



BOARD of DIRECTORS

MINUTES
April 5, 2007

A. Public Meeting Call to Order

1. The Board of Directors of the Uptown Partnership, Inc. held its monthly meeting on April 5, 2007, at 3108 Fifth Avenue, Suite B, San Diego, CA, for the purpose of transacting all proper business of the corporation.
2. Board members present: Cindy Lehman, Anne Rast, Warren Simon, John Eisenhart, Robert Grinchuk, and Robert Orphey.
3. Board members absent: Ron Baranov, John Eisenhart, and Sean Schwerdtfeger.
4. Staff present: Carol Schultz, George Franck, and David Eng.
5. Others present: Bruce Dammann, Ian Epley, Sam Hasenin, Jared Svendsen, Melisa Tintocalis, and Jeffery Tom.
6. President Cindy Lehman called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

B. Public Comment

No public comment was presented.

C. Administrative Items

1. Minutes
Bob Grinchuk offered the **motion** to approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes for the March 1, 2007. M/S. Motion passed unanimously.
2. President's Report
Cindy Lehman announced that the Hillcrest Association recently held its board election on March 13, 2007 where Alex Marin was elected President. Bob Grinchuk was elected as a member of Uptown Planners at its March 6, 2007 Board election.
3. Treasurer's Report
Because Ron Baranov was unable to attend the meeting and give his Treasurer's report, Anne Rast made the **motion** to defer approval of the financial reports for October 2006 through January 2007 until the May Board meeting. M/S. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Executive Director's Report
Carol Schultz presented the Board with a schedule of Uptown Partnership Board and committee meetings, and a calendar of other community meetings concerning the organization. She also distributed several newspaper articles of interest to the Board for review.
5. Agenda Approval
Anne Rast made the **motion** to adopt the agenda, with the revision to take Action Item 1 as the first order of business to accommodate Sam Hasenin's schedule. M/S. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Action Items

1. Five Points Parking and Traffic Study
Sam Hasenin presented a list of short-range and long-range improvements that will add parking, improve traffic mobility, and increase pedestrian safety in the Five Points neighborhood. The

proposed improvements were a product of the ongoing efforts of the Five Points Community Advisory Group and two public workshops. The improvements will add three to four parking meters to India Street and about 20 angled parking spaces to San Diego Avenue.

Carol Schultz noted that since Traffic Engineering performed the technical work for this project, the \$20,000 originally budgeted for a consultant could be applied to other project costs that the City would not have covered.

Bob Grinchuk made the **motion** to adopt a resolution supporting the Five Points Plan for parking and traffic improvements. M/S. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Scheduled Informational Appearances

1. San Diego Police Citizens' Review Board

Caroleen Williams gave a presentation on the San Diego Police Citizen's Review Board, which reviews and evaluates serious complaints brought by the public against officers of the Police Department of the City of San Diego.

2. Council District 3

Jeffery Tom reported that:

- a. Four months have passed without a response from Real Estate Assets to the RFP for the parking lot at the Hillcrest-Mission Hills library site.
- b. Jeffery Tom will meet with Engineering and Capital Projects to discuss the pop-out curb proposed for University Avenue at Front Street. The curb is estimated to cost XXX and will be paid for by DIF funding. He will also bring up the Normal Street median project at the meeting.
- c. The Egyptian Revival Neighborhood Alliance has raised concerns about pedestrian safety at Park Boulevard and Essex Street. City Traffic Engineering will consider installing a flashing ladder crosswalk to address the issue.
- d. On behalf of Councilmember Toni Atkins, Jeffery Tom presented a commendation to Bruce Dammann for his service on the Board of Uptown Partnership.

3. Community Parking District Program Representative

No report given.

F. Information Items

1. Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Plan

Carol Schultz announced that the project working group for the Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Plan will meet next week, and she will distribute the list of working group members to the Board. She also reviewed the list of upcoming events for the project and encouraged Board members to participate.

G. Action Items (cont.)

2. Strategic Planning Session.

Cindy Lehman asked the Board to consider having a strategic planning session on an annual basis and many Board members felt it was productive and a good idea. Bob Orphey offered the **motion** to schedule a strategic planning session approximately 12 months after the last session on October 28, 2006 and directed staff to contact Paul Van Dolah to request his services as facilitator and confirm a date. M/S. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Budget Draft FY 2007-08

Carol Schultz reviewed a draft of the FY 2007-08 budget with the Board members. She pointed out that the most significant increase in expenditures will be for consultants for a planned comprehensive parking usage study. This will be consistent with the cyclical budgeting for both projects and studies that the Board agreed to do at its last strategic planning meeting.

Bob Orphey expressed concern that the proposed budget would expend some of Uptown Partnership's reserves. Carol Schultz explained that it was her understanding that the Board intended not to spend any of the reserves in the current fiscal year, but could do so in future budgets. Anne Rast felt that Uptown Partnership could not continue its level of productivity without utilizing some of the reserves. She added that the City could possibly withdraw the reserves if it saw that it was not being utilized.

Warren Simon suggested that Carol Schultz meet with the City to gauge its position on the status of Uptown Partnership's reserves and funding. The Board did not take a formal action on this item.

H. Urgent Non-Agenda Items

1. None presented.

I. Adjournment

President Cindy Lehman adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2007

Transcribed and drafted by Carol
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Certified after Board approval by:

Approved by Board on:

Warren Simon, Secretary-elect

Date: _____