

Golden Hill Planning Committee 5/2021

Zoom Meeting

6:35 pm meeting called to order

**Members Present**

Kathy Vandenheuvel - here

Sabrina DiMinico -here

Will Link -here

Susan Bugbee -here

Victoria Curran – joined at 6:45

Celestine Faustino – joined at 6:45

Paul Schumacher - here

Cheryl Brierton - here

Monica de la Cruz - here

Richard Santini – here

Joe Coneglio - here

**Members Absent**

Reyna Ayala – not here

Valerie Pasquetto – not here

Kerry Wesson – not here

Michael Gruby – not here

Ian Koskela – not here

Addition to agenda- Cheryl Brierton notes SPD officers will try to stop in Officer Rivas + replacement. They will speak when they show up.

**Approve Minutes:**

Cheryl Brierton moves to approve. Paul seconds. Unanimous vote of those present, other than Joe Coneglio abstaining (wasn't present at previous meeting).

**Government Reports**

**Ryan Darsey (Whitburn Office)-**

Budget priority pop up meeting in North Park Community park on Saturday. 10am-12pm. Possibly an upcoming series of budget priority meetings.

3060 Broadway was elevated to a department head.

Scoop San Diego- a drivethrough ice cream festival at innovation point on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11am-6pm. 100% profits go to feeding San Diego. More info to come via email.

Climate Equity Fund- Golden Hill **can** be part of the climate equity fund. Council member requested 250k from the mayor for the neighborhood to plant 1200 trees. Golden Hill/Balboa Park/Downtown.

Cheryl Brierton Questions:

When will there be a budget meeting in Golden Hill?

A: Possibly next released meeting.

Can we do those on zoom?

A: The first forum was Thursday with the IBA(independent budget analysts) and maybe another one soon.

Cheryl Brierton asks that future meeting notices be sent out via email to all planning committee members.

Joe Coneglio Questions:

A few months ago we talked about homeless problems. Problem is getting worse, Caltrans isn't doing anything. Will the city make this a priority?

A: CalTrans is following CDC guidelines, but maybe we can bring community relations officers in with CalTrans and now that covid restrictions are being lifted maybe they can do more.

What is the stance of the city on this?

A: Some encampments have been gone in and cleared out. There are constituents on both sides of the issue. They have given notice and vacated certain areas, but CDC restrictions are also making things difficult.

Sabrina DiMinicio Question/Comment:

Once we're out of the pandemic the community is going to keep pushing on this. This is a public health issue. Previous hep A outbreak was a public health issue.

David Swarens/Comment:

Is there an ongoing public health outreach effort to the homeless camps? As Sabrina mentioned the previous epidemic in San Diego was the hep A outbreak.

Answer: The current policy is posting signage saying they need to vacate, followed by cleaning them out.

David Reiterated: the question is about public health/covid vaccine out reach. Is vaccine out reach being done?

A: Yes, they are doing vaccination out reach to the homeless encampments.

**Officer Rivas/Tavares:**

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Important news- Rivas is transferring. Tavares is the replacement community officer.

Update- car break ins/property crimes is our most pressing issue, but it has not increased in the last month. There are on going issues with the homeless.

Cheryl Brierton Question:

What is the current policy/approach with the homeless? Last time it was suggested to report to CalTrans/Get-It-Done.

Answer: We can't arrest right now, unless felony crimes are committed. Due to covid, the county isn't accepting arrest. Hands are completely tied. If they refuse services/out reach/they can only be issued a citation.

**Kohta Zaiser/Mayor office:**

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Budget review hearings concluded yesterday. May revised comes out later this month.  
[https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/budget-process\\_final.png](https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/budget-process_final.png)

San Diego housing commission emergency rental assistance is available, encouraged struggling community members to apply.

Kohta pasted this press release in the chat regarding homeless encampments:

Suspension of cleanups and enforcement during inclement weather

- Suspension of cleanups at night
- Easier means to retrieve personal items removed during cleanups
- Clearer and more consistent noticing of cleanup schedules
- Reduction of law enforcement visibility

Coordination of cleanup activities with outreach activities to ensure that unsheltered residents are offered shelter and services ahead of the cleanups

Cheryl Brierton Questions:

I notice you said the budget hearings have concluded, but earlier we heard they are gathering input. Are these contradictory?

No. The concluded hearings were about the first proposed budget, now that this is released, there is a period for public comment and input, and that will be incorporated into a revised budget.

Can you talk about specifically about the police budget?

Unlike news headlines, there WERE cuts to the discretionary police budget, primarily in overtime funds, that money is going to police review commissions, youth prevention, mental services. However, there were non-discretionary increases in police pensions/vehicle insurance,etc.

### Korral Taylor/Rep Sarah Jacobs Office

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Sarah Jacobs is trying to make the child tax credit permanent.

Also, there is a restaurant revitalization fund, she encourages community restaurants to apply:

<https://restaurants.sba.gov/requests/borrower/login/>

There is a highschool art competition.

<https://sarajacobs.house.gov/services/art-competition.htm>

There is an essay contest opened to any constituent.

<https://sarajacobs.house.gov/services/2021-essay-contest.htm>

### Non-Agenda Public Comment

Tershia d’Elgin- wants to add an item on a future agenda about storm drainage in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Canyon.

### Scott Sanfillippo on Water main replacement/952

This project replaces water mains in downtown/barrio logan/golden hill.

Streets will be resurfaced or slurry sealed, and new curb ramps will be installed. Effected streets:



### Impacted Streets:

- 19<sup>th</sup> St (B St to E St)
- B Street (16<sup>th</sup> St to 19<sup>th</sup> St)
- Broadway (17<sup>th</sup> St to 19<sup>th</sup> St)

Construction won't start until 2022, to be completed by 2024. Cost of 7.4 million.

Kathy Questions:

A lot of times they fix the major street intersections but there is no curb ramp constructed when the side walk crosses an alley.

Answer: the operating policy is that if the replaced pipe does cross an alley they do replace the curb, but this project doesn't have any alley crossings.

Cheryl Brierton Questions:

You say some things will be slurry sealed and some will be resurfaced. How will you make sure the streets will be properly fixed not just slurry sealed?

Answer: Just to give the policy- we do design overlay or we design slurry seal and it's dependent on the street. The overall-condition-index (oci) rates the streets. If the index is low it gets overlay. Streets that are in good condition get slurry sealed.

Cheryl Brierton asks for an email with info on which streets get overlay vs just slurry seal. That will be sent to Kathy.

David Swarens Question:

Does the oci take into account the grading of the street and the repeated overlays?

Answer: The oci does not take into account repeated slurring/asphalt build up. You can elevate this to a local council member, it might make its way back to engineering capital projects.

Further answer from Jericho- if you have drainage issues you can reach out to the stormwater/drainage group.

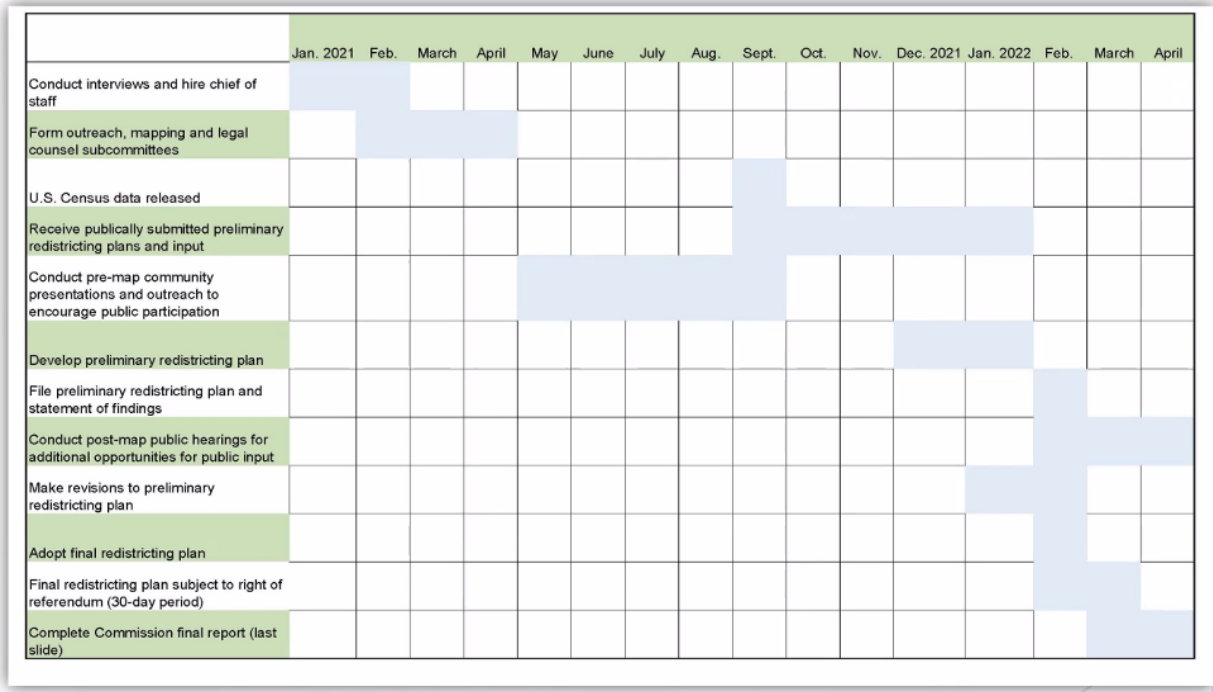
**Lora Fleming/Roy MacPhail on redistricting commission:**

There is a powerpoint presentation that will be with these minutes.

San Diego is 9 council districts. The census data will redraw the council districts by the new census data to equally apportion them.

The commission wants to get people in the community involved in redistricting, timeline below.

# Potential Timeline



Census data is delayed so redistricting may be delayed, timeline may shift.

Some of the districts are much larger than they were 10 years ago, some much smaller, so there may be large changes to districts.

The commission meets on the third Thursday of every month at 3pm. Comment at [www.sandiego.gov/redistricting-commission](http://www.sandiego.gov/redistricting-commission)

Question from Brady:

What are we doing about the census data collection difficulty due to pandemic, etc?

Answer: Legally obligated to use census data as is. There are statisticians looking at the data, but the commission has to use the official census data.

Question from Cheryl Brierton:

Thank you for going to all the planning committees! Do you use the boundaries of the community planning groups/communities when redistricting?

Answer: We do use the planning committee boundaries in how we create the city council boundaries. It's a balancing game, but we definitely use it.

Comment from David Swarens:

Appreciates the committees use of Next Door. Also notes that Golden Hill was split in two in previous districting.

## **Golf Course Drive Improvement (Victoria Curran)**

The meeting with the Parks commission went well. The committee approved the plan, including the sharp right turn, the whole length of which will be a class 1 bike lane. There will be a class 2 bike lane in a one-way horse-shoe.

Kathy adds:

One new wrinkle, there is a memorial pepper grove on the corner of golf course drive and 26<sup>th</sup> that is going to be taken out by the drainage swell. Maybe we can move the trees/add a memorial plaque to preserve the memorial.

Susan adds:

Grove was in honor of George Cook who was heavily involved in the development of Balboa Park.

Kathy:

Maybe we can use the climate equity budget, or something similar for funding for the trees.

Victoria:

Maybe friends of balboa park. The friends are finally going to get a sign at the grotto.

David Comment:

Pepper tree replacement will be an issue because pepper trees are considered invasive, even California pepper trees. It's an uphill battle.

Back to golf Course drive- recommending that the landscape design will hopefully include onsite mitigation due to things like changing the grade of the canyon.

Also recommending that the traffic engineer should consider the lighting design based on the idea it's a multi-modal path. Lighting should be pedestrian oriented/match the rest of the park.

Cheryl Brierton Question to Paul:

Did Paul have any insights from the subcommittee meeting to add to this?

Answer:

I think David covered it. Last week we went through a list of priorities and what we'd heard from the city and what items we can no longer impact. Landscape design/lighting/pepper grove.

The 60% plans we've seen the of the biofiltration area near the pepper grove stayed away from it, and the grading didn't indicate an impact though it's very close. Paul is curious if they specifically said the pepper grove would be removed.

Kathy says they weren't clear where the pepper grove was.

A short discussion on getting the exact location of the grove to provide to the city so they can check if it's impacted. Brady suggests getting the gps coordinates of the grove.

Cheryl Brierton:

The city of San Diego has a program now where you have to pay for a memorial. The city itself should have some record of who paid to get the memorial.

David:

The city has GPS mapping of trees/landscape features, which might allow getting gps coordinates.

### **Short Term Rental Ordinance Efficacy Metrics:**

Overview- there are new restrictions on the amount of short term rentals. Mission Beach has a separate standard, but the rest of the city has few short term rentals (STR).

Presentation by Andrea, attached to agenda, Kathy went through the presentation.

Opening it up for discussion because this is going to come up for a vote at the CPC meeting. Proposes a lot of metrics to monitor around proposed STR ordinance.

Cheryl Brierton:

We've heard a lot of testimony around this issue by the community.

1. There was a group of recently retired small homeowners and this was part of the retirement plan, vs big hotel companies. No questions addressing that sort of metric.
2. Nothing addressing pest control to adjacent properties.
3. Complete unworkability of the present reporting system because code,etc violations are at night when you can't get code enforcement. Non-emergency number of police unworkable. Is this really a good use of 911?
4. The way it's worded doesn't get to the problem of hotel chains buying properties to use as short term rentals.

They need to address these with metrics.

Kathy:

I think the ordinance was written so that it was only individuals who could apply for short term rental permits. Throws it to Ryan.

Ryan:

Yes, that is correct. I want to bring up enforcement regulation: the STR provides the city the possibility to revoke or suspend the license, and hosts must have a contact to address problems within an hour, which should deal with the code compliance issue.

Ryan Encourages reporting of party houses.

General discussion ensues of code compliance violations and the difficulty of reporting them at night.

David Swarens:

Really thinks monitoring general housing prices is important, not just affordable housing.

He also suggests money could be set aside to build a hotline for dedicated complaints.



Kathy:

Big issue is housing availability, that is my concern with STRs.

Brady:

Beyond the short term rentals, foreign investors buying properties to flip takes homes off the market. Maybe we should restrict foreign investors from buying property.

Monica:

Brings up the nuance of renting a house a couple weeks of the year for pride/con. The STR process might not be reflective of people who rent a few weeks of the year vs year-round rentals.

### **Motion**

Paul:

I propose the revised motion at the end of the presentation, it captures what we covered.

Susan Seconds

Kathy reads the motion from the presentation out:

**Acknowledging the possible strain that is put on communities, we ask that the City Council add the following quality of life metrics to the STR ordinance, to be used to evaluate the efficacy of the ordinance during it's required yearly review: Stock of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH), cost of general housing, public school enrollments, increase on rents both commercial and residential, STR related nuisance calls to the police and code enforcement including times these calls were placed, TOT revenues from STRs, increase in trash pickups, demographics of STR owners/operators.**

### **Comments on motion:**

Cheryl Brierton wants to revise motion to include funding for a purpose built city phone line for STR enforcement, and other the other complaints she brought up.

Kathy isn't sure what that change would look like/if it can be phrased as a motion.

Monica:

I'm not sure what we mean by demographic info. Maybe we need to be more specific.

Brady:

As a business owner, you can file your business in Nevada, so their paperwork is organized in Nevada. So if you look at who owns an entity it'll likely be they're registered out of Nevada. So demographics might not be helpful/might be hard to get.

Kathy:

Since this is a recommendation to collect data to revisit the ordinance every year, lets wait to see what data comes from the ordinance next year and we can decide if new recommendations are in order.

Monica agrees.

Cheryl Brierton:

To sum up, I will oppose this motion because she doesn't think this will address the issues of concern in this community.

**Votes:**

Kathy- yes

Sabrina – yes

Will – yes

Cheryl – no

Monica – yes

Susan – yes

Joe – left prior to this item

Victoria – yes

Celestine – no

Richard – yes

Paul – yes

**Motion carries 8-2**

**Chair Report:**

Kathy mentions she has 2 months remaining on her tenure as chair. Please if you want to be chair start speaking up.

Cheryl Brierton

There are certain people who agreed to be on the committee and have been absent twice. How many times can they miss before they have to be replaced.

Susan clarifies: the threshold is 4 missed meetings in a year, or 3 consecutive.

Kathy: That timeline doesn't work for replacing me(Kathy) as chair.

Concerns about development at 3060 Broadway. Development approved in February in 2017 is not going forward, a different development will go forward. That was mentioned by Ryan at the start of the meeting as well, email has gone to relevant department head.

**Golf Course Drive Committee:**

Kathy adds parks master plan is imminent. Keep an eye out.

**Balboa Park**

Already mentioned signage on the grotto, Friends of the Park is doing some work on the grotto..

They might restrict public access to the grotto, lets keep an eye out.

David:

Joe Grant lead a team that did a lot of repair work, then the city staff and boyscouts rolled it backwards.

David suggest himself and Joe as wanting to be involved in any work on the grotto.

Meeting ends at 8:56.