

CITY HEIGHTS AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes for November 5, 2018

1. Chairman Russ Connelly called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Aracely M. Lara, Brenda Diaz, Brian Green Carson, David Bowen, David Nelson, Jessie Sergent, Jose Hernandez, Juan Pablo Sanchez, Maria Cortez, Mazda Mehraz, Ramla Sahid, Randy Van Vleck, Rickie Brown, Roddy Jerome, Rosa Calvario, Scott Paquette were present. Abdullahi Yusuf, Andre Sanz, Patty Vaccariello were absent.
2. Randy Van Vleck offered and Jessie Sergent seconded a motion to approve the minutes for October. The committee unanimously approved the minutes.
3. Maria Cortez offered and Brian Green Carson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The Committee voted 15/0/0 (chair not voting) and the motion passed.
4. Off-agenda public comments: Jim Varnadore encourage voters to go vote on November 6th. City Heights resident made a comment about the ninety-degree parking on the east side of 35th Street between Landis Street and University Avenue looking more like a parking lot rather than a community of family homes.
5. Staff reports and comment -
City Planner: Nathan Cosman will be attending quarterly or as needed and his role is to be a conduit between the city and the community.

Chief Operating Officer: Kris Michell with the Mayor's office introduced herself and explained she will be focusing on the operations and transparency of the city. She can be reached at 619-235-5806 or kmichell@sandiego.gov.

Council Representative: Gloria Cruz handed out the November edition of the District 9 newsletter. Addressed a question David Bowen had in regards to an article in the San Diego Union Tribune in rewards for reporting illegal dumping.

6. **6.1:** Mara Elliott (San Diego City Attorney), came to give a presentation on some of the work she is doing. They are in the process of filming training materials so when there is no staff available to guide us we feel we have the knowledge to resolve issues that come before the committee. They have enacted a gun violence restraining order program and have achieve 80 restraining orders by working directly with the police chief in the last eleven months. They have a Family Justice Center (located at 11th and Broadway) which is a place a victim of domestic violence can get all the help they need under one roof. You can contact her via email at cityattorney@sandiego.gov.
- 6.2:** Erik Tilkemeier, Economic and Urban Development Director from City Heights Community Development Corporation mentioned that they are partnering with Wakeland Housing and Development to pursue the acquisition of four city owned sites associated

with the SR-15 construction. City Heights CDC is requesting a letter of support for a grant with a deadline for December 5, 2018. After discussion, Brian Green Carson offered and Ramla Sahid seconded a motion to offer a letter to support, in concept, a mixed-used transit oriented affordable housing development, consistent with the Mid-Cities Community Plan, as proposed by a partnership between Wakeland Housing & Development and City Heights Community Development Corporation, on the parcels located at University Avenue & 40th Street (APN 447-491-31), University Avenue & 41st Street (APN 454-762-13) and 4101-22 University Avenue)454-763-25,-15,-16 aka Sally Wong building) in City Heights. The committee voted 11/4/1 (chair not voting) and the motion passed. Randy Van Vleck abstained because he has an economic interest.

6.3: Groundwork San Diego - Chollas Creek presentation was tabled for another time when Vickie Estrada (landscape architect and urban designer) can give the presentation.

6.4: Aracely Lara addressed the issues she had and why she was unable to make it to CHAPC meetings. She wants to vacate her seat and offered her resignation.

6.5: Ramla completed the eCOW and there is no further action to follow up.

6.6: Brenda Diaz, Jessie Sergent, and Scott Paquette volunteered to serve on the election subcommittee.

7. Chairman shared that discussed at the October CPC meeting that the City is still working on their parks master plan. They are still receiving input from the public through a website established for the project (www.cityofsandiegoparksplan.com) to update the current plan from 1955. Chair met with Matt Yagyagan from Councilmember Gomez's office because they have started to take priority lists for what projects to include in the fiscal year 2020 budget. The priorities for budget items will be discussed at the November mid-month meeting so that we can approve the letter at the December meeting and send it to the Councilmember's office. Chair stressed that committee members should read the research materials he sends out before the meetings. Mentioned there might be a new location for our monthly meetings potentially at 43rd Street beginning January 2019.
8. Brenda Diaz, Randy Van Vleck, Maria Cortez, Aracely Lara, David Bowen offered Committee comments.
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.