City Heights Area Planning Committee Minutes for November 2, 2020

1. Chair Russ Connelly called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Jake Banfield-Weir, Francisco Garcia, Rosa Calvario, Maria Cortez, Jim Varnadore, Edwin Lohr, Ana Gonzalez, Brian Green-Carson, Vanessa Erickson, Roddy Jerome, Wendy Miller, David Nelson, Denisse Lopez, Michael Rossler, Patty Vaccariello, Randy Torres-Van Vleck and Russ Connelly were present. Absent were Dhaha Nur, Blair Overstreet, Scott Paquette, and Andrew Benavides. The chair notified the audience about the voluntary sign-in sheet and eligibility for next election.

2. Corrections to the Minutes of October 5, 2020: Minutes were accepted as presented.

3. Agenda was approved unanimously.

4. Jasmine Mallen from Council Member Georgette Gomez's office provided updates.

5. Off-agenda public comment: Kathleen Lippitt, David Nelson, Maria Cortez, and Edwin Lohr commented.

6. Business Agenda:

6.1. Appointment to fill vacancy – Youth 2021 seat: No one spoke up to fill vacancy. Tabled until future meeting.

6.2. Review and approval of proposed bylaw revisions: Russ provided updates on revisions that were proposed and discussed by the ad-hoc subcommittee. Questions from committee: clarification of what 50 ft. from the location is referring to, clarification on what happens if 6 people are at the 8 year mark. Comment from Patty Vaccariello that it should be 2/3 of category votes versus total votes. Russ clarified that proposed language was from Council Policy 600-24. After discussion, Edwin motioned and Patty seconded to approve bylaw revisions as presented by the Subcommittee. Vote was 15-0-0 with the Chair not voting.

6.3. Formation of the 2021 Election Subcommittee: Russ explained who qualifies and what the subcommittee does. It is still being determined how the March 2021 elections will look like during CoVid19 restrictions. Rosa and Francisco volunteered, with Russ stepping in as third for now. Russ will reach out to others not in attendance who qualify that might be interested in serving on the Subcommittee.

7. Chair's report: Russ provided updates and clarifications about the City's Complete Communities plan. Mobility hasn't changed, but priority investment goes into transportation. The Parks Element was not accepted by the Planning Commission. Community Planners Committee reaffirmed to ask for a delay until after the elections to get community input. Questions from committee: What about transitional zoning, what happens to Development Impact Fees (DIF), and what about the transportation element. Comments from committee: highrise designation becomes cost-prohibitive, seems like big changes were made.

8. Board Comment – Questions and Answers: Patty, Edwin, Michael, Wendy, Randy and Russ provided comments. Congrats to Jake on the arrival of his new child.

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM. The Committee will reconvene on Monday, December 7, 2020, 6:30 PM.