barbara

Isaac

**Cheryl**

Can we appoint someone today?

**Kathy**

We need to notice at a meeting in advance.

## **Introductions of Barbara and Isaac**

**Barbara Mitana-** she is on Edgemont on South Park, and enjoys going to the meetings to know what is going on in the neighborhood. She would love to be a part of the board.

**Isaac W** – moved from Minneapolis and lives on B street. He thinks that neighbors are the best stewards of the neighborhood and would love to help out any way he can.

**Kathy-** we are likely to have another open position in the next few months, and there are lots of opportunities to join a sub committee.

**Cheryl-** What are your lines of work?

**Barbara-** I'm a retired CPA but I do work in real estate. I moved here from back east where I was buying/selling/renovating properties.

**Isaac-** I wish I were retired. I work in commercial real estate and have for about a decade. I work in property management.

**Sabrina-** I think it's very exciting to have genuinely interested people aligned with what we're doing. How do we make sure we stay in touch to make sure they are stay involved.

**Kathy-** That is why we have Susan! ( 😊 )

**Sabrina-** This is very exciting a lot of us long time members really want new passionate voices. Cheryl seconds the excitement.

#### **Agenda Item: CIP update**

**Cheryl-** I don't want to reinvent the wheel lets keep the same old CIP suggestions.

**Kathy-** I agree, but we should consider new ideas. I'll very quickly go through what we submitted in 2019.

We go item by item through the excel sheet which we can attach to the minutes.

**Kathy-** we should have an ad-hoc committee to vote on these items and rerank them in order of importance.

**Cheryl-** I'm not sure we need to reinvent the wheel, although we can take off the park we wanted at C street by the freeway because they are building apartments. We take that out, and leave the sheet as is.

I want to focus on helping you find a new chair and not reinvent this sheet. **I would make a motion to adopt the previous priorities- the park at C street by the freeway.**

Will seconds

**Valerie-** I might have missed it, but do we have in the list the lid over SR94?

**Kathy-** No, but we can add it

(motion amends to add lid)

**Kerry-** Kerry wants to add two ideas to the sheet. A south park neighborhood sign similar to other neighborhood sign, as well as a neighborhood sign for Golden Hill. The way those signs are funded are typically funded through business contributions. They do attract businesses/people love those signs. We should consider adding that or contact the development committee.

**Kathy-** should we add these to the list?

**Cheryl-** doesn't want to add these to the list.

**Will-** this is too much for this meeting, let's go back to Kathy's suggestion of an ad-hoc committee to reprioritize.

**Isaac-** I'd love to add my two cents to the subcommittee. As a resident, if none of this has ever been done, I'm not sure why we'd think it would get done. Maybe we should prioritize things that will get done.

Monica and Kerry are nominated to lead the ad-hoc sub-committee.

Monica agrees to lead, Isaac wants to be on the committee, Kerry wants to be.

Kathy suggests setting a date.

**Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30. There will be an ad-hoc sub-committee for the new CIP (capital improvements) plan.**

Valerie and Isaac to receive copies of the existing list of projects. Monica will lead, Kerry, Kathy, Valerie and Isaac are interested in attending/being members.

**Agenda Item- Reappointment of Victoria Curran as Balboa Park committee representative.**

**Will-** makes a motion to reappoint Victoria Curran as Balboa Park committee rep.

Cheryl asks whether someone else might be appointed to free up Victoria Curran as a potential replacement for Kathy as chair. Victoria indicated she wants to remain as the park committee representative.

**Joe-** seconds

Kathy -yes

Sabrina- yes

Will -yes

Cheryl -yes

Monica – yes

Susan -yes

Joe – yes

Victoria – yes

Kerry – yes

Valerie- yes

Richard- yes

Mike – yes

Motion passes unanimously.

**Chair Report-**

Kathy reiterates the need to take a new chair. She agreed for 3 months, and has one month remaining. This will be a significant issue in about a month.

Cheryl indicated Will had done a great job with the GGHPC minutes as Secretary and would make a good Chair. Will declined. Sabrina indicated she would resign as Vice Chair rather than take over as Chair.

Victoria- when does the chair need to be seated?



- September.

How long is the position?

-September- March (7 meetings)

Victoria to touch base with Kathy.

### **Balboa Park Committee Report/Captain's meeting**

The committee gave a presentation about new restrooms near the palisades. They want to put a peace pool in, perhaps by the international cottages.

### **Captain's Meeting**

A lot of time was spent on the homelessness issue. The whole idea behind compassionate care has tied police officers hands. Victoria was alarmed to hear that there was a homeless mentally ill man that Luis Torrio was worried a neighbor would come out with a bat.

F street has cars driving way too fast and blowing through stop signs, which was mentioned. Two motorcycle cops were planted outside to watch the stop sign, and another one on G/F. So they are monitoring the stop sign.

They are trying to get these monthly. The next one may actually be in person.

Meeting Adjourns at 8:28pm.