

CITY HEIGHTS AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE  
Minutes of February 7, 2022

Russ called the meeting to order and called roll at 6:32 PM. Paula Ezcurra, Francisco Garcia, Patty Vaccariello, Jim Varnadore, Edwin Lohr, Maria Cortez, Asma Abdi (7:24), Mazda Mehraz, Rosa Calvario, Phoung Ngyen, Randy Torres-Van Vleck, Roddy Jerome, Rahmo Abdi, Russ Connelly, Scott Anglim and Michael Rossler were in attendance. David Nelson, Brian Green-Carson, Keni Furukawa and Marcellus Anderson were absent.

1. After roll call, the sign in sheet was disclosed per Brown Act and Council Policy 600-24 guidelines.
2. Minutes of January 3, 2022 were approved unanimously.
3. Patty motioned and Maria seconded approval of the agenda. Passed unanimously.
4. Council President Sean Elo-Rivera gave updates on items that affect the 9<sup>th</sup> District including the City budget, homeless & housing and the environment. He and staff members Julio Garcia and Ben Mendoza answered questions.
5. Public Comment: Patty talked about the Euclid Gateway and its need for maintenance, William Perno gave comment about proposed revisions to the Marijuana Retail Ordinance and Taylor McDonald gave details on the City Heights Business Association.

Business Agenda:

- 6.1 Enrique Gandarilla and Jose Cervantes of the City Heights Business Association talked about the trash removal program sponsored by their group. Discussed were the status of approximately 100 trash cans, their placement and the frequency of trash removal and other CHBA maintenance in their district. Also discussed were issues with illegal dumping and misuse of the CHBA trash services. Patty, Mick, Jim, Maria, Francisco, Randy, Mazda, Phoung as well as community members Taylor McDonald and Av-Co Mai asked questions and gave comment. Jose requested that the community contact him directly about any issues with the program. No action taken.
- 6.2 Russ discussed the proposed revisions to Council Policy 600-24 that were presented to Community Planners Committee by Council Member Joe LaCava. The CPC formed a AdHoc Subcommittee that drafted responses to the various proposed revisions. Discussed were the proposed revisions, CPC responses and the impacts on Community Planning Groups. Paul Jamison and committee members Jim, Patty, Randy, Francisco, John and Phoung asked questions and gave input. At the suggestion of the Committee, the Chair tabled any response on the proposed revisions until further updates, revisions and clarifications are given to the CPC and the CHAPC.

6.3 As a member of the Election Subcommittee, Russ updated the Committee and the community on the ongoing work toward the 2022 elections on March 7th. He mentioned the attendance requirement and the deadline for applications on February 25, 2022 at 5:00 PM.. Paula mentioned the hours of the election will be 4:30-7:30 PM. A brief review of the 2021 elections was done and suggestions were made regarding improved translation and signage of the CHAPC and district boundaries for the 2022 elections.

7. Chair's Report: Russ updated the committee on the request from a previous meeting that the Planning Department act on our request to modify the terms for the Youth Seats as soon as possible, preferably before the upcoming election. The request was approved by the Planning Department and a formal signoff on the changes should occur before the election deadline. He also mentioned work by the Kensington-Talmage Planning Group regarding input on development of a parcel at 43<sup>rd</sup> and El Cajon Blvd. The March meeting will include input on potential Municipal Code revisions to be considered in 2022 by the Planning Department.

8. Randy, Maria, Rosa, Jim and Edwin made committee comment. Roddy tendered his resignation due to a move from the area and the committee thanked him for his several years of service.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM. Next Meeting (and election) Monday March 7, 2022.