



MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 03, 2024 (6:00 to 9:24 PM) REGULAR UpCPG PUBLIC MEETING

Location: Joyce Beers Community Center @ the HUB, 3900 Vermont

I. BOARD MEETING, PARLIAMENTARY ITEMS:

- 1a. **Members in attendance:** Mike Singleton (Chair), Benny Cartwright, Tami Ratliffe, John Barney, Matthew Driver (arrived 6:32pm, departed 8:02pm), Mary Brown, Daniel Mullen, Anar Salayev, Bill Ellig, Issac Warner, Mike Calloway, Alberto Guardado, and Benjamin Nicholls. quorum required: 9, present: 14. **Quorum met.**
- 1b. **Members absent:** Patty Ducey-Brooks and Sophia Alexander.
- 1c. **Public members who signed in:** Public members signed in included: Gerrie Trussell (UPCD), Peter Raymond (UPCG), Andy Lange, Mary Lange, Claudia Brizuela (City of San Diego), Scott Case, Shannon Corr (City of San Diego), Sharon Gehl, and others that did not sign in including Rey Reyes, Sol Schumer and Tom Mullaney along with several other non-recorded participants.
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
 - o **Motion** (B. Ellig / D. Mullen): "Adopt the agenda as presented."
 - o **Motion passed** (11 yeas/0 nays/1 abstain). M. Singleton abstained as the chair.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - o **Motion** (B. Nicholls / I. Warner): "Approve the minutes from 11/12//24".
 - o **Motion passed** (11 yeas/0 nays/1 abstain). M. Singleton abstained as the chair.

II. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

1. S. Case from the Middleton neighborhood stated he opposes a proposed very tall apartment building in Middleton at 3677 Columbia. He is concerned that developers do not engage with the community process. Tom Mullaney also added that this project should be brought before the group. Other group discussion on this topic would like to see developers present whether their development is discretionary or otherwise.

III. REPRESENTATIVES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS

1. S. Corr from City Planning re-introduced herself to the new board. She is the appointed staff member to help advise the board. Shannon gave updates on other community plan progress and other initiatives being done city-wide throughout the city.
2. R. Reyes from the Mayor's office introduced himself and spoke about AB143 (20' no parking zones) at all corners of intersections as well as the Olive Street Park opening.
3. There were questions from the group.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- None agendized.

V. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM #1: Anytime Fitness CUP for late hours of operation.

1. The applicant spoke about his CUP application and made a presentation.
2. D. Mullen and B. Ellig asked about parking impacts.
3. Members of the public recommended approval.
 - o **Motion** (B. Nicholls / A. Guardo) "Support as presented."
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ACTION ITEM #2: Angled Parking Findings

1. Spruce St. @ 2nd-3rd Ave.
 2. Spruce St. @ 5th to 6th Ave.
 3. Redwood St. @ 1st to 2nd Ave.
 4. Redwood St. @ 2nd to 3rd Ave
- M. Singleton introduced the four locations proposed for angled parking changes.
 - G. Trussell (UPCD) presented the community public process to date.
 - C. Brizuela from the city made comments about the technical design.
 - Some questions were asked regarding the public process.
 - M. Calloway suggested that the downhill side of the street should be considered for one sided angled parking streets since parked vehicles that have not had the brake set properly, would roll into and over the curb if they did not have their brakes set properly.
 - A member of the public commented on reverse parking.
 - I. Warner asked about space dimensions and expressed concerns about street width.
 - D. Mullen asked about the benefits of angled vs parallel spaces.
 - B. Ellig asked about a 90-degree angled option.
- **Motion** (M. Calloway / A. Guardo) "Approve all segments as presented, with the added comment that the block between 1st and 2nd on Redwood be investigated for angled parking on the opposite (downward) side for safety's sake."
 - **Motion passed** (10 yeas / 2 nays / 1 abstain). I. Warner and A. Salayev opposed. M. Singleton abstained as the chair.

ACTION ITEM #3 825 Johnson Ave. Tentative Map Waiver

- The applicant (A. Lange) was seeking to change the two existing buildings and separate them under a condominium form of ownership, with common areas shared between the two users.
 - M. Singleton made comments about what conditions the city has put on the property to allow the waiver. These included: driveway adjustments, parkway, landscaping improvements, and an access easement.
 - D. Mullen asked about the process to get a lot-line adjustment.
 - A. Guardo congratulated the owner.
- **Motion** (B. Ellig / I. Warner) "Approve the request."
 - **Motion passed** (12 yeas/0 nays/1 abstain). M. Singleton abstained as the chair.

VI. AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEM #1: Race for Autism (S. Leon-National Foundation for Autism Research)

- S. Leon presented the Race for Autism and her organization. The event will occur on April 12, 2025.
 - M. Singleton asked about the one mile walk not going on Sixth Ave.
 - D. Mullin asked how many people attend.
 - B. Nicholls asked for specific enforcement of the 72 hour no-parking window.
- **Motion** (B. Nicholls / A. Guardo) "Write a letter of support and include a comment about posting no-parking signs no earlier than the required 72 hours."
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VII. SPECIAL UpCPG ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS / REPORTS

1. Chairs Report with General Public Comments

- M. Singleton requested the group take the required community planning group training and asked the group to also complete a diversity survey to document the new make-up of the board.
- B. Nicholls gave a secretary report and as the proposed Vice Chair of the Outreach Committee, outlined his plan for varying meeting locations, as proposed in the Operations Manual. The group generally agreed that a quarterly (following Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter changes) and encouraged we try to meet the Operations Manual procedures.
- D. Mullen for rooms that have bad acoustics, he suggested the tables be arranged in the round and be closer to the audience.
- L. Rehling asked that attendees on the remote connection be able to see the full board and presenters and hear the online version of the meeting. L. Rehling insisted that the meeting must meet these requirements and is required to stop the meeting when they have not been met. She also questioned the ability to set up any committees that were not in the Operational Procedures.
- P. Raymond noted that there are good rooms available in the community that are well serviced by technology.
- S. Gehl noted that the Joyce Beers Community Center doesn't have good Wi-fi.
- M. Driver gave a report from his attendance at CPC.

2. Committee Formation Report

- M. Singleton spoke about finalizing all the committees. But given the remaining meeting time left for this meeting, it is critical to appoint a Chair and Co-chair of the Outreach Committee in-order to have it work with the Election Committee. Mike appointed Benny Cartwright as the Chair and Ben Nicholls as the Co-chair and asked that the Board support this recommendation through a motion.
- M. Singleton and the board had a great deal of discussion regarding the right of the Chair to appoint chairs for committees as well as creating new ad-hoc committees that also needed chairs. The Governance committee was discussed, but M. Singleton thought that given the comments from Lu, that we should only act on the Governance Committee now and the other committees should be acted on at the January meeting so that it can be properly noticed, discussed and voted on as an Action Item. However, the Community Engagement Committee and an Ad-Hoc Governance Committee needs to be voted on tonight since it is critical for them to begin working with the Election Committee.
- Although noted that the chair would like to appoint Margit Whitlock for the Project Committee, Matt Driver for the Infrastructure and CIP Committee, and Patty for the Historic Resources Committee, all of these will need more discussion at the next meeting to act on these committees, including designation as a standing or Ad Hoc committee.



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- **Motion** (I. Warner / B. Nicholls): “Create the Governance Committee as an Ad-Hoc Committee and confirm Ben Nichols as the Chair;”
- **Friendly Amendment** (M. Singleton): To formalize the Election Committee changes needed to better support the Chair and to replace a member of the Committee (I. Warner that has resigned to avoid conflicts with his run in the March Election) please “Confirm the recommended appointments from the Chair by adding A. Guardo as a Vice-chair of the Election Committee”. Friendly amendment accepted.
- **Motion passed** (7 yeas/ 4 nays / 1 abstain). T. Ratliffe, J. Barney, M. Brown, D. Mullen. Opposed. M. Singleton abstained as the chair.

3. Election Committee Report

- T. Ratliffe gave a summary of the discussion at the elections committee meeting. The committee recommended a listing of seats that need to be voted for, another color-coded table outlining the election cycle of board seats. This table is intended to not include names, just seat descriptions.
- D. Mullen, J. Barney and M. Brown and others made comments about Mary’s election cycle changing from election cycle 3 to election cycle 1. M. Singleton offered to go back to cycle 1, as was shown in the Procedure Manual. J. Barney also was fine moving his position to accommodate more flexibility.
- Members of the community asked questions about the various options that were considered and why the assignment of election cycles could not have been less disruptive. I. Warner and B. Nicholls pointed out that because of the challenges, replacements and empty seats and the desire to offset the owners and renters for each neighborhood, it is very difficult to get a balance of 6 seats, rotating for each of the three-year cycles. It was felt that this Election Cycle Table was the best that could be done.
- **Motion** (I. Warner / B. Nicholls) “Affirm the election committee's recommendation with timeline and adopt the table presented beginning with the cycle 1 seats in the March 2025 election”.
- **Motion passed** (6 yeas/ 5 nays / 1 abstain). with T. Ratliffe, J. Barney, M. Brown, D. Mullen, B. Ellig opposed. M. Singleton abstained as the chair.

Time extensions needed:

- **First Extension Motion:** (B. Nicholls / T. Ratliffe) “Meeting extension through 9 pm”.
- **Motion passed** (10 yeas/ 1 nays / 1 abstain). B. Cartwright opposed. M. Singleton abstained as the chair.
- **Second Extension Motion:** (I. Warner / D. Mullen) “Meeting extension through 9:30 pm”.
- **Motion passed** (6 yeas/ 5 nays / 1 abstain). B. Cartwright, J. Barney, A. Salayev opposed. M. Singleton abstained as the chair.
- **Adjournment Motion:** (B. Nicholls): “Adjourn the meeting.” This motion was accepted by the Chair at 9:24 pm.

Next Meeting, January 7th, 6:00 to 8:30