



Minutes for Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Normal Heights Community Center/Zoom
4649 Hawley Avenue

Attendees:

X = in attendance

X	Paul Coogan ©	X	Jim Baross	X	Scott Kessler (AABA)
X	Allan Harjala (VC)	X	Dan Soderberg	X	Emily Kaman
X	Brian Schrader (S)	X	Greg Stone	X	Sami Burrows
X	Frances Prichett (T)	X	Nancy Lawler		

6:00 Call to order

- Opening “reflection” and introductions.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

- Alex Wong: Discusses the Airport Trolley vs. People Mover and advocates for the People Mover. “Airport People Mover is a train”. They are used in a variety of cities and can be expanded outside the airport uses. “Less wait time”. RideSD. Will do a longer presentation on the topic next month.
- John Savinsky: Conducted anecdotal neighborhood survey on the public knowledge of ADU laws in the city of San Diego.
- Gary (Weber?): Noticed a change in the plan for the ramps off the 15. Throughway traffic might be implemented. Suggests neighborhood implications for the proposed plan change.
- Jim Barros: Cookies and coffee announcement.
- Paul Jameson: Comment on the ADU policy from earlier. Discusses State RHNA numbers for housing goals and mandates that aim to address housing costs & affordability. “Use every tool”.
- [Unnamed]: Discuss email exchange with City Council regarding street sweeping. Ecosystem concerns regarding trash and runoff. Health hazards from city living and suggestions for improvements.
- Paul Coogan: Discusses email sent to the board with concerns about a resident who faced eviction after property was sold. 4515 Felton St.

Action/Decision Items

- Presentation on permit search map – Paul Coogan
 - This solves the “what is that being build down the street?”
 - DSD Permit Finder
 - sandiego.maps.arcgis.com
- Questions regarding transit and housing zoning regulations & discussion regarding parking requirements and minimums.
- Update on construction project at 35th and Adams – Paul Coogan
 - Project on hold until city revisits permits. Cannot break ground until then. Hope to break ground next year.
- Q&A with Council President D9 – Sean Elo-Rivera (unconfirmed but reserved spot)

- Councilmember was not able to make it.

Reports/Updates

- City, County, and State government agency representatives, if present.
 - District 9 Councilmember Elo-Rivera – Sara Al-Agha
 - City is accepting applications for serving on the committee of police practices. Deadline is Wed Dec 13th.
 - Mayor’s Housing Action Package 2.0 will be coming back to the Council for a vote.
 - Allows for more housing
 - Expands Complete Communities
 - Anti-Displacement Measure
 - Question regarding building affordable housing offsite. Will it make it into the bill.
 - Discussion about the affordable housing question, and some demographics.
 - Question regarding the plan for the needed infrastructure that additional housing incurs without charging DIFs.
 - Question regarding vacant lots in Normal Heights. Are there any plans to address these lots and build there?
 - Question regarding the number of parking spaces and buildup of transit to cross Mission Valley.
 - Discussion of the cable car/gondola to the trolley from Trolley Barn Park.
 - Question to ask about transit route recommendation questions.
 - Assembly Member Ward – Christopher Gris not Present
 - Mayor’s Office - Lucero Maganda not Present
 - State Senator Atkins –Andi McNew not Present
 - Congressman Sara Jacobs Office
 - Introduced package of legislation regarding Higher Education costs and tax deductions for loan interest replacements.
 - Attended tree lighting, Attended Spirit Stroll, Attended Mama’s Tree of Life Ceremony
- Chair report
 - Community Planners Committee
 - Ad hoc subcommittee opinion letter on Grand Jury Report on DIF
 - Letter has been drafted and sent off to the Judge, Mayor, City Council.
 - Meeting again in January to request City Planning Dept information. Contents TBD.
 - Presentation on Mobility Department – Mobility Plan
 - Period of input and do projections for the Master Plan.
 - Presentation for San Diego Engagement
 - Gather input from communities (broader than CPG) to get a broader view of the population’s needs for the General Plan
 - Board Seat tenure info
 - Sami will take Emily Kamen’s appointed seat until April 2024.
 - Add standing agenda item for appointing new members.
- Community Group updates when present
 - Adams Avenue Business Association – Scott Kessler
 - Spirit Stroll sold out. Promotes small business on Small Business Saturday.
 - “It’s working”
 - Tree Lighting
 - Dec 10th Snow Day Event – 9 tons of Snow + Santa. Hot Chocolate.
 - New Street Banners on Lamp Posts in January.
 - Replace 70 street trees in Kensington suffering from blight.

- Annual Breakfast Meeting, Feb 7th @ The Vibe, 8AM. \$10 Breakfast Bar. Election of Board of Directors. Open to the Public.
- El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association – Gary Weber
 - Bridge Lighting
- NH Community Association and NH Urban Arts – Greg Stone/Norma Stafford
 - The mosaic mural is on track to be installed in Feb. 8 of 11 panels complete. 18ft long.
- Adams “Community Recreation Advisory Group” – Nancy Lawler
 - OWL recording device loan is appreciated.
 - Discussion of the expansion and redevelopment of Ward Canyon Park. Heard in October that CalTrans had changed the reconfiguration of the On-Ramp and the Park space would be reduced. The community has pushed back on the decision on what/how things get changed. Email sent to Park & Rec.
 - Appreciate Planning Group Complaint once things are made more known.
 - MOC building is being demolished and park space will be expanded to the corner. However information has now arisen about new buildings which are not in the current plan.
 - Discussion of policing of Homeless Encampments in the area.
 - Discussion of CalTrans direction and turmoil internally.
 - Discussion of the Park & Rec and the issue of the homeless question.
- NH for Smart Growth – Paul Coogan
 - Put out newsletter with link to a poll for a vision of the community.
 - Working on getting the results of the poll into Engagement San Diego.
 - Question on whether a list exists about who the developers are that have worked on projects in San Diego in the previous year.

Standing Committees

- Joint Mid-City Communities Plan Update Committee – Greg Stone
 - Next meeting is Wed Dec 13th.
- Historical Property Review Report – Dan
 - Nothing to report

Advisory Committees

- Nominating Committee - Greg Stone, Jim Baross
- Utility Undergrounding & Street Lighting MAD – Emilie Colwell & Francis Prichett
- Caltrans Grant Submission - Paul Coogan
- DEI Program - Paul Coogan, Scott Kessler, Jim Baross
 - Board agreed to discontinue the committee as policies are adopted.
- Tree Replacements - Greg Stone, Emilie Colwell, Gerald Schoelen
- Traffic Issue Taskforce (Report on Vision Zero) – Allan Harjala
 - Update on unfunded needs
- Community Engagement Poll – Paul Coogan
 - In progress

Adjournment