



Uptown Partnership, Inc.

BOARD of DIRECTORS

MINUTES
June 1, 2006

A. Public Meeting Call to Order

1. The Board of Directors of the Uptown Partnership, Inc. held its monthly meeting on June 1, 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 Cindy Lehman, Bruce Dammann, Bob Grinchuk, Anne Rast, and Warren Simon.
3. Board members absent: Secretary Sean Schwerdtfeger, Ron Baranov, and Bob Orphey.
4. Staff present: Executive Director Carol Schultz, Staff Planner George Franck, and Operations Manager David Eng
5. Others present: Council District 3 Representative Jeffery Tom.
6. President Lehman called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

B. Public Comment

No public comment presented.

C. Consent Items

1. Minutes
Warren Simon offered the **motion** to approve the Board of Directors' meeting minutes for May 18, 2006. M/S. Motion passed unanimously.
2. President's Report
None given.
3. Treasurer's Report
No Treasurer's report was given. Cindy Lehman assured the Board that a financial report will be available for approval at the next Board meeting.
4. Agenda Approval
Bob Grinchuk requested that the Board discuss its position on Uptown Planners' proposal to restrict the height of the 301 University project through down-zoning. George Franck asked to present updates on transit, the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library, and the Hillcrest Mobility Study. These were added to Urgent Non-Agenda Items as G.1. and G.2., respectively. The agenda for June 1, 2006 was adopted unanimously as amended.
5. Appointment of Secretary Pro-Tem
Bob Grinchuk was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem in Sean Schwerdtfeger's absence.

D. Government Representative Appearances

None.

E. Action Items

1. Five Points advisory group

George Franck reported that nine attendees from the Five Points community workshop indicated interest in participating in the Five Points advisory group. Because two sets of these individuals are related to each other, staff recommended that Uptown Partnership invite seven of them to serve on the group. These individuals include John Eisenhart, Thomas (or Patricia) Littell, Jackie McGurk, J. Demetrios Mellos III, Jennifer (or Eva) Pesqueira, Selina Shockley, and Chris Stokes. This group represents both resident and business interests, and with the exception of Chris Stokes, all are area property owners.

George Franck also recommended inviting Saffron Restaurant owner Su-Mei Yu, who was unable to attend the workshop, but has expressed concern over parking and traffic in the area. He will invite representatives from local planning and transportation groups including Traffic Engineering to assist the advisory committee, and asked Board members to consider participating as a chairperson.

Bruce Dammann made the **motion** to appoint the aforementioned seven community members, with the addition of Su-Mei Yu, to be community members of the advisory group for the Five Points parking and traffic project. George Franck will act as chairperson of the group until a Board member decides to serve in that capacity. M/S. Motion passed unanimously.

2. City contract and budget

Presented as information item 1.

F. Information Items

1. City contract and budget

a. Carol Schultz announced that she received a draft of the City contract on May 31, 2006. The original due date for signed contracts and adopted budget has been extended beyond June 2, 2006 to an unspecified date. Contracts for the Community Parking Districts for FY 06-07 will go before the City Council on July 18.

There also is no consensus on the amount of money in Uptown Partnership's reserve account.

b. Interfund transfers for the purchase of parking cards and reload time will be reinstated as part of the new FY 06-07 contract.

c. City records show that Uptown Partnership has an outstanding balance of \$42,133 owed to the city from a previous advance.

d. Carol Schultz pointed out that \$52,250 (25% of the project cost estimate) for the Normal Street project has been added for contingencies to the FY 06-07 budget.

2. Board retreat

Board members, overall, felt that the Board retreat on May 20, 2006 was a success. Carol Schultz will distribute the retreat facilitator's report when it is available.

G. Urgent Non-Agenda Items

1. 301 University

Members of Uptown Planners have proposed an amendment to the Mid-City Planned District Ordinance to create a 65-foot height restriction in parts of central Hillcrest to reduce the scale of the proposed 301 University project. Bob Grinchuk asked the Board to clarify its position on this debate, and the Board felt that land-use issues fall outside Uptown Partnership's responsibilities and expertise. However, Uptown Partnership will continue to support the 121 parking spaces that the project has proposed and acknowledge the general benefit the project will bring to the community. Carol Schultz will attend the Uptown Planners meeting on June 6, 2006 to monitor discussion of the proposed height limitation.

2. Project Updates – George Franck

a. Hillcrest Mobility Study

A RFP is expected to be released next week with the hope of hiring a consultant by the middle of August. Use of the grant money awarded this project has been extended until 2008.

b. Transit

Changes to transit service in Uptown will begin on June 11, following a series of community meetings that will be held the week before. Affected routes include 1, 3, 5, 16, 15, and 908. With the introduction of a Mission Hills shuttle that will run hourly on weekdays, the changes will not necessarily cut back service, but restructure it.

c. Mission Hills- Hillcrest Library

Progress on the library project has been hampered by a requirement from Development Services for a cul-de-sac onto the property that would effectively reduce the size of the site by 1/3 and create a shortage of parking spaces. Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library will meet at the end of June or beginning of July.

H. Adjournment

President Lehman adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Next Board of Directors meeting scheduled for June 6, 2006

Transcribed and drafted by Carol Schultz and David Eng.

Reviewed by Board Secretary Pro-Tem Bob Grinchuk

Approved by Board on:

Certified after Board approval by:

Bob Grinchuk, Secretary Pro-Tem

Date: _____