



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

Planning a Vibrant Downtown for All

Downtown Community Planning Council (DCPC) Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024, 5:30 PM

12th Floor Committee Room, City Hall,
202 C Street, San Diego, CA, 92101

I. Call to Order 5:38 pm. Chair opening noted no mic'd audio in Committee Room.

- A. Roll Call completed, quorum established
- B. In attendance (12): Rodriguez (Chair), Bargmann (V. Chair), Link (Scty), Barr, Eddy, Helmer, Hewitt, E. Schwarz, J.P. Schwarz, So, Werve, Winslow.
- C. Absent (3) George, Gu, Tan.
- D. Vacancies: Columbia Business, Marina Business, EV North Business, EV South Business.

II. Consent Agenda: Motion Rodriguez, 2nd Bargmann. Approved Unanimously

- A. July Minutes Approval
 - 1. Brief discussion re need to post vacancies on agenda and minutes to facilitate public awareness and recruitment. Agreed September minutes to be amended. Discussion did not request removal of Agenda item A. from Consent agenda.
- B. Letter to the City RE: Get-It-Done Data Missing Fault Line Park
- C. Public Notice of East Village Business North Vacancy

Motion to approve by placement on Agenda, 2nd Link. Unanimous approval.

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- A. Call in concern regarding increasing incidents of Marijuana sales in our Community
- B. Noted concerns with perception of Mayor's response to Grand Jury report was that:
 - 1. County Item therefore City response is not required
 - 2. City takes no responsibility for safe practices and protection
 - 3. Noted responses as inadequate and request DCPC ask for accountability.
- C. Third Speaker represented himself as pro MTS capital improvements

**IV. Community Reports (Representatives from Elected Officials and Agencies)
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- A. Randy Reyes (Mayor's Office rep to CD2, CD3)
 - 1. Mayor's office attracted 293 Grant awards totaling over \$1B including
 - a) Capital Projects (\$1.04M)
 - b) Community Projects (Parks - 24 each in 2024, 2025)
 - c) Road Repair (1660 miles, 25% of total repairs required)
 - d) 20th & B Safe Camping Sites added
 - e) 200 Safe Parking sites for Homeless added

- B. Emily Bonner (for CD3 Stephen Whitburn)
 - 1. Pedicab Ordinance Passed by City Council –
 - a) eliminates amplified noise
 - b) Code of Conduct improvements
 - 2. D3 Budget Prioiriteis to be heard by City Council on 10.28.2024. Emily offers assist to DCPC and Community Members

- C. Will Rodriguez Kennedy (Congressman Scott Peters office)
 - 1. Highlighted success in brining funds to San Diego including over \$1M funds stalled in process, Military Construction funds
 - 2. Focus on San Diego Homelessness as 4th highest in country but only 14% share of funds. Intent is to fix roll out of programs and support dollars
 - 3. Nominations for Service Academy are encouraged. Peters support remains his priority.
 - 4. Highlighted CHARG forum on Saturday 10.26 at 0900 (flyer shared with requesting DCPC board members)

- D. Clayton Fowler (DSDP)
 - 1. Encourages participation in 10/26 0900 Clean & Safe Walk departing from 800 B Street. Suggested check DSDP web site for recurring updates.
 - 2. RE Clean and Safe – noted that 4400 service tickets received (4000 through the Clean and Safe App) focused on Maintenance (1300) and to Safety. 89% resolved within one hour by Ambassadors, others directed to Departments for attention / response.
 - 3. Unsheltered count decreased – 800 Downtown, 4% from last month. 341 were reconnected with family. 150 connected through outreach services.
 - 4. Highlighted 11/3 Yoga in the Park
 - 5. Several DCPC Board members commented favorably re Clean & Safe.

- E. Ethan – DCPC Airport Noise Advisory Rep
 - 1. Appreciates opportunity to provide public feedback in person

2. Review 2014 ALUTC Environmental Analysis
 - a) Updated plan increases noise areas and height limits
 - b) 2025 FAA feedback re noise anticipated
 - c) San Diego Airport Curfew is hours outside of 0530-1130 limits
 - d) Significant fines for violations
 - e) Until recent bad weather - No violations since 8.31.2024
 - f) Whether resulted brought violations to 60 – more than all 2023
3. In response to Board interest – Ethan noted that recent limited visibility resulted in reversal of take off and landing directions. It also resulted in bunching of take off and landing events in brief adequate visibility periods.

F. No other reps at meeting

V. Discussion on Interests and Priorities for 2026

- A. Board Members supported Public Parks, including Gallagher Square – public/private partnership parks
- B. Board spoke in favor of MTS, Port District (Front Door of the Community) and SANDAG
- C. Board highlighted need to increase Community Access and Communications (Awareness)
- D. Concern was expressed re MTS “Onion” Advertising Digital Video board at foot of 5th.
- E. Board recognized that Promenade upgrades are delayed and suggested temporary Parklets be added for short term.

VI. Subcommittees and Appointments

- A. Bob Link, 2025 Election Chair noted that terms will expire for nine (9) members in 2025.
 1. Sought committee member volunteers among members not reaching two-year term expiration in 2025. Elizabeth Schwarz volunteered to be on the election committee. More volunteers to be recruited as end of year approaches.
 2. Manny highlighted that multiple polling places are anticipated including Downtown, Little Italy, Cortez Hill with responsibilities including scheduling, recruitment of candidates, designing ballots, counting votes, resolving discrepancies.
- B. Manny highlighted recent subcommittee activation.
 1. Infrastructure Liaison – Kevin So
 2. Homeless Committee Liaison (Shelters) – Moira Tan
 3. Manny – motion for approval, Link 2nd, Unanimous approval.
- C. Public Input

1. Gary Smith noted that there are three new parks coming on line. Recommended DCPC take leadership role in naming the parks. Alternative would be Parks and Rec taking lead with no CPG input.
2. Board member (Link) expressed interest in revisiting VOSD lead that increased community involvement in Faultline Park naming.

VII. Action of Faultline Park

- A. DCPC revisited prior month priorities:
 1. Parks & Rec letter to Pinnacle
 2. City Action and Invoice Pinnacle for services City provides due to Pinnacle failure
 3. Elevate Enforcement including
 - a) Formal City letter/notice to Pinnacle
 - b) City Act (Invoice Pinnacle for uncorrected maintenance/safety)
 - c) Need to Read the Contract
- B. Public Input supported Board opinions noting that Pinnacle markets the park in building marketing. Condition demands action.
- C. Board Member JP Schwarz then reported he walked to Faultline Park days prior to the DCPC meeting and noticed significant improvements.
- D. Ensuing board discussion led by Manny and followed by several members noted that Isola Bakery, recently opened at Faultline Park, was proactively cleaning the park and proceeding with maintenance as able.
- E. Board members agreed that recent improvements should be followed by consistent City enforcement, Parks and Rec to likewise follow up with their responsibilities, DCPC act / correspond with CPG Authority.
- F. Specific recent and pending improvements include clear of graffiti, repair and new playground equipment, replace power outlet covers, prevent human waste from corroding posts, replace/add two new lampposts, responsibly manage city budget re public/private parks
- G. Link motioned for Manny to revise letter to city demanding transparent action as model for all Parks similarly managed. JP 2nd. Unanimous vote in favor. Manny to include revised letter with November agenda.

VIII. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Public Spaces - Gary Hewitt
 1. Balboa Park Committee report - Chris Eddy – board responses
 - a) Highlighted The NAT (Museum 150th anniversary) Block Party Saturday 10/19 1000-1500. Free Entry, membership half price opportunity. Food and Education Acty around Morton Fig Tree.
 - b) New Children's Park on West Mesa on 6th Ave coming
 - c) New apparatus in park (pending Park and Parks & Rec appvl)

- d) Community Dialog ongoing re Vision for Balboa Park next 100 years. Update to 1989 Master Plan.
- e) SDMA Next Century Presentation by Architect Foster and partners
- f) AEA Consulting Report draft received prioritization Framework. Final Report to be provided when available. Timeframe not shared.

B. Downtown Parking Management Group report - Manny Rodriguez

- a) Manny highlighted his role with agenda and minutes focused on transparency.
- b) FRED is successful in its new role with a fee. Board member complimented FRED.
- c) Funds Sharing with Parking remains in question.
- d) AB413 removing parking near intersections and other poor sight lines resulted in loss of 80 paid parking meters, estimated \$150K annual revenue loss. Board member suggested that several avoided loses were due to better sightlines on one way streets.
- e) PO's and Disbursement and bid revenue share to be transparent
- f) IZOLA requested 30 minute parking space in front of new location – approved
- g) 425 Market St curb color change Red to Yellow being considered.
- h) Ongoing controversy re W. Grape street loss of both parking lanes noted.
- i) Subcommittee Meeting Friday 10/18 planned re Parking Garages, fee management and disbursement, transition to NPO to manage Parking.
- j) Public Concern with revenue trail for FRED/Circuit. Manny noted more actions to follow.

IX. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda Items pulled from the Consent Agenda (None).

X. Remainder Non-Agenda Public Comments (None).

XI. Adjournment: 7:22pm

**Next meeting on November 20, 2024,
5:30 PM, at City Hall's 12th Floor Committee Room**