



BOARD of DIRECTORS

MINUTES
May 3, 2007

A. Public Meeting Call to Order

1. The Board of Directors of the Uptown Partnership, Inc. held its monthly meeting on May 3, 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: Ron Baranov, Cindy Lehman, Anne Rast, Warren Simon, John Eisenhart, Bob Grinchuk, and Sean Schwerdtfeger.
3. Board members absent: Robert Orphey.
4. Staff present: Carol Schultz, George Franck, and David Eng.
5. Others present: Sam Hasenin, Mario Herbelin-Canelas, John Semerau, Melisa Tintocalis, and Alexis Vigdal.
6. President Cindy Lehman called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

B. Public Comment

1. Alexis Vigdal of the American Cancer Society presented information on the "Relay for Life," an event that supports finding a cure for cancer. A kick-off event will take place May 8th and a charity relay race is scheduled for July 7th and 8th.
2. John Semerau identified himself as a founding member of the Hillcrest Town Council and explained that he was attending the meeting as an interested community member. He expressed his opinion that community organizations need more oversight and indicated he wanted to learn more about Uptown Partnership and how it allocates its resources to projects and programs.

C. Administrative Items

1. Minutes

Bob Grinchuk offered the **motion** to approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes for April 5, 2007. M/S. Motion passed 6-0-1, with John Eisenhart abstaining because he was not present at that meeting.

2. President's Report

Cindy Lehman announced that Deputy City Attorney Michael Neumeyer did not recommend adding Lara Gates to the Partnership's Board of Directors because her employment with the City has the potential to create a situation that would raise ethics concerns.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ron Baranov noted several minor discrepancies in the financial statements stated his desire to research them further before seeking Board endorsement of them. Sean Schwerdtfeger made the **motion** to table acceptance of the financial statements from October 2006 through February 2007 until the June Board meeting. M/S. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Executive Director's Report

Carol Schultz distributed copies of the Executive Director's Report and briefly highlighted several items.

- a. Carol Schultz shared a series of e-mails between Leo Wilson and Uptown Partnership Board members, Council offices, and Uptown Planners that raised concerns about the Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Plan. Some of these concerns included the process for appointing the project working group, representation provided by the membership of the group, and

- objections to some traffic calming measures that were proposed in the Uptown Partnership 4th, 5th, and 6th Avenue Traffic Calming study that is the stepping-off point for the current project.
- b. At Leo Wilson's suggestion, Carol Schultz will give a 10-minute presentation at the next Uptown Planners to review the Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Plan and Uptown Partnership's recent activities.
 - c. Carol Schultz also announced that Uptown Partnership's legal counsel, Rebecca Brophy at Paul Hastings, has outlined the legal considerations for determining whether a director has an interest in a Board decision or policy. Ms. Brophy also recommended a review of services and fees offered by competing banks because six years have passes since the Partnership conducted a review.
 - d. She reported that she is also awaiting responses to RFPs distributed to six designated firms with experience auditing nonprofit organizations.
 - e. The Operations and Finance Committee will recommend that the Board name an Audit Committee at its June meeting.
5. Agenda Approval

Cindy Lehman announced that Sam Hasenin from City Traffic Engineering was in attendance to present a proposal for valet parking on Fifth Avenue. In accordance with the Brown Act, the Board would not be able to take a formal action on the matter as this presentation was not noticed in the agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Sean Schwerdtfeger offered the motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Sam Hasenin's presentation on proposed valet parking as an information item. M/S. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Scheduled Informational appearances

1. Council Districts 2 and 3

Nick Calero and Jeffery Tom from the offices of Council District 2 and 3 were unable to attend the meeting due to attending a Council budget workshop. Carol Schultz announced, on behalf of Jeffery Tom, that the budget hearing for City Planning and Community Investment is scheduled for May 10th.

2. Community Parking District Program

Melisa Tintocalis reported that FY 2007-08 budgets from the Community Parking Districts are due on May 7th. She and Carol Schultz also attended a meeting with a City auditor where they learned that the FY 2007-08 carryover amount will be the same as it was during the past year. They also confirmed that the current cash-in-treasury amount includes the year-end adjustment and interest for FY 2005-06.

3. Monsoon Group Valet Parking Request

Sam Hasenin reported that Monsoon Group submitted an application for valet parking at 3960 and 3975 Fifth Avenue, in front of its Casa de Madera and Bombay restaurants. Each valet area will use two parking spaces, and attendants will park vehicles in the parking structure at Village Hillcrest. Board members raised several concerns about the proposal which included:

- a. The potential loss of four metered parking spaces;
- b. The difficulty of safely maneuvering vehicles from the valet zone on the west side of Fifth Avenue to the right turn lane at Washington Street in a short distance, especially during peak traffic hours; and
- c. Lack of compensation to Uptown Community Parking District for lost meter revenues.

Carol Schultz said that she would convey these concerns to Uptown Planners when the issue is brought before them for approval.

E. Information Items

1. Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Plan

George Franck reported that the Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Plan was underway. The project working group began meeting on April 11, and a community workshop updating issues and concerns in the corridor was held on April 26. This was followed by two walking audits of the Bankers Hill and Hillcrest areas that identified problem areas for pedestrians. The project consultant will present alternative scenarios based on technical data and community input for community review on June 23.

John Semerau commented that proposed transit-only lanes in the plan would probably be unfavorably received by the community. He suggested the City of Pasadena as a model to emulate because of its use of smaller hybrid buses and light rail.

F. Action Items

1. Budget Proposal FY 2007-08

Carol Schultz noted that the Board had reviewed a draft of the FY 2007-08 budget at its April meeting and that the Program Committee and Operations and Finance Committee had reviewed their respective budget areas in April as well.

Sean Schwerdtfeger offered the **motion** to adopt the proposed FY 2007-08 budget for submittal to the City on May 7, 2007. M/S. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Urgent Non-Agenda Items

1. None presented.

H. Adjournment

President Cindy Lehman adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2007

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Certified after Board approval by:

Approved by Board on:

Warren Simon, Secretary

Date: _____