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Monthly Newsletter

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- **Quiet Zone.** Bids opened Thursday Feb 25. Expect construction time to be 12-18 months.
- **New Main Library & Civic Center.** Final bids this spring, decision this summer.
- **North Embarcadero Visionary Plan.** Coastal Commission granted appeal which means no permit for the project and directed staff to work with Port Commission and report back to Coastal Commission in 60 days.
- **Parks.** Contracts awarded for interim dog park at Park & Market, redesign of Gaslamp Square (foot of fifth) and Children's Park.
- **Old Police HQ.** No news. Must attain 50% leased to begin construction.
- **Charger Stadium.** No proposal submitted yet.
- **Pedicabs.** State reps proposed legislation to required pedicab operators to have a valid California Drivers License. City Council debating designated pedicab rest/parking in some downtown areas.
- **Harbor Drive/Park Blvd Pedestrian Bridge.** Delayed opening until September. New and one of a kind bridge has provided new problems, solved but has caused delay.
- **Downtown Information Center.** Now closed Mondays. Open Tuesday-Saturday.

Community News

General Membership Meeting. Starlight Room at the Bristol Hotel. 1055 First Avenue, between Broadway and C Street. **Wednesday, March 3. 5:30 PM** social hour, Guest Speaker at about 6:15 PM. **Guest Speaker:** Our Councilmember, Council President pro tem, **Kevin Faulconer.** Please post enclosed flyer.

Homeless Intake Center. Report/Recommendation to go to City Land Use and Housing in March. Winter Shelter will still be required for another year at the very least.

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Information.

1. Update on projects.

Consent. None.

Action.

1. **CCAC Mid term elections.** East Village Business: Les Robertson. Gaslamp Tenant: Harold Clayton.

2. **Repayment of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) "loan" to city of San Diego.** Budget amendment to begin repayment of money "loaned" to CCDC to begin redevelopment. This repayment may mean up to \$161 million of projects will not get done in the redevelopment area but will eventually be passed on to the City and be in competition with all the other neighborhoods for future funding. As an example we have over \$61 million in traffic signals alone to be completed within the community plan. Recommended approval.

3. **Acquisition of former Atmosphere site Ash/Beech, 4/5th. Cortez.** Purchase of site, now a hole in the ground, for use as a future affordable housing project. Proposed Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with Wakeland Housing for development. Recommended approval.

4. **Bicycle Infrastructure.** Proposal to begin bicycle projects in Downtown including which type of "lane", racks and placement. Approved recommending study.

New Permit Requests:

ENT (Entertainment):

GL Searsucker. 611 5th Ave.

Col MCASD. Kettner and C.

Alcohol:

GL Bon Vin. 542 5th Ave. Off site sales.

SWC (Sidewalk Cafes):

GL ENZO. 843 5th Ave.

GL Searsucker. 611 5th Ave.

GL Rendezvous. 551 J St.

GL Royal India. 325 Market.

GL Whiskey Girl. 600 5th Ave.

Core Coffee Bean. 160 W.B'way

LI Solunto. 1634 India.

LI Pappalecco. 1602 State.

EV Bar Ninety (ex-Lucky D's). 804 Market.

EV Starbucks. 1011 Market.

EV Lotus Thai. 906 Market.

EV Java Jones. 631 9th.

EV The Corner. 1037 J St.

(Note: Some existing resubmitting for various reasons.)

Pending Permits:

Core. Roof Patio at Se. 1047 5th.

LI Roof Patio at Glass Door. 1835 Columbia.

EV/ENT. El Dorado Cocktail Lounge. 1030 Broadway. Request to extend days of current entertainment to 7 days a week.

Granted Permits.

Conditional Use Permits:

Cortez. Parking Lot. 16th/ Ash.

Neighborhood Use Permits:

LI. Car wash. Juniper St.

DRG Yearly Membership

\$15 per person

\$25 per residence sharing pair

\$30 Affiliate non-resident

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