



UPTOWN PLANNERS

Uptown Planning Committee

Tuesday, June 1, 2004 MINUTES of the
Uptown Planners Committee Regular Meeting

I. Parliamentary Items:

A. Introductions:

1. The following members were present: **Roy Dahl, Alex Sachs, Leo Wilson, David Gardner, Erin Matthews, Terry Barker, Hirsch Gottschalk, Steve Satz, Sean Swerdtfeger, Ernie Bonn, Mike Singleton, Mary Wendorf, Marilee Kapsa, Jay Hyde, and Ian Epley**
2. **Paul De le Houssaye** and **Allen Edwards** were absent with excuse.

B. Adoptions of Agenda and Rules of Order:

1. **MOTION** made by **Roy Dahl** then seconded by **Hirsch Gottschalk** that the June **Agenda** as presented, be adopted.
MOTION CARRIED: FOR: 14 AGAINST:0 ABSTAIN:0

C. Approval of Minutes:

1. **May** minutes w/corrections were approved by a voice vote.
2. **March** minutes, (deferred from April meeting) approved by a voice vote.

D. Treasurer's Report:

1. Checking Account: \$542.94
2. Savings Account: \$550.75

E. Chair's Report:

1. **David Gardner**, Chair presented an item to the Uptown Planners Committee that the Uptown Planners Committee regular meeting would be dark in July and resume in August. Motion was made by **Ernie Bonn** and seconded by **Erin Matthews**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

II. Public Communications:

1. **Sheila Hardin, CCDC:**

- a) Announced that 31 projects are completed or slated for completion around Petco Park totaling approximately 1.2 Billion worth of investment.
- b) 619 235.2222 is the phone number for tours of Downtown.

III. City/Government Information:

1. **Elected Officials:**

- A. Representative **Margaret Radnick** for District 2 Councilmember **Michael Zucchet** –

- a) Thanked the Chair of UPC for kind comments about **Craig Castaneda's** passing.

- b) Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) will soon be coming before the full City Council for Discussion.
- B. Representative **Monica Palaez** for District 3 Councilmember **Toni Atkins** -
 - a) Not present
- C. Representative **Tatiana Ambrosius** for Mayor **Dick Murphy** –
 - a) State that June 21, 2004 was the target date for the City of San Diego Budget to be voted on.
 - b) **Seth Litchney** will be representing the Mayor. **Tatiana Ambrosius** is leaving the Mayor's office.
- D. Representative **Todd Gloria** for Congress member **Susan Davis** –
 - a) Susan Davis supports a bill to increase VA home loans from \$230,000 to \$333,000, (which will be tied to the Freddie MAC program).

2. **Staff Information Items:**

- A. Trash Collection – **Stephen Grealy**
 - a) Trash collection days will change to incorporate more efficient routes based on GIS technology. Property Owners can confirm date changes on City web site or by calling 858 694-7000.
 - b) First year savings should be approximately \$600,000. Second year savings should be over \$1,000,000.

IV. Community Organization Reports/Information Items:

- A. Monthly Community Calendar:
 - 1. Chair of UPC started to post the monthly calendar on the UPC's web site.
- B. Community Associations and Committees.
 - 1. Balboa Park Committee-
 - a) The committee will refine recommendations for the Jones + Jones study.
 - b) Jay Hyde mentioned concerns for pedestrian safety on Richmond Avenue where the San Diego Zoo employee parking is.
 - c) The parking structure proposed for the San Diego Zoo expansion was approved in concept by the San Diego City Council as part of the Park Blvd Promenade Plan Amendments. The structure will need to go back before Council to identify a funding source.
 - 2. North Park Regional Library Site Selection Committee-
 - a) A vote of 10 to 3 favored the Carter-Reese Library/Housing proposal at 30th Street and Utah Avenue to move ahead.
 - b) A vote of 10 to 2 approved the KDL proposal on 31st Street and University Avenue if the Carte-Reese Proposal fails.
- C. Urban Design and Historic Resources Report.
 - 1. Important projects coming on the agenda for the UDHR meeting are: **222 Laurel Residential Project** (Beth Israel Temple), **Walter Residence**, and the **India/Chalmers** project on India Street.

V. Consent Agenda: None

VI. Items for Action:

The City Real Estate Assets Department requests comments and guidance for a possible sale of City -owned parcel No. 221 on Otsego Drive. The .26 acre site was designated for sale by the City Council in 1979. Parks and recreation reviewed the site and determined it does not fit current park or open space standards.

MOTION to approve the following by: **Mary Wendorf**

SECONDED: Marilee Kapsa

Uptown Planners recommends that the City of San Diego should not sell the land but keep parcel No. 221 as open space.

MOTION FAILED- FOR: 6 AGAINST:7 ABSTAIN:1

MOTION to approved the following by: **Alex Sachs**

SECONDED by: **Hirsch Gottschalk**

Uptown Planners tables the City request for comments and guidance of the potential sale of the City of San Diego owned parcel No. 221 on Otsego Drive. Uptown Planners will re-hear this item once the Real Estate Assets Department and Park and Recreation Department have met with the affected people neighboring the parcel in question. Uptown Planners also request that the Real Estate Assets Department provide further analysis of the parcel based on adjacent property values before rehearing this item.

MOTION CARRIED- FOR: 12 AGAINST:1 ABSTAIN:1

VII. Urgent, Non-Agenda Action Items: None

VIII. Planning Committee Business:

- A. **Rules Subcommittee.** **Leo Wilson** to email Board Members By-Laws.
- B. **Resources Subcommittee.** **Allen Edwards** will set up a meeting for the Resources Committee in the near future.

IX. Adjournment at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ian Epley, Secretary, Uptown Planners Group