



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

DRAFT Meeting Minutes of the  
**Downtown Community Planning Council (DCPC)**  
**Wednesday, January 18th, 2023, 5:30 pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

A. DCPC Member Roll Call, Welcome to Guests

1. Board members present: Bob Link, Chloe Lauer, Manny Rodriguez, Terry McCleary, Dan Wery, Tyler Winslow; Late: Emmet Cahill, Jean Paul, Hasan Ahmed
  - Quorum: 9/14 Board Members present.
  - Absent: Chris Eddy, Edward Kaen, Craig Russell, Nima Bahrami, Nancy Wilson-Ramon

**II. HOUSEKEEPING**

- A. Consent Calendar – approval of December minutes, [click here for the minutes.](#)

**III. SERVING AS A COMMUNICATIONS LINK**

A. Updates from Elected Representatives & City Government

1. Development Services Department Urban Division - James Alexander
  - a) Website has been updated:
    - (1) <https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/news-programs/downtown-development>
2. Mayor - Kohta Zaiser
  - a) State of the City is Rising
  - b) 9 new parks opened in the City in 2022
  - c) Hiring more staff to prioritize potholes repair
  - d) Crime went down
  - e) Biggest public safety issue is understaffing in SDPD
    - (1) Large investments in outreach and retention
  - f) City got 2200 homelessness individuals off the street
    - (1) For every 10 we get off the street, 13 become homeless
    - (2) San Diegans can't keep up with cost of housing
    - (3) Mayor signed executive order to speed up 100% affordable units
  - g) Civic Center Revitalization Committee
    - (1) They're gonna vote on their recommendations, presented by Jay Goldstone
    - (2) Monday 3:30
  - h) Questions
    - (1) Chloe Lauer: crime does not seem to have gone down in the East Village
      - (a) Kohta: Its hard to respond when SDPD is understaffed. Our commitment has always been a fully funded PD and more officers because there's so much on their plate.
    - (2) Chloe Lauer: Scott Lewis VOSD called for an emergency response, what is the Mayor doing for that?
      - (a) We've declared states of emergency and are trying to draw as many resources
    - (3) Bob Link: Lots of safety for teachers and students in East Village corridor.
      - (a) Kohta: Ordinance like that in LA for no encampment within 500 feet is being considered but will not be an easy or popular ordinance to pass
    - (4) Mary: Was point in time count mentioned at State of the City?
      - (a) Not mentioned but it is happening morning of January 26
    - (5) Jean Paul: Impact report of bike lanes on businesses
      - (a) Kohta: I don't know if there's any hard data. Bike lanes increase modes of access to businesses. Personal experience on 30th street is that it's only



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- improved that business corridor.
3. Tasha Boerner Horvath Office - Margaret Doyle
    - a) AB 45 blue carbon
    - b) [margaret.doyle@asm.ca.gov](mailto:margaret.doyle@asm.ca.gov)
  4. Toni Atkins - Stopher Vallejo
    - a) Atkins elected Senate President Pro Tem
    - b) Working to submit senate bills by the end of week. Will introduce her bills at the next meeting.
  5. Whitburn Office - see attached notes
  6. SANDAG will speak at February meeting

### B. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items (1 minute maximum per speaker limit)

1. Jean Paul to Kohta: Any update on 20th & B shelter
  - a) Kohta: On pause since we could not reach a contract with our provider.
2. Mary Soriano to Kohta: Fill us in on developments with little parking
  - a) Kohta: By state law, parking requirements can be cut down or removed if development is in area with lots of transit

## IV. Informational Items

### A. Downtown San Diego Partnership Clean & Safe Presentation (July - November)

1. Alonso Vivas & Josh Coyne
2. Clean & Safe Presentation
  - a) [CLICK HERE TO VIEW PRESENTATION](#)
  - b) Clean & Safe app is now out
    - (1) Over 2000 service requests obtained
    - (2) Resolved 100% of all tickets and 66% were solved within an hour
  - c) We do not have legal authority to get rid of encampments
  - d) In 2022 our East Village survey identified many lights were out
    - (1) Worked with city to fix lights and place anti-pry
  - e) Over 158 thousand security tasks
  - f) 209 daily business visits
  - g) Powerwashed of 17 thousand sidewalks
  - h) Over 7000 graffiti removals in last 6 months
  - i) Working with the City to deal with properties who leave out overflowing trash cans
  - j) Increased trash collection by 16%, 898 thousand pounds of trash collected
  - k) We also do placemaking
  - l) Unhoused team have reunited hundreds of unsheltered with families and housed hundreds others
  - m) Questions
    - (1) Bob: how is team preparing for 2023
    - (2) Chloe: Can placemaking be expanded into EV to interstate 5 next time.
      - (a) Good feedback, will circle back with team
    - (3) Jean Paul: Can we add more trash cans if businesses pay for them through advertisements?
      - (a) We can't advertise on the trash cans
    - (4) Ed Himmelberg: Have you looked into smaller, quiet, and electric equipment to clean sidewalks?
      - (a) Please contact me. Our ability to clean is mainly hampered by blockages like encampments.
    - (5) Hasan: Are you familiar with new compost bins? How does that affect your job? Where are these compost bins?
      - (a) Alonso: Don't have a map, reach out to Kohta or environmental services. It shouldn't theoretically be more work because its not our responsibility to clean those trash if they are well maintained
    - (6) Manny: DCPC requested a seat on the Clean & Safe board to have a more



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constructive relationship with Clean & Safe. Any update on that?

(a) Alonso: Per bylaws, property owner representatives are the only ones allowed on board.

B. DCPC Member Training - Presentation by Chloe Lauer.

1. See the "Educational Slides" section under "About Us" on the DCPC website.

### V. REPORTS

A. Elections Committee (Manny Rodriguez)

1. Register to vote or be a candidate using this link: <https://forms.gle/Epu3CeKczmzf52u87>

2. We will have an election week from March 1st to 8th and have at least two in-person polling days

3. Election information is available under the "Elections" tab on our website, [dcpcsd.com](http://dcpcsd.com)

B. Owners, Developers & Entrepreneurs Advocacy Committee (Edward Kaen)

1. None.

C. Ad Hoc Committee – Sanitation, Health, Safety (Terry McCleary)

1. None.

D. Public Spaces Committee (Manny Rodriguez)

1. Balboa Park: City's proposal to add more parking to Balboa Drive had overwhelming public opposition during public comment from Uptown residents and SD residents in general. The Balboa Park Committee voted to table that proposal.

### VI. Urgent / Non Urgent Non Agenda Items:

A. Discussion on board member attendance with regards to the bylaws.

### VII. ADJOURNMENT – Next meeting February 15, 2023