

GGHPC meeting February 27, 2024

Attendance: Monica delaCruz, David Swarens, Andrew Baker, Beau Benko, Susan Bugbee, Julia Boglione, Joe Coneglio, Melinda Lee, Diego Lynch, Elizabeth Mayer, Richard Santini, Francisco Vallejo, Luke Vickrey

Open Comment

Kate Callen speaks on behalf of herself as candidate for D3 city council member
2x Whitburn reps, old representative being replaced. Thompson (present) to be the new rep
Mayor's office not present

Peters' office not present

Thompson (new Whitburn rep) states that reports on Fern and Grape will be coming out in the coming weeks and a town hall will be announced soon. There will be a town hall in hillcrest on Mar 27 regarding repurposing of the DMV site. We are \$4M short to fund multi-modal golf course drive.

Item 701: Owner of Bancroft lots John Ryan returns to GGHPC to request we remove our appeal to the variance he has requested on Project #458558 "Bancroft Houses." He states that the project is at a standstill and offers a letter to the board that provides four options for mitigating the potential native plant loss that he could meet in order to remove our appeal to the variance. Community members who are active in the 32nd Street canyon present information about the potential plant loss that conflicts with the property owner's assessment, and there is disagreement over the validity of the native habitat study on his property. Several GGHPC members express that they do not have sufficient information about the property, the canyon, and the potential plant mitigation efforts to make a decision about rescinding our appeal or any terms to stipulate. A motion is made to revisit the item in two months to hear from community members with expertise on the canyon and native San Diego habitat so the board can consider maintaining our appeal or rescinding the appeal with the requirement of a specific plant mitigation plan. Motion passes unanimously.

Item 702: Assess need for subcommittee on Grape & Fern Street safety design. Thompson Hsu offered to coordinate meeting with Traffic department and set up community meeting to discuss solutions. Mike Gruby and Jay Watt had submitted traffic safety proposals to the city. Subcommittee to plan an open community forum on the intersection with city Traffic Engineers from the city Transportation Department is formed with David Swarens leading.

Elections announcement:: 5 incumbents running again: elections start at 6:00 pm March 25. 2 year terms. Joe and Susan have termed out. Max of 16. 14 present 2 absent.