

**Downtown Residents Group
Minutes for Oct 16, 2017**

Present: Gary Smith, Jim Carpenter,, Karen Clare, Ellen Hoffman, Bob Klug, Constance Madden, Stan Marder, Fran Pillersdorf, Bill Orabone, David Priver, Mark Stephens, Joan Wojcik, LeAnna Zevely, 2 Public. **Absent:** Annie Eichman, Lew Baurer, L.C. Cline Bob Link,

Call to Order. 6PM at the Sophia Hotel.

Non Agenda Public Comment. S. Marder coffee shop comedy event. B. Elliot CD3, The safe camping site at 20th & B has been set up with a current population of 150 people giving preference to families, women and children. Shuttle service is being provided daily to get to downtown services for these homeless. Assorted groups who continue to feed the homeless in the East Village are being encouraged to do their service at the 20th & B location instead. This site is temporary until the larger tents are in place by November—those will also be temporary but will house many more. Parking lots to house homeless living in their cars are being organized, most especially in the SDCCU lot. El Cajon appears to be the hotspot where the Hep A began but the county is not giving out any specific information, since the homeless move constantly and the streets are being sprayed down with bleach daily. Mr. Elliott also announced if you have areas around your building that need changes to contact his office i.e. parking spaces changed etc.

Approval of Minutes for Sept 18, 2017 BoD Meeting. Approved as corrected SDSU to UCSD.

Treasurers Report. \$4250.45

***Old Business Out of Order.**

Horton Plaza comment by Fran Pillersdorf that security seems to be lax in the stairwells and corridors of the mall—drug use and homeless. However, Security has been increased to patrol the park and the outside areas of the mall. Horton Plaza was to have been renovated 7 years ago—however key executives flew in and decided against such an improvement and took the allocated \$450 million to rebuild UTC Mall instead. The next investment of another \$450 million will now go to other projects until plans acceptable to Westfield are approved. Currently all remaining stores are on a 30 day lease at a time; the only income from the mall to Westfield is the Parking Garage which now helps pay taxes on the property. Eventually the corporation will come up with a plan that works for them, despite the future of retail shopping being looked at, and/or the property will be sold and torn down. (one of the DCPC members is a West Coast Improvement supervisor for Westfield) The city owns the theatres so those will probably remain standing. Reading Movie Theaters on 5th are currently being renovated to be upscale like The Lot in Pt. Loma.

DCPC Report.

Information. Project Updates. Deco Bikes.contract runs for 5 more years, some of the bikes now being moved to tourist locations as the plan to have people park their cars and finish their commute to work on one of these bikes has not gone according to plan!

Consent. None.

Action.

McDonalds 1280 Park Blvd East Village. CCDP/NUP for expansion of previously conforming use. cannot tear down totally as city will not permit a fast food with drive through to be in that location again so will tear down except for one wall, improve parking and landscape. Noise and smell does not impact neighborhood, and owned by corporate rather than a franchise. Motion to approve—Karen Clare, 2nd Leanna Zeverly, approved unanimously

Idea1. 1200 F St(at Park Blvd), East Village, CUP to allow other than retail/commercial use in ground floor spaces for 10 years. Conditional Use Permit for their ground floor to install offices rather than retail/commercial; fear can't fill initially with co-working spaces. This permit would have a life period of 10 years. Motion to approve this CUP by Mark Stephens, 2nd by Stan Marder, approved unanimously

11th&Broadway. Bway/F/Park/11th. East Village. Tentative Map Waiver. Conversion to Condo of 617 apts. originally 617 apartment units between Broadway to E&F to 11th—(across street from Smart Corner) Developer now wants to change to Condo status (when building apartments easier to get bank financing) Motion made to approve by Mark Stephens, 2nd Fran Pillersdorf, approved unanimously

Programs/Membership. General Meeting Tuesday, Oct 24, 6-8 PM at the WH Davis House/Park at 4th & Island. Guest Speaker Chris Ward CD3.

Old Business.

PBID Report. Director meeting with Ralph's Manager.The Director of Clean and Safe and CD3 Rep B Elliot recently met with the Manager of the downtown Ralph's Grocery Store after many complaints about the lack of cleanliness around this block property. The building does pay into Clean and Safe, and Ralphs has contracted with new and stronger security company. It was suggested that Oliver McMillian may own this property

Homeless Issues Report. Camp at 20th/B filled by invitation from HMIS. Residents shuttled to/from. Tents to open Dec?

***Horton Plaza.**

New Business.

Park Equivalencies. Parks Master Plan. Despite a Parks Master Plan there is a new push by the Parks and Recreation Department to do a count of downtown people to compare that to the formula for park ratio they

have created---this means they would count all the land along the waterfront, all land in Balboa Park and any sidewalk wider than 8 ft. would then be counted as recreation areas already in existence. This would be a "nail in the coffin" to city parks with developers no longer needing to pay into funds for parks or provide land for that purpose

Member Comments. Glitch with new program for sending out newsletter will be corrected shortly

---Homeless on Greatest Generation Walk Way—need to contact Port Police as not in the Clean and Safe district—Harbor Police #--619-686-6272

--C & Kettner—Parking Garage 2 America—no proposals or interest in this property at this time

---Short Term Rentals/Air B and B---to be addressed by City Council so will wait to hear their recommendations before discuss further

---there will be an Open Mic Comedy Event on Oct. 27th at the coffee shop across from Ralph's—admittance is free

Urgent Non Agenda Items. None.

Adjournment. 7:14PM