



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego
Planning a Vibrant Downtown for All

Meeting Minutes of the

Downtown Community Planning Council
Wednesday, JUNE 28, 2023, 5:30 PM

In-person at San Diego City Hall, 12th floor Conference Room,
Civic Center Plaza, San Diego, CA 92101

I. Call to Order: 5:45 p.m.

1. Present: Manny Rodriguez (Chair), Chloé Lauer (Vice Chair), Greg Helmer, Nancy Wilson-Ramon, Emmett Cahill, Tyler Winslow, Dan Wery
 - a) Late: Terry McCleary, Edward Kaen
 - b) QUORUM: 9/16 members present.
2. Absent: Bob Link (Secretary), Craig Russell, Aldo de Dominicis Rotondi, Nima Bahrami, Jean Paul Schwarz, Chris Eddy, Brendan Bargmann

II. Serving as a Communications Link

- A. Invited Representatives from Elected Officials and local Organizations: Mayor Gloria, Councilmember Whitburn, Development Services Department - Urban Division, Assembly Member Tasha Boerner, Senator Toni Atkins, Downtown San Diego Partnership.
- B. Present with comments:
 - a. James Alexander (Development Services Department)
 - i. No opening date for Children's Park yet
 - ii. Civic Communities - a new website about East Village Green (eastvillagegreen.com)
 - iii. Latest development numbers through June 30th on the StoryMap on their website - <http://sandiego.gov/downtown>
 - iv. Planning, Zoning, and PM for downtown development projects
 - b. Emily Bonner (Whitburn):
 - i. Council Member Whitburn's office - Safe Camping Ordinance passed
 - ii. Lights
 1. Progress
 2. 16 of 18 electrician positions filled
 3. 90% done with Area 1
 4. 25% done with Area 2
 5. 306 restored so far



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6. Left to Right (2,3,1,4)
 7. 6,000 were out citywide
 8. Authorized bringing in an outside company for a year
 9. Circuits that run the streetlights - if they fail it's challenging and expensive to fix
- c. Margaret Doyle (Boerner)
- i. Assemblymember Boerner
 - ii. Bills moving quickly
 - iii. Non-profit of the Year honored in Sacramento: League of Amazing Programmers - teach programming to underserved youth and young women
- d. Andi McNew (Atkins)
- i. Senator Aktin's Office
 - ii. SB 385 - expands access to training for physician's assistants to provide abortion care
 - iii. Fix it bill for SB 9 - will make this easier for property owners to use
 - iv. SB 447 - Bridge Act
- e. Ryan Trabuco (Vargas)
- i. Community Enhancement and Neighborhood Advancement Grants
 1. He's the grant supervisor
 2. Andi Consonita handles the administration of providing grants
 - a. Apply
 - b. Assess the impact of Covid
 - c. Evaluate
- f. Kohta Zaiser (Gloria) - Not present but shared following report:
- i. Only item to report out is the passage of the Unsafe Camping Ordinance (UCO). After nearly 10 hours of Council last Tuesday, UCO passed 5-4. It'll come back to Council for its second reading on June 27. There was an amendment made to begin enforcement 30 days after the first Safe Sleeping site at 20th and B opens up, so we're looking at roughly an end of July/beginning of August timeline on implementation.
 - ii. As a reminder, Unsafe Camping will make amendments and additions to the San Diego Municipal Code to prohibit tent encampments citywide when there is shelter available.



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Additionally, it will prohibit unauthorized tent encampments (regardless of shelter availability) at locations considered to be high risk to public health and safety, including:

1. within two blocks of K-12 schools;
 2. within two blocks of a shelter;
 3. along trolley tracks and transportation hubs;
 4. City parks;
 5. canyons;
 6. and waterways like the San Diego river.
- iii. I want to thank DCPC members for their continued support and turnout to get us across the finish line. The Mayor and I are incredibly thankful.
- g. Downtown Partnership - Absent

III. Administrative Items - 5:55 pm

- A. Motto: "Planning a vibrant Downtown San Diego for all."
 1. Motion by Manny, second by Edward.
 2. Motion passes unanimously.
- B. Development Impact Fees Priorities List - Update
 1. Chair requests that community members send him CIPs funded by DIFs they would like to see prioritized.
- C. Change the name of the "Pre-Design" to "Design Review"
 1. Motion by Chloe, second by Manny
 2. Motion passes unanimously
- D. Capital Improvement Program Priorities List - Update
 1. Chair requests that community members send him CIPs they would like to see prioritized.

II. Committee Reports - 6:05 pm

- A. Pre-Design / Design Review - Chloé Lauer
 1. Cedar Street Apartments: Coastal Development Permit
 - a) Permit approved unanimously
 2. Two America Plaza: Recheck Required
 - a) Permit approved unanimously
 3. 639 Kettner: Coastal Development Permit
 - a) Tabled for July meeting.
- B. Public Spaces - Manny Rodriguez - 6:35 pm
 1. Gallagher Square / Park at the Park Revamp



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- a) Manny
 - (1) Padres are seeking a ministerial approval of their redevelopment of Gallagher Square
 - (2) Neighbors are concerned and have mobilized
 - b) Gary Smith (President, Downtown Residents Group)
 - (1) City has a problem with how they do code enforcement - they DON'T
 - (2) Artificial turf is not friendly to sit on or have kids play on or pets play on / do their business. It gets really hot.
 - (3) No sound study was done 20 years ago for Park at the Park
 - (4) The city snuck it through last Friday
 - c) Dan
 - (1) Concern that it's no longer a public park and it's routinely closed and Padres keep taking it over and programming it
 - (2) People can't stay in their buildings due to what the sound is doing to the buildings - shaking the pipes
 - (3) A good example is the park at Civita
 - 2. Waterfront Park Active Recreation Renovations
 - a) Manny shares that there will be active recreation improvements to the North side of the park.
 - b) Gary Smith: "Pickleball!"
 - 3. Balboa Park Committee - Chris Eddy
 - a) Absent
- C. Health, Sanitation, & Dignity - Terry Mcleary - 6:45 pm
- 1. County Grand Jury Report: Endorse Recommendations
 - a) Manny motion to endorse recommendations with a special request to the County that they provide operational and security funds for the City to provide public restrooms. Nancy Second
 - (1) Unanimous approval
 - 2. City newly-added 13 Public Restrooms
 - a) Manny shares list of public portable restrooms opened
- D. Communications - Brennan Doyle - 6:55 pm
- 1. Social Media Status Report



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a) Absent

E. Chair's Report - Manny Rodriguez - 7:00 pm

1. Advisory Seat for Port of SD
 - a) Chair will contact the Port and City to coordinate.
2. Community Planners Committee Update - Bob Link
 - a) Absent
3. DCPC Appointment Process Information
 - a) Chair states that community members can lead subcommittees without having to be a board member.
4. DCPC Representative at Downtown Parking Management Group
 - a) Chair states they will attend these meetings (as a public commenter) to represent DCPC and Downtown residents.
5. CEQA Appeals
 - a) Chair states the Coastal Commission has yet to approve CPG reform thus Downtown Planning still has free appeals.
6. Activating BOSA's 10th & G Surface Parking Lot
 - a) Chair shares that he has officially submitted Downtown Planning's review of the project to the Development Services Department.

III. Adjournment - 7:10 pm

- A. Next Meeting: July 19th, 5:30PM, City Hall 12th Floor Committee Room