



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES, MARCH 6, 2008

A. PUBLIC MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1. The Board of Directors of the Uptown Partnership, Inc. held its monthly meeting on March 7, 2008, at 3108 Fifth Avenue, Suite B, San Diego, CA, for the purpose of transacting all proper business of the corporation.
2. Board members present: John Eisenhart, Bob Grinchuk, Cindy Lehman, Bob Orphey, Anne Rast, and Warren Simon. Board member absent: Ron Baranov, Sean Schwerdtfeger.
3. Staff present: Carol Schultz, Janet Fairbanks, and Janelle Luna.
4. Others present: Melisa Tintocalis, City of San Diego
5. President Cindy Lehman called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

C. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2008.
2. Recommendations from Community Relations and Program Committees
3. Anne Rast offered the **motion** to adopt the consent agenda with removal for discussion of the Nominations Committee recommendation of Jim Frost to fill the vacant Board seat, requested by Bob Grinchuk. M/S. Motion passed unanimously.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. Carol Schultz recommended introducing Janet Fairbanks at the same time Jim Frost is introduced.
2. Bob Orphey recommended discussing parking in the core of Hillcrest under urgent non-agenda items.
3. The Board unanimously approved the agenda with the above additions recommended by Carol Schultz and Bob Orphey.

E. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. Introduction of **JIM FROST**, prospective Board member and Janet **FAIRBANKS**
 Jim Frost is the owner of J.T. Frost Inc. and specializes in architectural design, airport design, building failure analysis, urban planning and development. He has been involved with the NewSchool of Architecture and has experience in urban planning and project development in Uptown area.
 Janet Fairbanks, a retired SANDAG planner, has agreed to assume the role of project manager for Five Points that George Franck has asked to relinquish. She will oversee the study that will be jointly funded by the Redevelopment Agency and the Partnership, and she will work with the neighborhood advisory group.
2. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
 Bob Grinchuk offered the **motion** to accept the financial statements from January 2008 as presented. M/S. **Motion** passed unanimously.
3. **EXECUTIVE UPDATE**
 Carol Schultz highlighted some of the items in her report.
 - a. **REIMBURSEMENT BY CITY.** Reimbursement requests to the City have been filed through January 2008. We received payment for November 2007 and December 2007. January 2008 payment is pending.
 - b. **BANK BALANCES.** As of March 6, 2007 Uptown Partnership had \$88,048 in its business checking account and \$89,539 in its money market account.

- c. **INSURANCE COVERAGE.** Uptown Partnership maintains insurance coverage in three areas. Coverage levels and premiums are as follows; we are in the process of confirming our general liability coverage. Jim North has sold his business, and the Partnership staff is in the process of finding a new agent.
- d. **COMMUNITY PLANNING PANEL** at Hillcrest Town Council Meeting, Feb. 12, 2008.
Mayor Jerry Sanders, Council Member Toni Atkins, and Director of Land Use and Economic Development Bill Anderson attended the last meeting of the Hillcrest Town Council. Their comments included the following statements.
Sanders – The conflict over 301 University was a failure of the City’s planning process not of the Council’s decision-making process.
Atkins – Her office is monitoring the proposed tower project on Fifth Avenue near Walnut that has raised neighborhood concerns.
Anderson – In resubmitting its EIR, the 301 University project will analyze alternatives to reduce height, including tradeoffs like public parking. Also, five projects are likely to be completed during the 24-30 months of the Community Plan update.
- e. **INTERIM HEIGHT ORDINANCE.**
This ordinance, which imposes 50’ or 65’ height limits on construction in Uptown until the Community Plan update is adopted, is on the Planning Commission agenda for March 6, 2008. Janelle Luna reported the Planning Commission did not adopt the Interim Height Ordinance as presented by staff. The ordinance may need to through an environmental review. The commission had questions about economic impact and density implications. Also, the ordinance does not reflect the Uptown Community Plan created by the community in 1988. The commission sent the ordinance back to staff to complete a more detailed report. The Ordinance will be presented to the Land Use Commission on March 6 and re-presented to the Planning Commission on April 3, 2008.
- f. **COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE.**
After consultant selection in three to six months, the City will assemble a stakeholder group to represent various community interests. Carol Schultz has not heard as of yet who will be on the stakeholder group.
- g. **WASHINGTON AND GOLDFINCH INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.**
The opening ceremony for the Washington and Goldfinch project is Friday, March 7, 2008 at 10 AM. All Board members are invited to attend.

4. **BYLAWS REVISION**

Carol Schultz distributed copies of the draft revised bylaws that will be presented to the Operations & Finance Committee on March 19, 2008, as referred by the Board on Feb. 7, 2008

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. **ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.**

- a. Cindy Lehman, President, reviewed the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and called for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were presented. The Nominating Committee recommended re-electing the directors for three-year terms that expire in 2011.
Ron Baranov.
John Eisenhart.
Anne Rast.
The **motion** to re-elect the directors for three-year terms that expire in 2011 was seconded and passed unanimously, 7-0.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

- a. Cindy Lehman, President, reviewed the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and called for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were presented. The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate for terms that expire in 2009.

President – Cindy Lehman.

Vice President – Anne Rast.

Secretary – Warren Simon.

Treasurer – Ron Baranov.

The motion to re-elect the directors for one-year terms that expire in 2009 was seconded and passed unanimously, 7-0.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE.

- a. The Board resolved to have Executive Director Carol Schultz represent their positions as follows.

They assert that Advisory Boards to Community Parking Districts (CPDs) are advisory and, therefore, not subject to economic disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act (PRA).

If the Advisory Boards are legally determined to be subject to the economic disclosure requirements of the PRA, the disclosures should be narrowly construed to address only what is germane to CPD business.

G. UPDATES – NONE PRESENTED

H. URGENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. **CENTRAL HILLCREST PARKING REQUIREMENTS.** The Board agreed to meet on April 12, 2008, to discuss this issue in the context of the Uptown Community Plan update.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2008

Transcribed and drafted by Janelle Luna

Approved by Board on

Certified after Board approval by

Date

Warren Simon, Secretary