



UPTOWN PLANNERS

Uptown Community Planning Group

Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2011 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Joyce Beers Community Center, Uptown Shopping District

Present: Dahl, O'Dea, Towne, Wilson (chair), Bonn, Adler, Seidel, Lamb, Liddell, Jaworski, Gatzke, Edwards, Bonner, Grinchuk, Wendorf, Mellos

One board seat is vacant.

March Board Election:

An election was held for seven board seats; a total of 231 individuals voted, who presented identification that they were Uptown residents, business or property owners.

The following seven candidates received the most votes were duly elected: Ken Tablang, Bob Grinchuk, Jennifer Pesquira, Rhett Butler, Don Liddell, Neil Ferrier and Tony Winney; they will assume their seats as board members at the April 4, 2011 board meeting.

Below are the election results:

TOTAL BALLOTS VOTED: 231

*Seven candidates who received the most votes and were elected:

1. Ken Tablang*	157
2. Bob Grinchuk*	155
3. Jennifer Pesquira*	151
4. Rhett Butler*	146
5. Don Liddell*	139
6. Neil Ferrier*	100
7. Tony Winney*	89
8. Matt Winter	88
9. Sharon Gehl	80
10. Craig Adams	73
11. Ian Epley	64

Board Member: Parliamentary Items/Reports:

Approval of Agenda:

Mellos moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes:

Seidel moved to approve the December, 2010 minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dahl reported a balance of \$427.02.

Website Report

Webmaster O'Dea indicated she would like to step down as webmaster; and let another board member assume the position. With the use of new software, O'Dea has adapted and improved the website so that it can be used by an individual without technical computer experience.

Chair/ CPC Report

Chair sadly reported that long-time Uptown Planners board member Jay Hyde passed away. He had served on the board for almost 12 years at the time of his passing.

Chair indicated the Sharp Rees-Stealy medical project will come before Uptown Planners at its April meeting. The project applicant has already pulled building permits and begun construction on the parking lot at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Grape Street. The historic Moreton fig tree will be protected, under the supervision of an arborist. The applicant has not made a decision regarding the future use of the potentially historic buildings in which the medical center is presently located.

An EIR is about to be issued for the St. Paul's Cathedral Project, which came before Uptown Planners about two years ago. It will come before Uptown Planners again in 2011.

The City has received funding to conduct a study of the feasibility for placing a streetcar along Park Blvd. between Downtown and Balboa Park.

The CPC will be considering draft revisions to the City's policy incentives regarding sustainable development and affordable housing

Public Communication:

Joyce Summer provided an update regarding issues involving the CCDC.

Representatives of Elected Officials:

Jennifer Poole, representing Congresswoman Susan Davis, provided an update about her activities, and matters coming before Fourth Avenue Congress.

Consent Agenda: None

Information Item: Projects: None

Action Item: Development Project Review

3824 PARK BOULEVARD CUP – (“FATOOHI SUNSHINE MARKET”) – Hillcrest – Process Three -- Conditional Use Permit for a Type 21 liquor license for a new market in an existing 1,168 sq. ft. space at 3824 Park Blvd. in the CN-1 and CN-2 Zone; FAA Part 77, Residential Tandem Parking, Transit Area.

Presentation by applicant, Sam Fatoohi; the hours of operation of the store would be limited to 8:00-9:00 p.m. M-F; 8:00-10:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 8:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday. A letter dated February 27, 2011 from the Little Italy Association in which it was indicated Mr. Fatoohi was issued a plaque for his 30-years of service and business operation in Little Italy.

Ben Nichols, the Director of the Hillcrest Business Association, spoke in favor of the project, and submitted a letter from the Hillcrest Business Association in support. Ross Murphy and Mark Freed spoke in favor of the project. No one spoke in opposition; a letter was submitted by Richard Rachel in opposition which was distributed to the board.

A letter from the SDPD dated October 19, 2010 indicated support for the project application based on a public convenience and necessity evaluation.

During board discussion, the applicant indicated he would not selling fortified liquors.

Motion by Grinchuk, seconded by Gatzke to approve the project CUP as proposed; was passed by a vote of 12-0 (non-voting chair abstaining; Jaworski, Dahl and Seidel absent from table as they were supervising the counting of the board election ballots as members of the election committee).

UPTOWN BICYCLE CORRALS – City of San Diego – Proposal to locate bicycle corrals in several locations in Uptown

Proposal to install as pilot program bicycle corrals at three locations; would be green curbed. Ben Nichols, Director of the Hillcrest Business Association, indicated the Hillcrest Association supported the proposal.

Motion by Gatzke to approve, seconded by Bonner; passed by a vote of 12-0 (non-voting chair abstaining; Jaworski, Dahl and Seidel absent from table as they were supervising the counting of the board election ballots as members of the election committee).

Board meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.; board members remained to supervise conclusion of the counting of election ballots.

These minutes respectfully submitted by board secretary Andrew Towne

