

CITY HEIGHTS AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE  
Minutes of January 3, 2022

Russ called the meeting to order and called roll at 6:31 PM. Paula Ezcurra, Francisco Garcia, Patty Vaccariello, Jim Varnadore, Edwin Lohr, Brian Green-Carson (6:55), Maria Cortez, David Nelson, Mazda Mehraz, Rosa Calvario, Phoung Ngyen (6:40), Randy Torres-Van Vleck, Marcellus Anderson, Russ Connelly, Scott Anglim and Michael Rossler were in attendance. Asma Abdi, Ken Furukawa, Roddy Jerome and Rahmo Abdi were absent.

1. After roll call, the sign in sheet was disclosed per Brown Act and Council Policy 600-24 guidelines.
2. Minutes of December 6, 2021 were approved unanimously as corrected.
3. Patty motioned and Maria seconded approval of the agenda. Passed unanimously.
4. Ben Mendoza of Council President Elo-Rivera's office gave staff comment.
5. Becky Rapp gave public comment about proposed revisions to the Marijuana Retail Ordinance and Taylor McDonald talked about possible formation of a City Heights Maintenance Assessment District.

Business Agenda:

- 6.1 John Segovia requested to be appointed to the Youth-2023 seat and introduced himself and his qualifications. The Chair mentioned that his application was received and verified. Patty motioned and Jim seconded to appoint John to fill the seat. The vote was 14-0-0 with the Chair not voting and John was seated. No one stepped forward to be appointed to the Youth-2022 seat and that part of the item was continued.
- 6.2 Mike Clark the owner of the property at 3553 Landis Street talked about the request for an easement vacation on his property. After discussion, David motioned and Brian seconded to approve the request for the street vacation. The vote was 16-0-0 with the Chair not voting and the motion passed.
- 6.3 Mazda Mehraz discussed the problem of missing trash cans along University Avenue. He commented that the City Heights Business Association has assessed businesses for the cost of the cans and he has requested they be returned to their locations but has not been satisfied with the response from the CHBA. It was requested by the committee that the Chair ask the CHBA to attend the February meeting to explain the program and their position. Mazda motioned and Brian seconded to send a letter to the CHBA stating that the CHAPC supports the businesses in the BID and requests that the CHBA restore trash cans along University Avenue as soon as possible and to clean University Avenue six days per week per their contract with the businesses. The vote was 14-2-0 with the Chair not voting and the motion passed.

6.4 The City Traffic Engineering Department sent the Chair a letter on the intent to place a stop sign at Ridgeview Drive and Laurel Street. After much discussion by the committee as well as local and neighborhood residents, a motion was made by Francisco and seconded by Brian to reaffirm the request to place a stop sign at the proposed location. The vote was 14-3-0 with the Chair not voting and the motion passed.

6.5 Sonya Robinson and Bill Powers of Protect Our Communities made a informational presentation on clean energy, net metering and SDG&E's recently renewed contract with the City of San Diego.

6.6 Election Subcommittee update: Russ mentioned that postcards and emails have been sent out. The subcommittee is working to get the word out and applications are beginning to come in. He also reminded everyone in the meeting of the need to sign in to be recorded as attending for the purpose of proving attendance for election purposes.

7. Russ updated the committee on the request for the previous meeting that the Planning Department and the City Council act on our request to modify the terms for the Youth Seats as soon as possible, preferably before the upcoming election.

8. Francisco, David, Patty, Brian and Mick made committee comment.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. Next Meeting Monday February 7, 2022.