



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

## **DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2018.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Stark @ 5:30pm.

**Roll Call:** Chair Stark noted that 19 of 24 members were present, constituting a quorum.

**Members Present @ Call to Order (19):** Atsumi, Ball, Barbano, Blair, Brown, Clark, DiFrancesca, Egan, Escala, Lachman, Lawson, Limandri, Litwak, Nauta, Perry, Rosenbaum, Stark, Wery, Wilson-Ramon

**Late Arrival (2):** Baker, Dion,

**Members Absent (3):** Brewer, Georgescu, Kohn,

**Early Departure (2):** Nauta 7:15, Wery 7:15

### **2. Approval of May 16 Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes accepted

### **3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: None**

### **4. Elected Representative Comments: None**

### **5. Chairperson's Report, Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Chairperson, Pat Stark:** All new members need to complete their ECAL training (online based).
  - At CPC, Phil Bono, AIA, gave a summary of the "Housing the Next Millions" 20177 study.
  - Joe Ocampo appointed to the Airport Noise Commission.
  - City Council putting together working group on Scooter, Bikes for regulatory proposal
- **Pre-Design, Claudia Escala:** New office building reviewed.
- **Communications, Michael Rosenbaum:** Updating website, establishing budget, Donna Egan to assist updating Word Press or another system; Community outreach a future goal.
- **Social Issues, Monica Ball:** recent co-meeting with Downtown Fellowship Homeless Count Analysis; homelessness count still basically flat; survey out to members'
- **DPMG – Cindy Blair:** Walker Consulting Group in process of completing a Downtown Parking Assessment Study/ Update complete in July. Their analysis indicates downtown has enough parking but needs to be utilized more effectively – which completed study will address specifically.
- **Downtown Parks Foundation – Cindy Blair:** Betsy Brennan, new director of Downtown Partnership has goal to manage/activate parks since Parks & Rec is now opposed to a downtown Park & Rec Council. Park & Rec is sponsoring a series of Masterplan Workshops around the city. The former Marriott Tennis Courts above Convention to be refurbish for Public Use over the next 2 years.

### **Consent – No Items**

### **Action**

#### **6. Midterm Elections – Pat Stark:**

- Little Italy Resident Owner Candidate Paul Pensabene introduced and unanimously elected.
  - 22 year San Diego resident recently retired from the Navy
- Columbia business and Core resident seats still vacant; if not filled by July, bylaws dictate they remain vacant until next March general elections

### **Information**

#### **7. Project Updates: Nicole Pare, Civic SD**

- Chinese Theater Process 2; Construction modifications of architectural plans under review. Revised Sign Plan approved, no appeal.

- Bus Layover plan under city review Friday; Rosenbaum to summarize DCPC position

**8. EVgo Charging Stations – Heidi Krantz, EVgo:** With the void of fast electric car charging in downtown S.D. ( only 1), EVgo’s mission is to provide reliable charging infrastructure. EVgo requesting input on any changes or additions to 8 proposed sites downtown; Will narrow down to 3 by this fall.

Discussion/Response: Stations not situated on major thoroughfares or in front of businesses. Smart electric cars will tell the driver where the stations are. Different size stations will take from 3, 5, & 8 existing parking places, will be metered as 1 hour city parking spots and ticketed subsequently. Vandalism has not been a problem in other cities. Dispensers are about the size of a small refrigerator; request for better diagram of how equipment lays out to allay concerns about how many parking spaces taken up. Questions: any alternatives out there – like using combo lamppost as in Scandinavia? Why not / more peripheral locations since downtown so congested? – Evgo working with City Permitting.

Action: DCPC members will review proposed sites on a neighborhood basis; Contact her direct with input in next 30 days.

**9. Subcommittee goals, objectives, and proposed meeting schedules for remainder of year**

- A. Predesign (Claudia Escalla) – Review Building projects as presented by CIVIC planners.
- B. Communications ( Chair: Michael Rosenbaum)
  - Update Website with Pertinent Links and current information on members & committees; post committee summaries
  - Fix the Website; Update bios, - will take place in July or early August; commit to Quarterly meetings
- C. Public Spaces ( Co-Chair: Kay DiFrancesca & Nancy Wilson-Ramon)
  - Attend Park and other workshops and inform the group;
  - Engage with City Committee Scooter & Bike regulations’ Placemaking
  - Monitor the Park and Rec restructuring (How can we streamline timeline/processes for Parks/ public spaces)
  - Understand how the newly passes Placemaking Ordinance can benefit our community
  - Future Item: engage with East Village Community Plan when that study begins next year
- D. Social Issues (Chair: Monica Ball)
  - Keep DCPC informed; document what we learn and prepare short list of important statistics that will influence decision making (a Primer on Homeless )
  - Advocate for policies for homeless downtown and distributing housing options around the city, streamlining processes
  - Provide information/ background regarding related Propositions on November ballot
- E. Finance ( Kay DiFrancesca, Pat Stark)
  - Prepare DCPC input for DIF process
- F. Elections/ ByLaws ( Michael Rosenbaum, Claudia Escala co-chairs)
  - review Council changes/ revamping of Community Planning Groups ( at city attorneys office)
  - increase pool of voters and community participation in DCPC elections
  - Prepare a Step by Step Procedure Manual including Timeframe and ALL Forms

**Miscellaneous**

**10. Potential Agenda Items and Member Comments**

- Consider Informational Presentations: the Planning Group proposed change/reform; Airport Development Plan; Updates on Seaport Village and Manchester Broadway Development plans.
- PATH 5 year anniversary tomorrow night 5-8pm at We Work.

**11. URGENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS** (Action Items Must Meet Gov. Code Section 54954.2)

**Adjournment 7:45pm**

