



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

*Planning a Vibrant Downtown for All*

**Downtown Community Planning Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 17, 2024, 5:30 PM**

**12th Floor Committee Room, City Hall, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA, 92101**

- I. **Call to Order 5:34 pm**
  - A. Roll Call completed, quorum established (13 of 15 (4 vacancies)) established.
  - B. In attendance: Rodriguez, Link, Bargmann, Eddy, George, Grey, Gu, Helmer, Saldana, Schwarz, Villarina, Werve, Winslow. Absent (2) Lauer, Randolph
- II. **Consent Agenda:** Approved unanimously (13) with exception noted below.
  - A. DEC Minutes: Eddy abstained (absent).
  - B. Ratify Actions of the Communications Committee (attached)
- III. **Non-Agenda Public Comment**
  - A. Kate Callen - 2024 Candidate for San Diego City Council District 3
    1. Promotes diversity on planning groups
- IV. **Community Reports Representatives from Elected Officials and Agencies:** None.
- V. **Appointment of Vacant Seats**
  - A. Little Italy Resident – Rammy Cortez resume provided with agenda, brief intro
    1. Motion for appointment – Rodriguez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Werve. No objections to hand vote, Unanimous approval of appointment (13). Seated immediately.
- VI. **Resolution in support of Regulations of Smoke Shops near Schools**
  - A. *Manny Rodriguez motioned resolution and opened for discussion*
  - B. *DCPC members shared concern about absence of full understanding of the specific business (near library) approved by city and existence (or void) of ordinances re Smoke Shop locations, inventory, age restrictions.*
  - C. *Bargmann recommended issue be tabled to future meeting*
  - D. *Link motioned, Helmer 2<sup>nd</sup> that issue be tabled with minutes noting broad DCPC member concern expressed during discussions. Unanimously approved.*
- VII. **Committee & Task Force Reports**
  - A. **Design Review Committee. Committee Chair** - Chloe Lauer taking a pause from DCPC. After board discussions Bendan Bargmann volunteered with no

alternate candidate and no objections. DCPC Chair appointed Bargmann as Design Review Committee Chair. Rammy Cortez appointed to the Committee.

#### B. Elections Committee

1. Volunteer(s) sought to chair committees and run upcoming elections. Discussion followed:
  - a) JP Schwarz and B. Bargmann appointed to co chair committee
  - b) It was noted that DRG had offered to help staff polling locations and that Make Pizza (Terry McCleary) had again offered his restaurant as polling location during business hours.
2. Seats up for election:
  - a) Little Italy Resident
  - b) Little Italy Business
  - c) Marina Business
  - d) Columbia Business
  - e) Cortez Resident
  - f) Horton/Gaslamp Business
  - g) East Village North Resident
  - h) East Village South Resident
  - i) 3 At Large Community Organizations
  - j) 2 At Large for any resident, business, or community organization

#### C. Public Spaces

1. Balboa Park Committee - Chris Eddy
  - a. Achieve quorum and met JAN 2024
  - b. Changes include anticipated Botanical opening end 2024, Auto museum façade updated
  - c. (5) restrooms to be rebuilt are the Organ Pavillion, Auto Museum, Spanish village, Jr. Theater, Morley Field.
  - d. Parks and Rec hired AEA Consultants to activate Balboa Park, recommended member survey completion, and attended open meetings.
    - i. City provided a late notice of 2.5.24 public zoom meeting.
    - ii. AEA will also be hosting a public engagement session to gather additional public input. Thursday, March 7 at Balboa Park Committee Monthly Meeting at Santa Fe Room / Balboa Park Club 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2150 Pan American Road, West
    - iii. [Balboa Park Visitor Priorities Survey \(research.net\)](#)
2. Parking Management Committee – Rodriguez to appeal for DCPC member
  - a. Discussions re \$2.1M budget upcoming fiscal year, Consideration of, climate action, meter revenue, JP as alternate member. Manny encourages attendance by all.

**VIII. Adjournment 6:45 pm** Next meeting on February 21st, 5:30pm. City Hall's 12th Floor Committee Room.