



**UPTOWN COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

September 5, 2023

*****FINAL – APPROVED 11/7/23*****

In attendance: Stu McGrath, Chair; Mary Brown, Matthew Brown, Chris Cole, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Juli Hyde, Don Liddell, Mary McKenzie, Jim Walsh, Susan White.

Absent: Blake Peterson, Lu Rehling, Tony Silvia

I. Parliamentary Items.

1. Announcement of Concurrent Election. The second day of polling for the Uptown Planners will end at 7 pm. Then ballots will be counted and the results announced.

2. Introductions/Roll Call.

3. Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order. Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes (August 1). Approved as amended.

5. Treasurer's Report

\$33.95

6. Balboa Park Committee Report. The Mayor's office has invited Mary McKenzie to apply for a District 3 seat. Brer Marsh will serve out his term.

7. Airport Noise Advisory Committee Report. Chris Cole. Nothing to report.

8. Chair's/CPC Report. CPC will form a subcommittee on Blueprint San Diego.

II. Non-agenda Public Comment.

Clifford Weiler explained that he resigned from the UP Board because he will be serving on the Grand Jury. He also encouraged the group not to give up on SB 10.

III. Representatives of Elected Officials, Agencies, and Institutions.

1. Deputy of the Navy is here to give update on NAVWAR. Four developers submitted proposals on August 9th. Navy is conducting EIR. The latest on the project can be found at navwar-revitalization.com.

2. Logan Braydis, Community Representative, CM Stephen Whitburn.

Council meetings resume next week. Happy to report street light repairs and curb repairs. We will be starting work on the FY 24-25 soon. A budget priorities survey will be online soon. Mr. Braydis was asked about a University Heights dog park, Vermont Street lights, and the continued appointment of Brer Marsh to the Balboa Park Committee as the UP representative.

IV. Information Items.

1.3927 8th Avenue. Advance overview of project (located at the former east side of the Friendship Hotel) that may be a future committee and/or board action item. Pari Zaker, Project Manager, Trestle



Development. Positive comments about the building, affordable housing, bikes. Concerns expressed about displacement of residents, parking and traffic congestion in an already-congested area.

2. SB 10. Procedural status report. Patty Ducey-Brooks.

Stu McGrath suggests the idea of a special meeting on SB10.

3. 301 Spruce Street. Thursday, September 28, 9 am, Planning Commission will hear appeal of project approval, which was authorized by Uptown Planners February 2023. Uptown Planners chair (or a board member substitute) will attend.

https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/planning_commission_webpage_-_how_to_speak_rm_edit_2-13-2023_1.pdf

4. 820 Fort Stockton/4053 Goldfinch. Thursday, September 28 meeting of Historical Resources Board will reconsider historic designation of Little Red House/Maison en Provence/Pet Store. Historic designation was supported by Uptown Planners August 2022. Uptown Planners chair (or a board member substitute) will attend.

<https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/publichearings-meetings-notices/historical-resources-board/agendas>

5. Blueprint San Diego. Monday, September 18, 6 pm, Meeting of Ad Hoc Committee of Community Planners Committee. Via Zoom: Meeting ID: 893 7804 5731; Passcode: 128791

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89378045731?pwd=a1NNS2FzcjhPb1hMd3Zzb0htVldCZz09>

6. Alice Birney Elementary Design Task Force Workshop. Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 6 – 7:30 pm.

7. Wildfire Preparedness Fair. Thursday, September 7, 2023, 9 am – noon, Hilton San Diego Mission Valley. <https://sdfirerescue.org/wildfire-preparedness-fair/>

8. San Diego Heart & Stroke Walk. Saturday, September 16, 2023, 6:30 am – 10 am, Balboa Park.

https://www2.heart.org/site/TR/HeartWalk/WSA-WesternStatesAffiliate?pg=entry&fr_id=8981

V. Consent Items. [none]

VI. Action Items

1. Request for Right of Way Vacation of Paper Street. Recommend or oppose the requested vacation. The north half of the street would revert back to the adjacent property owner of 3210 Goldfinch; the south half would revert to and become part of the city parcel that is contemplated as a pocket park. As there were no representatives from Reichers Engineering, Mary McKenzie moved to table until the next meeting; 2nd by Matt Brown. Vote unanimous in favor, with chair abstaining.

2. Susan G. Komen More than Pink Walk 2023. Requesting a letter of support for event. Patty Ducey-Brooks moves to support. 2nd by Juli Hyde. Vote: unanimous in favor with Chair abstaining.

3. Board vacancy report. Two new vacancies resulting from one resignation (Clifford Weiler) and one because of excessive absences (Susan Blackwell).



Mary McKenzie moves that the Chair reach out to the Planning Department, specifically to Shannon Corr to allow us to roll these special elections into the March general elections. Don Liddell 2nd. Unanimous in favor, with Chair abstaining.

4. Announcement and Certification of Election Results.

Mary McKenzie, election committee chair reports. First, Troy Weber won the seat that will terminate in March 2024. Second, Mat Wahlstrom won the seat ending in 2027. There were 165 ballots counted and 8 invalid ballots.

There is a 24-hour period during which a challenge to the election results can be made to the elections committee chair.

VII. Administrative Action Items.

1. Election (Ad Hoc): Met 8/24. No additional report.

2. Operations & Outreach: Met 8/24. Next meeting 9/21, 1 – 3 pm, Knox Library. No report.

3. Public Facilities: Information-gathering on possible uses for Mission Hills Library.

Stu has been attempting to reach out all parties interested in the adaptive re-use of the former Mission Hills library. Hopefully, we can bring these people together.

4. Design Review. No report.

5. Historic Resources. No report

6. Plan Hillcrest (Ad Hoc): Next meeting 9/28, 6 – 9 pm, Joyce Beers Center.

VIII. Request for agenda suggestions and confirmation of next regular board meeting. October 3, 2023. Joyce Beers Community Center.

IX. Adjournment.