



Uptown Partnership, Inc.
BOARD of DIRECTORS

MINUTES
March 9, 2006

A. Public Meeting Call to Order

1. The Board of Directors of the Uptown Partnership, Inc. held its monthly meeting on March 9, 2006, at 3108 Fifth Avenue, Suite B, San Diego, CA, for the purpose of transacting all proper business of the corporation.
2. Board members present: President Bob Orphey, Vice President Bruce Dammann, Secretary Bob Grinchuk, Treasurer Ron Baranov, Cindy Lehman, Bob Doyle, Sean Schwerdtfeger.
3. Staff present: Executive Director Carol Schultz, Staff Planner George Franck, and Operations Manager David Eng.
 - a. Also present: Council District 3 Representative Jeffery Tom, Hillcrest Association Executive Director Warren Simon, Rick Cook (Gable Cook Schmid), and Anne Rast (Uptown resident).
 - b. President Orphey called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

B. Public Comment

No public comment presented.

C. Consent Items

1. Minutes

Bruce Dammann offered the **motion** to approve the Board of Directors' meeting minutes for February 2, 2006. M/S. Motion passed unanimously.
2. President's Report

None presented.
3. Treasurer's Report

Ron Baranov reported that he received a financial statement from bookkeeper Rusanne Anthony that summarizes Uptown Partnership's profits and losses from September through December 2005. Although the statement loss of \$13,680.05 probably results from the timing of City reimbursements, he will investigate further before presenting the statement for approval by the Board.
4. Nominating Committee Report
5. See Attachment C.4 to the agenda for March 9, 2006. Agenda Approval

Bob Orphey offered the **motion** to approve the agenda for March 9, 2006. The Board adopted the agenda unanimously.

D. Government Representative Appearances

1. San Diego Airport Authority.

Rick Cook spoke on behalf of the San Diego Airport Authority to announce a town hall meeting at the Joyce Beers Center on Tuesday, March 21, to discuss the selection of a new regional airport site. The meeting will include an informational presentation, followed by a question and answer session.

2. Council District 3 Representative.

Jeffery Tom reported that the Caltrans review of the federal grant awarded by SANDAG to the Washington-Goldfinch project has raised questions that may impede its progress. As a requirement of receiving a federally-funded grant, the project must fulfill federal requirements for public process. When CalTrans tried to verify this element of the project as agent for the Federal Highway Administration, it received misinformation from the Mission Hills Heritage group that indicated a lack of public involvement. Jeffery Tom is working with Carol Schultz and other stakeholders to help resolve this issue.

Jeffery Tom also announced that Peggy Mazzella, Uptown Planners, is convening a meeting on March 29 to discuss the distribution of DIF funding for projects that help mitigate density in Uptown. Due to the reduced number of building permits that have been pulled, just over \$300,000 is available this year compared to over \$2 million last year.

E. Information Items

See Attachment E.1 to the agenda for March 9, 2006.

F. Action Items

1. Central Hillcrest Parking Structure

Cindy Lehman offered the **motion** to engage broker Bud Marsh to investigate possible purchase of properties identified for a City parking garage under the terms listed in Attachment F.1. M/S. Ron Baranov expressed two concerns: whether or not Bud Marsh could complete the task within the 15 hours allotted in the contract; and whether he could represent Uptown Partnership as well as the property owners if they decide to sell. Carol Schultz noted that Bud Marsh had agreed to perform the work for free, but the hours and fees were agreed upon maintain an arm's length relationship. Bob Orphey added that the number of hours could be extended by mutual agreement with Bud Marsh, if needed. Several Board members said that Bud Marsh could represent the property owners in the future without much detriment to Uptown Partnership, but the Board stated no preference on the question of dual representation. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Election of Directors and Officers

1. Review of election procedures by President

See Attachment G.1 to the agenda for March 9, 2006.

2. Election to fill expiring terms on Board of Directors

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Bob Orphey presented Bruce Dammann, Cindy Lehman, and Sean Schwerdtfeger as candidates to fill the three expiring terms on the Board of Directors. Hearing no other nominations, Bob Doyle offered the **motion** to close nominations for the three expiring terms. M/S. Motion passed unanimously. Because one vacant seat was available for each candidate, the Board did not need to take a vote to elect Bruce Dammann, Cindy Lehman, and Sean Schwerdtfeger to their new three year terms.

3. Election to fill vacant seats on Board of Directors

Bob Orphey presented Ian Epley, Anne Rast, and Warren Simon as candidates to fill the two remaining terms on the Board of Directors. Hearing no other nominations, Cindy Lehman offered the **motion** to close nominations for the two vacant seats. M/S. Motion passed unanimously. Each of the candidates received three minutes to introduce themselves and explain how they would help achieve the objectives of the Board. Because Ian Epley was not present at the meeting, Bruce Dammann gave a brief description of his professional background. Bruce Dammann offered the **motion** to close discussion and proceed with voting. M/S. Motion passed unanimously. After voting was complete, David Eng and Jeffery Tom tabulated the votes and announced that Anne Rast and Warren Simon were elected to the two and one year terms, respectively; the person receiving the most votes was given the two-year term.

4. Election of officers for Board of Directors

Bob Orphey presented Cindy Lehman and himself as candidates for the office of President, Sean Schwerdtfeger for Secretary, and Ron Baranov for Treasurer. The Nominating Committee did not propose a candidate for Vice-President. Sean Schwerdtfeger nominated Bob Orphey for Vice President; he declined. Hearing no other nominations, Cindy Lehman offered the **motion** to close nominations for officer positions. M/S. Motion passed unanimously. After Cindy Lehman and Bob Orphey received three minutes each to explain how they would help achieve the objectives of the Board as its President, Bob Doyle offered the **motion** to close discussion and proceed with voting. M/S. Motion passed unanimously. After voting was complete, David Eng and Jeffery Tom tabulated the votes and announced that Cindy Lehman was elected President with the most votes.

5. Bob Orphey closed the election portion of the meeting..

H. Adjournment

President Orphey adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Next Board of Directors meeting scheduled for April 6, 2006

Transcribed and drafted by Carol
Schultz and David Eng.

Reviewed by Board Secretary Sean
Schwerdtfeger.

Approved by Board on:

Certified after Board approval by:

Sean Schwerdtfeger, Secretary

Date: _____