



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES, APRIL 1, 2010

A. PUBLIC MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1. The Board of Directors of the Uptown Partnership, Inc. held its monthly meeting on April 1, 2010 at 525 Spruce Street, San Diego, CA, 92103 for the purpose of transacting all proper business of the corporation.
2. Board members present: Ben Baltic, Ron Baranov, Tom Curl, John Eisenhart, Jim Frost, Dave Gatzke, Cindy Lehman, Nancy Moors, Greg Nowell, Anne Rast and Sean Schwerdtfeger.
3. Staff present: Carol Schultz, Jessica Freeman, John Hargreaves, and Janelle Luna.
4. Others present: Bruce Bielaski *Hillcrest Resident*, Meredith Dibden-Brown *CPD Contract Administrator*, Bruce Dammann *Bankers Hill Resident*, John Dise *Bankers Hill Business Owner*, Tim Gahagan *Hillcrest Town Council*, Ann Garwood *Hillcrest Town Council*, Ben Nicholls *Hillcrest Business Association*, Courtney Thompson *Council District Three Representative*, Brian Pepin *Council District Two Representative*.
5. President Cindy Lehman called the meeting to order at 4:42 PM.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ben Nicholls – Suggested that the Board of Directors clarify what determines a project is for all of Uptown, rather than an individual neighborhood project.
2. Nancy Moors – Speaking on behalf Carla Coshow who attended the Hillcrest Parking Committee meeting on March 30, 2010, requested that Uptown Partnership work to find a resolution to the lack of communication by Traffic Engineering with the neighborhoods about changes to parking, specifically parking spaces on Richmond Street being converted to a red zone by Traffic Engineering without notification to the Community Parking District or nearby residents.
3. Ann Garwood – Requested that parking meters in other locations are removed to balance out the loss of free parking spaces on Richmond Street due to the red zone conversion. Also requested that a stop sign be installed at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Spruce Street.
4. John Dise – Requested the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Spruce Street. Also requested that the vacant lot on Sixth Avenue and Redwood Street be assessed for a possible parking structure or lot because a partially built underground garage already exists on the lot.
5. Ben Baltic – Notified the Board that, in addition to the loss of on-street parking spaces on Richmond Street, nine on-street parking spaces on Fourth Avenue north of Washington were lost due to changes on the street resulting from the construction of the Scripps parking garage.
6. Richard Stegner – Echoed the sentiments of other speakers that there is no reciprocal flow of information between City departments and community organizations regarding changes to parking.

C. UPDATES

1. **COUNCIL DISTRICT THREE** – Councilmember Gloria's representative, Courtney Thomson, expressed the Councilmember's concerns about the lack of notification regarding the Richmond Street red zone installation and his request that Traffic Engineering re-evaluate the other red zones on the street to see if they are required. The red zone was installed as the result of a citizen's safety concern and several other improvements were made to the street including tree trimming,

pavings, and the installation of a crosswalk. Courtney also invited everyone to donate Easter baskets for the Eighth Annual LGBT Easter Egg Hunt.

2. **COUNCIL DISTRICT TWO** – Councilmember’s Faulconer’s representative, Brian Pepin, informed the Board of Directors that he will speak to the Councilmember about Richmond Street and the concerns regarding communication between City departments and the community when changes are made to parking. The Councilmember has requested that Traffic Engineering install a stop sign at Fifth Avenue and Spruce Street and is happy that Uptown Partnership has funding in the budget for the cost of the stop sign. Brian is working to set up a meeting for the Five Points community to go over the request for the formation of a CDC and the allocation of parking meters funds to the CDC.
3. **CITY CPD PROGRAM** - Community Parking District Contract Administrator Meredith Dibden-Brown informed the Board of Directors that budgets will go to the Land Use and Housing Committee in late May and go before City Council in mid-June. Meredith also notified the Board of the draft map showing where parking meter funds can be used and that she is working with the City Attorney to identify the appropriate uses of meter funds.

D. AGENDA APPROVALS

1. Consent Agenda

Dave Gatzke offered the **motion** to accept the consent agenda. Jim Frost seconded the motion. Yes: Baranov, Curl, Eisenhart, Frost, Gatzke, Lehman, Moors, Nowell, Rast, Schwerdtfeger. No: None. Abstentions: None. **10-0-0**.

2. Meeting Agenda

Greg Nowell offered the **motion** to accept the meeting agenda as presented. Ron Baranov seconded the motion. Yes: Baranov, Curl, Eisenhart, Frost, Gatzke, Lehman, Moors, Nowell, Rast, Schwerdtfeger. No: None. Abstentions: None. **10-0-0**.

E. BUSINESS MATTERS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

1. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ron Baranov offered the **motion** to approve the financial reports for February 2010. Dave Gatzke seconded the motion. Yes: Baranov, Curl, Eisenhart, Frost, Gatzke, Lehman, Moors, Nowell, Rast. No: None. Abstentions: None. **9-0-0**. Sean Schwerdtfeger was not present for the vote.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

Carol Schultz provided an update on the selection of a Hillcrest resident for the Board of Directors. The Hillcrest Town Council Steering Committee has recommended Bruce Bielaski, but he must be ratified at the next HTC meeting before being ratified by the Uptown Partnership Board.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. RATIFICATION OF NEW DIRECTOR

Dave Gatzke offered the **motion** “to ratify the selection of Ben Baltic as the business person from Bankers Hill-Park West to fill a director’s seat.” Anne Rast seconded the motion. Yes: Baranov, Curl, Eisenhart, Frost, Gatzke, Lehman, Moors, Nowell, Rast, Schwerdtfeger. No: None. Abstentions: None. **10-0-0**.

2. TREASURER SUCCESSION

Anne Rast offered the **motion** “to refer the matter back to the Governance Committee to refine the Treasurer’s description of responsibilities and to propose a specific succession plan.” Nancy Moors seconded the motion. Yes: Baltic, Curl, Eisenhart, Frost, Gatzke, Lehman, Moors, Nowell, Rast, Schwerdtfeger. No: None. Abstentions: Baranov. **10-0-1.**

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nancy Moors offered the **motion** “to appoint Anne Rast as President, David Gatzke as Vice President, Greg Nowell as Secretary, and Ron Baranov as Treasurer until the next annual election in July 2011”. Ron Baranov seconded the motion. Yes: Baranov, Curl, Eisenhart, Frost, Gatzke, Lehman, Moors, Nowell, Schwerdtfeger. No: None. Abstentions: Rast. **10-0-1.**

4. SELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sean Schwerdtfeger offered the motion “to adopt the Governance Committee’s recommendations for directors and members of the public to serve on the Partnership’s committees until the next annual election.” John Eisenhart seconded the motion. Yes: Baranov, Curl, Eisenhart, Gatzke, Lehman, Nowell, Rast, Schwerdtfeger. No: Frost, Moors. Abstentions: None. **9-2-0.**

5. FY11 PLAN AND BUDGET

Dave Gatzke offered the **motion** “to accept the recommendations of the Planning and Project Committee, except for the following two items: the UPTOWN Parking Investment at Future Library Site and the HILLCREST Upgrade Wayfinding Signs with Solar-powered Lighting allocations. In addition, I acknowledge that the Hillcrest Parking Committee would like to augment the neighborhood parking and circulation fund budget but I am moving the amount recommended by the Planning and Projects Committee expecting further discussion to ensue in a separate motion about that amount.” Greg Nowell seconded the motion. Yes: Baltic, Baranov, Curl, Eisenhart, Frost, Gatzke, Lehman, Nowell, Rast, Schwerdtfeger. No: Moors. Abstentions: None. **10-1-0.**

Nancy Moors offered the **motion** “to change the budgeted amount for wayfinding signs section from \$100,000 to \$50,000”. Dave Gatzke seconded the motion. Yes: Curl, Gatzke, Lehman, Moors, Rast, Schwerdtfeger. No: Baltic, Baranov, Eisenhart, Frost, Nowell. Abstentions: None. **6-5-0.**

Jim Frost offered the **motion** “that \$1,000,000 be re-characterized as an Uptown Parking Investment, non-site specific to be used anywhere in the Uptown district.” Sean Schwerdtfeger seconded the motion. Yes: Baltic, Curl, Frost, Gatzke, Lehman, Moors, Rast, Schwerdtfeger. No: Baranov, Eisenhart, Nowell. **8-3-0.**

Dave Gatzke offered the **motion** “to increase the HILLCREST Neighborhood Parking and Circulation Improvement Fund by \$50,000”. Ron Baranov seconded the motion. Yes: Baltic, Baranov, Curl, Eisenhart, Frost, Gatzke, Lehman, Moors, Nowell, Rast, Schwerdtfeger. No: None. Abstentions: None. **11-0-0.**

6. FIVE POINTS CDC PROPOSAL

Sean Schwerdtfeger offered the **motion** “that we write a letter expressing the Board’s opposition to the formation of any organization that would subsume the responsibilities of the CPD.” Jim Frost seconded the motion. During discussion of this item Greg Nowell left the meeting. Yes: Baltic, Baranov, Curl, Eisenhart, Frost, Gatzke, Lehman, Moors, Rast, Schwerdtfeger. No: Moors. Abstentions: None. **9-1-0.**

G. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2010

Transcribed and drafted by Jessica Freeman

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Greg Nowell, Secretary