

CITY HEIGHTS AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of January 6th, 2020

1. Chair Russ Connelly called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The following committee members were present: Jake Banfield-Weir, David Bowen, Rosa Calvario, Maria Cortez, Brian Green-Carson, Wendy Miller, David Nelson, Lisa Nguyen, Dhaha Nur, Blair Overstreet, Scott Paquette, Michael Rossler, Juan Pablo Sanchez, Patty Vaccariello, and Russ Connelly. Committee members absent were: Edgar Balderas, Brenda Diaz, Francisco Garcia, Jose Hernandez, Roddy Jerome and Hamdi Noor. As per the Brown Act, the Chair has explained the voluntary sign-in sheet to the audience.

2. Committee has approved the November minutes.

3. The committee unanimously approved the agenda.

4. Off-Agenda Public Comment: Eric Tolmeyer, from the City Heights CDC, gave update on the future mixed-use properties (also known as the Sally Wong building and previous temporary fire station) located on University Avenue near the SR-15. Demolition is expected to begin at the end of the month or early February. The contractor is currently waiting for the permit. At the early design phases of the mixed-used with affordable housing and commercial units. The previous temporary fire station site will be an open area for community visioning opportunities and forums. Ross Naismith, an eastern area community planning representative is running for the District 9 City Council seat. Vianney Ravulcaba, from the City Heights CDC, along with Circulate SD are hosting a community planning group 101 on Jan 27th, 6PM, in the same room as the committee meetings. Forum will feature different planning group members, dinner, interpretation, and child care. Patty Vaccariello announced that the Islenair community had a successful packer clean up. Five tons of trash and recycling were collected. David Nelson commented the new parking changes on Poplar Ave. are working very well and to check out the cannabis place which opened about a month ago on Home Ave. He also highlighted the \$2,000 price for a permit to fix a sidewalk and for recycling fees on electronics and mattresses. Blair Overstreet announced to the public the availability for translation and interpretation services for the public audience. David Bowen reminded the committee and audience of the March 3rd Primaries and promoted working for the Census for April.

5. Staff Report and Comment: Ana Medina, from City Council President's Office Georgette Gomez, announced the shift in community representatives, with Gloria Cruz areas being covered by the other council representatives. Currently working on the budget priority memo therefore any infrastructure priorities that one wants to highlight need to be received by the Councilmember. The State of the District address will be happening on Jan. 29th, 6PM.

6. Business Agenda:

6.1. Appointment to fill the School/Non-Profit 2020 Seat: Seat will be open in the election thus only serving for the January, February, and March meeting if filled this month. No one volunteered and seat not filled. Item was tabled.

6.2. Declare vacant the At-Large 2021 seat: The Chair announced the lack of communication and completion of the COW training from the current At-Large 2021 member. Patty Vaccariello motion to declare open the At-Large 2021 seat, with Maria Cortez as second. Motion Passed (13/0/0) with the Chair not Voting.

6.3. Update on Euclid Sidewalks Project: Daniel Kay, from Civic San Diego, gave an update on the project. The project is using former Redevelopment Bond proceeds designated (\$1,000,000) for the City Heights Planning Area with Bob Suntherlin being the primary point of contact. The project focuses on the west side of Euclid Avenue, between Dwight Street and Thorn Street. The project will see significant utility relocation issues (boxes) and will work around ADA compliance and grating. Preliminary estimates and concept was shown, costing over the \$1 million dollar budget, but is working with city staff to find more funding rather than sacrificing the design. Sidewalks will be improved and 2 continental street crossings will be added, to be determined by a traffic study. They are working with property owners and street trees may be added in the future depending on the finalized budget. Current time line is 4-6 months for processing and to place project up for bid, and 8-10 months for the construction period. Civic will return to the Committee for further input, cost descriptions, and preliminary design elements in about 3-4 months.

6.4 Otay Pipelines 1 & 2 Project Overview: spokesperson on the project is Vic Salazar Communications with Lori Sutton and Gabriel Torres as presenters. The project was presented to the committee 3 years ago covering the design. Curbside and gutter improvements and resurfacing of streets will be happening in the project area. The project has since been scaled down and the map presented does not completely reflect the current project. The project will stretch 5.2 miles, 1.2 less than previously presented. Pipeline project has been abandoned the area near Euclid Ave. The crossings on Interstate 15 has been eliminated and the crossing on Landis St. at the 805 into North Park has also been eliminated. Project started today with confirming utilities and design. The third part of the project is on University Ave. from Highland Ave. to 43rd St. Notifications will be sent to those who live within 300ft of the project area. Updates will be given via a website sign up. Project will total 500 working days with an October to May moratorium, and estimated completion in 2 years. Updates will be given to the Committee in the upcoming months.

6.5. Update from 2020 Election Subcommittee: Blair made an announcement regarding upcoming election. Must be on the sign-in sheet by the February meeting to qualify. March 2nd is the election day. Seats open include residential, non-profit/school, at-large and business. Applications are available and the election begins 2 hours before the start of the March meeting and goes to 8:00 PM. Deadline to apply is February 21st at 5PM. Fliers were passed out. She also requested to help spread the word about the election and to contact Wendy if one would like to help during election day. Election Sub-Committee members include Maria Cortez, Wendy Miller, Blair Overstreet, and Roddy Jerome.

7. Chair's Report: Stop signs in Cherokee Point have been approved. Stop signs will replace the current yield and will be located at Cherokee and Myrtle. Committee may expect several action items in February with Info items in March.

8. Committee Member reports and Comments: David Nelson, Patty Vaccariello, Blair Overstreet, and Brian Green-Carson made comments.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM