



Tuesday, June 6, 2023

**MINUTES-FINAL (approved August 1, 2023)**

In attendance: Stu McGraw, Chair; Matt Brown, Mary Brown, Chris Cole, Juli Hyde, Don Liddell, Mary McKenzie, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia, Jim Walsh, Clifford Weiler, Susan White  
Absent: Susan Blackwell, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Blake Peterson

I. Board Meeting: Parliamentary Items.

- a. Introductions/Roll Call
- b. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order
- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes (April 21, May 2, June 6)  
Motion by Don Liddell to table approval until the August BOD meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Clifford Weiler. Approved unanimously.
- d. Treasurer’s Report. Mary Brown reports that we are still waiting for reimbursement from the City.
- e. Balboa Park Committee Report. No response from the City regarding Stu’s letter notifying them of the UP’s recommendation to have Mary McKenzie represent UP on the Committee.
- f. Airport Noise Advisory Committee Report. No report.
- g. Chair’s/CPC Report. Stu McGraw reported that the discussion focused on the safe camping ordinance.

II. Non-agenda Public Comment

Ian \_\_\_ introduced a story in the Voice of San Diego about the continual conflict between historic preservationists and development. Argues that the Mills Act tax abatement program has traditionally benefitted the rich.

Tom Mullaney addressed SB10, the proposed law that would allow significantly increased density in residential neighborhoods on single-family lots. It will be considered again by the Planning Commission on August 3. The ultimate decision lies with the City Council. Mr. Mullaney also argued that Blueprint San Diego is an attempt to bypass community plans.

Sharon Gehl stated that Blueprint San Diego is an attempt to economize by considering plans together.

Don Liddell asks that UP agendize a call for action on the recommendation to seat Mary McKenzie on the Balboa Park Committee. Ryan Darsey, Director of Community Engagement for CM Whitburn, points out that this is a Mayoral appointment. Lu Rehling and Clifford Weiler both point out we have the right to contact City staff as individual citizens.

Clifford Weiler asks that UP agendize SB10.

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

Ryan Darsey and Logan Braydis (both from CM Whitburn’s office) were present to discuss the safe camping ordinance. A lively discussion followed, regarding enforcement, location, criminalization of homelessness.

#### IV. Action Items.

1. 1601 University Avenue. Applicant proposes ministerial development under Complete Communities Housing Solutions Regulations of a mixed-use commercial and 100% affordable multi-family housing project of 98 units in the southeast quadrant of University Avenue and Herbert Street.

Brittany Ruggels Wallace, KLR Planning.

A lively discussion ensued. Many BOD members expressed support for this kind of project. A major concern of several attendees was parking with Roy Dahl stating that it is underparked.

Clifford Weiler moves to support the project. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Brown. Vote of support: unanimous, Chair abstaining.

2. Plan for Uptown Planners Special Election. Uptown Planners Ad Hoc Election Committee proposes to fill the two vacant board member seats by holding a Special Election with polling dates of July 29 and August 1, 2023. Mary McKenzie, Ad Hoc Election Committee Chair.

Holding to this schedule would require a special meeting in June at which candidate applications would be accepted. This did not seem feasible to many on the BOD (possible lack of quorum), so the dates were changed. Polling dates are now September 2 and September 5, the latter coinciding with the regularly scheduled BOD meeting. Applications are due by 6 pm at the regularly scheduled BOD meeting on August 1.

Lu Rehling moves that the BOD approve the Ad Hoc Election Committee's Election Plan allowing for the change of dates. Additionally, the Ad Hoc Committee was asked to communicate the Plan to the Planning Department with a request for any objections/clarifications, etc. 2<sup>nd</sup> Clifford Weiler. Approved unanimously, Chair abstaining.

Jim Walsh moves that the Board waive the two-meeting attendance requirement to be eligible only for this Special Election. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Juli Hyde. Unanimously approved; Chair abstaining.

At 8:57 pm, Clifford Weiler moves to extend the meeting by 20 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Juli Hyde.

3. Letter to CPC Reporting Wrongful Action. Consideration of sending a letter to the Community Planning Committee reporting wrongful actions by the Planning Department and requesting action in response. Lu Rehling, Operations & Outreach Committee Chair.

Lu Rehling's proposal focuses on the City's reaction to the issues of Mat Wahlstrom's appointment and subsequent complaints made to the City about that appointment. Lu understands that people will be worried about UP's recertification but argues the City overstepped its bounds and needs to be held accountable. Details spelled out in attached letter.

Motion: Lu Rehling moves that the BOD approve her letter to the CPC with cc's to several other City offices. Don Liddell seconds.

Public Comment: Sharon Gehl (inaudible); Tom Mullaney recommends that it should be sent to the Planning Director, not the CPC. Roy Dahl agrees.

Clifford Weiler: what would this letter to the CPC achieve?

Don Liddell believes the Planning Department needs to get this letter, now.

Juli Hyde supports sending this letter to the Planning Department as well as the other addressees. Lu disagrees that the letter to the Planning Department would be impactful. Lu does not think the Planning Department will listen. The CPC should take this up. "We don't want to get kicked around anymore."

Stu McGraw suggests that the Uptown Planners are being singled out.

Mary McKenzie: "Nobody's going to read this long letter."

Chris Cole: I don't think this letter will clarify the relationship between UP and the Planning Department. I would like to hear from Marlon at the Planning Department.

At 9:19 p.m., Lu moves for a 10-minute extension. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Juli Hyde. Opposed by Jim Walsh, Don Liddell.

Tony Silvia. Moves to table this discussion for one or two months because it is complicated timing, as we are seeking approval of the Election Plan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary McKenzie

Mary B. If we don't receive a response by such and such a date, we'll move forward.

Mary M. Concerned about the timing and also is not sure what this letter will accomplish, and there doesn't seem to be time urgency to this.

Stu McGraw: with a letter like this, there will be unintended consequences. And Stu's signature is on the letter. Stu agrees with tabling. Mary Brown agrees with tabling.

Jim Walsh doesn't see a need to table the issue. Neither does Don Liddell.

Lu Rehling withdraws her current motion for a new motion to table for a time certain.

Motion by Tony Silvia to table the vote on Lu's letter until August 1 meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Brown

In favor: Mary Brown, Matt Brown, Juli Hyde, Mary McKenzie, Tony Silvia

Opposed: Chris Cole, Don Liddell, Jim Walsh, Clifford Weiler, Susan White.

Abstaining: Lu Rehling, because it's her motion; and Stu McGraw, Chair.

Motion fails.

9:29 p.m. Matt Brown moves to extend the meeting time by 10 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Silvia. Unanimous in favor.

Lu Rehling moves to vote on her proposal that the Board approve that her letter be sent to the CPC and cc several city officers. 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Liddell.

In favor: Matt Brown, Mary Brown, Juli Hyde, Don Liddell, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia

Opposed: Chris Cole, Mary McKenzie, Jim Walsh, Clifford Weiler, Susan White

Abstaining: Stu McGraw as Chair

Motion Passes.

IX. Adjournment.

At 9:37 p.m., Susan White moves to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Silvia. Unanimous in favor.