



## **UPTOWN PLANNERS**

Uptown Community Planning Committee  
October 6, 2009 Tuesday – Meeting Minutes

Present: Hyde, Grinchuk, Liddell, Lamb, Seidel, Dahl, Wilson (Chair), Bonn, Gottschalk, Edwards, Adler, Wendorf, Towne, O'Dea, Gatzke, Jaworski; also present, Marlon Pangilinan of CPCI.

Absent: Wendorf.

### **Board Meeting: Parliamentary Items/ Reports:**

#### Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order

Liddell moved to approve agenda. Motion passed by voice vote.

#### Approval of Minutes

Approval of September minutes was put off for one month.

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dahl reported a balance of \$363.13.

#### Website Report

No report

#### Chair/ CPC Report

Chair said that there was nothing to report.

### **Public Communication- Non-Agenda Public Comment**

Resident Barry Hager noted a fourteen month delay in starting the community plan update process and said that a request should be made to the City Council to extend the interim height limit ordinance if the update process wasn't well underway by December or January.

Jeff Graham, representing CCDC, gave an update on the downtown redevelopment agency's activities.

**Representatives of Elected Officials**

Courtney Thomson, representing Councilmember Gloria, was present but did not speak because Gloria was present as well.

Brian Pepin gave an update on Councilmember Faulconer's activities.

Joe Kocurek gave an update on State Assembly Member Lori Saldana's activities.

**Consent Agenda:** None

**Special Presentation:**

1. **HON. CITY COUNCILMEMBER TODD GLORIA** — Update on issues coming before the City Council; Councilmember Gloria is the chair of the Land Use & Housing Subcommittee.

Among other things, Councilmember Gloria noted that the city's financial condition meant that noise complaints would not be responded to, and that there would be no proactive tree trimming by the city.

He then asked for questions and comments from the board and residents attending the meeting.

Resident Rick Wilson said that he agreed with Barry Hager about the need to extend the Interim Height Limitation Ordinance until the community plan update process was completed, its initiation was delayed almost a year. Council member Gloria indicated he did not favor the extension of the Interim Height Limitation; however, stated he might change is mind with community input.

Uptown Planners board member Jay Hyde pointed out the danger of a lack of sidewalks on Richmond Street, noting that children were walking in the area.

Uptown Planers board member Ernie Bonn said that she thought that community planning groups should be consulted regarding the placement of wireless boxes in residential areas.

Hillcrest Medical Complex community resident George Wedemeyer said that he was having to go through too much red tape in dealing with city officials when it came to addressing issues affecting residents in the hospital area.

Uptown Planners board member Hirsch Gottschalk noted that the city had a tendency to accept bids that were too low, and then fall victim to cost overruns that might have been avoided by accepting more realistic bids in the first place. Gloria agreed that the city could do a better job of overseeing contracts.

Uptown Planners Mary Wendorf said that Downtown redevelopment meant that the city's share of property taxes paid by Downtown stakeholders would only benefit Downtown, and not benefit neighborhoods throughout the city, which did not have the same redevelopment benefit. Councilmember Gloria responded that he didn't think that getting rid of CCDC would benefit other neighborhoods all that much.

With regard to city contractors, Gloria asked board members and residents to call his office if contractors caused damage or failed to clean up after themselves. He also suggested that Uptown Planners come up with its own list of preferred contractors and submit that list to his office.

### **Action Items**

**1. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STATE ASSEMBLY BILL AB 694 – Introduced by Assembly Member Lori Saldana –** AB 694 would repeal a provision in a state statute enacted early in the last century that granted tidelands and submerged land to the City for San Diego for port related activities. Pursuant to statute in question, the City of San Diego granted certain tidelands to the United States Navy for military use. In 2006, the United States Navy, which had ended its military use on the land, signed a 99-year lease with a private developer to use the lands for commercial purposes. Besides repealing a portion of a state statute, AB 694 further requires the State Land Commission to represent the state and “cooperate in resolving title and boundary issues involving tidelands and submerged lands.” The bill expressly states it should not be construed to nullify previous federal court decisions granted the Navy the right to convert its interest in the tideland property in question to private use.

Towne made a motion, seconded by O'Dea, to support Uptown Planners writing a letter of support; motion passed 12,2,2. Seidel and Gatzke voted against. Liddell and Chair Wilson abstained – non-voting chair indicated he supported the motion.

**2. 4340 ALTAMIRANO WAY (“PRIOR RESIDENCE”)** – Process Three – Mission Hills – Site Development Permit for Environmentally Sensitive Lands for an approximately 1,271 sq. ft. addition to an existing single family residence on a 0.92 acres site at 4340 Altamirano Way, in the RS-1-7 & RS-1-2 Zone; FAA Part 77.

Applicant made a presentation regarding the project; there was no public comment.

Hyde made a motion, seconded by Seidel, to approve the project as presented.. Motion passed 15,0,1, Chair Wilson abstaining.

**3. HISTORIC PRESERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – Acton Item:** Report on Land Use & Housing “History Day” meeting on September 23, 2009; recommendation for further action regarding policies for remodels, notification and other issues brought out in Uptown Planner’s demolition memo supported by Uptown Planners, North Park Planning Group and Community Planners Committee in September. 2009.

The committee report included an update on actions supporting permit the reforms that the board voted on in September. The board did not take any further action at this meeting.

Ian Epley spoke against the historic preservation report adopted by the board at its September meeting.

**4. REVISIONS TO COMMUNITY GARDEN PERMIT REQUIREMENT** – Proposal to revise the permit process for community gardens to no longer require a discretionary Neighborhood Development Permit (Process Two); instead the necessary permit could be obtained through a ministerial process (Process One), upon meeting the requirements contained in Municipal Code Section 141.0203.

Gatzke made a motion, seconded by Dahl, to indicate support for the steam lining of permitting community gardens, provided a standard permit can be developed to address the management, operation, and maintenance of the gardens. Specific issues shall include requirements to keep gardens in good order, provide clear information on parties responsible for mediating concerns, etc. The standard conditions shall be returned to the appropriate community planning group for final comment.

Nothing herein shall be interpreted as support for modifying the process for using public land (such as parklands, dedicated right-of-way, etc.) for public gardens.

Liddell, seconded by Seidel, moved to table the motion for future discussion; which in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, has precedence over the previous motion.

Motion to table passed 8,7,1, with Chair Wilson abstaining.

**Subcommittee Reports:** None

**Rules/Bylaw Subcommittee; Information Item:** Don Liddell: Administrative Guidelines Policy on board member recusals.

Subcommittee Reports: Item continued.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45. p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by board secretary Andrew Towne.

