



# UPTOWN COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

## **Uptown Community Planning Group (UCPG) Special Board Meeting**

Tuesday, Sept 3, 2024

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Michael Donovan, Interim Election Committee Chair @ 6:03PM

- order of business: speakers would be allowed 1 minute for comment. Speaker slips were made available and required to be filled out for comment

### **II. Approve Agenda**

Motion by Gail Friedt, to approve agenda. Second by Sharon Gehl. Vote 2-0-1 (chair abstain)

New Business

### **VI. Announcement of Election Results**

Michael Donovan, presented the election results via a slide show. Details of the election were also shared. Both documents can be found here <https://www.uptowncommunityplanning.org/>

- Middletown Owner seat resulted in a tie between Adrian Kwiatkowski and Daniel Mullen. UCPG Operating Procedures indicate a coin toss for ties in any election. As Daniel Mullen was not in attendance, Chair deferred the process to the new board.

Public Comment

Tom Mullaney – One of the goals of the new process was to create a diverse board. I think that has been met and that the board can meet in the middle. The community plan and Blue Print San Diego has already been passed. Would like to see this board focus more on design, flow of traffic, open space, etc.

Tami Ratliffe – I thought the first election was diverse, that’s why I ran. I think this process divided communities. A lot of people texted me about the fact that there were no paper ballots. At August 20<sup>th</sup> in person election 100’s of people left without voting.

Ben Nichols – thanked everyone who put their name in to run. It really got people involved, many who had never been involved with a planning group election previously.

Michael Donovan, Interim Election Committee Chair, noted that some of the information put out there by other groups was incorrect and led to a lot of confusion. The procedures were clearly written on the <https://www.uptowncommunityplanning.org/> website. And were reinforced by the newsletters that were distributed via email to the voters who signed up to receive emails for UCPG.

## **VII. Notification of City Council member and Planning Department and Uptown Planning Board chair**

Michael Donovan, Interim Election Committee Chair, informed the attendees that he would notify the City Council member and Planning Department as well as Uptown Planners Board chair regarding the results of the election.

## **VIII. Selection of Interim UCPG Board Chair**

Michael Donovan, Interim Election Committee Chair, reviewed the duties of the Interim UCPG chair.

- Interim Board Chair will receive any election challenges. Challenges must be submitted within 24 hours (by 5:00 PM Sept 4, 2024). Challenges will be considered at the first board meeting as the process will be in place to review the challenge(s) as noted in the operating procedures.

Tom Mullaney – mentioned that there was one candidate endorsed by many groups, Mike Singleton and recommended that he be nominated for Interim Chair.

- It was noted that Tom Mullaney is not a board member and not authorized to nominate a chair.

Tami Ratliffe, new board member – nominated Mat Wahlstrom as Interim Board Chair.

- Noted that Mat Wahlstrom was not elected to the board.

Mike Singleton asked to get other input for the Interim Board Chair. Also confirmed that this was an Interim position.

Anar Salayev, new board member – requested confirmation that this was an Interim Board Chair position. That was confirmed.

Tami Ratliffe, new board member, made a motion to nominate Mike Singleton. That motion was seconded by Ben Nichols, new board member.

- UCPG board members present, a majority, voted unanimously to elect Mike Singleton, Interim Board Chair.

**IX. Resignation of Interim Election Committee**

- Michael Donovan presented Mike Singleton, Interim Board Chair, with a signed letter of resignation from the UCPG Election Committee members: Michael Donovan, Gail Friedt, Sharon Gehl
- Motion by Benny Cartwright to accept the resignation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben Nichols. UCPG board members present, a majority, voted unanimously to accept the resignation.

**X. Date for First Board Meeting**

- Mike Singleton will work with the new board members to determine date and location of first UCPG Board Meeting.

**XI. Agenda Items for first meeting**

- Agenda items can be sent to [contact@uptowncommunityplanning.org](mailto:contact@uptowncommunityplanning.org)

**X. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Benny Cartwright. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anar Salayev. UCPG board members present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

- Meeting adjourned by Mike Singleton at 6:22 PM.