

**DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT
APRIL 2018 – MARCH 2019**

San Diego City Council Policy 600-24 Article VI, Section 4 dictates that Community Planning Groups must submit to the City an annual report of accomplishments for the past 12 months. This document is intended to serve that purpose by providing a summary of the DCPC's activities between April 2018 and March 2019. Detailed meeting minutes and meeting agendas are also publically available for review.

OVERVIEW

The Downtown Community Planning Council (DCPC) is the City Council recognized Community Planning Group for Downtown San Diego. The 27 member body is made up of representatives from the neighborhoods of East Village (North & South), Cortez Hill, Horton-Gaslamp, Core, Columbia, Marina, and Little Italy.

The Officers for the past year have been:

Chair	Pat Stark
Vice Chair	Claudia Escala
Secretary	Cindy Blair

MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

During the DCPC operational year of April 2018 thru March 2019, the DCPC held 12 public meetings as a full committee, along with over 16 public meetings of various subcommittees including Pre-Design, Social Issues, Communications, Bylaws, Public Spaces, and Elections. To maintain visibility and connection to the community, DCPC maintains its own website www.dcpcsd.com where meeting agendas and minutes are archived and available for viewing.

ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Planning, Design & Development

During the last year, the DCPC weighed in on 16 design review / development permit projects Downtown, Including:

- Ezabelle
- Pinnacle Tower revised design
- Fifth & Ash
- Third and A
- HRB site on 14th Street
- 320 West Cedar
- Fault Line Park off leash dog park
- 13th & Broadway
- Union & Ash
- Jefferson Makers Quarter
- Front & Beech
- Block F Makers Quarter
- Tower 180
- Cedar Park
- 14th & Commercial

Thanks to the focus and expertise of the DCPC Pre-Design subcommittee, DCPC was able to influence the design of these projects and help drive their successful integration into the fabric of the Downtown community.

Conditional and Neighborhood Use Permits

The committee also reviewed 11 Conditional and/or Neighborhood Use Permit applications throughout the Downtown Community Plan area, including:

- Mikkeller (Little Italy)
- Bell Marker
- F11 (East Village)
- 5th & J (Gaslamp)
- Block C Makers Quarter (East Village)
- Anima (Columbia)
- Milve (East Village)
- CVS (Core)
- Bay City Brewing (East Village)
- TR Produce Co-Work (East Village)
- M Winehouse (Little Italy)

Special Projects

This year the committee:

- Considered Map Waivers and Parcel Maps
- Supported EVGO car charging stations
- Supported the renaming of a portion of Park Blvd to Trever Hoffman Way
- Evaluated the impact of the changes to the 12th Land Development Code update
- Considered SANDAG bus layover station options
- Opposed Transit Area Parking Standards
- Provided input on proposed scooter regulations
- Expressed concern over conditions at the Cortez Hill Family Center

Informational Updates

Given Downtown's role in the San Diego Region, DCPC also maintained relationships with regional agencies by receiving presentations from SANDAG, MTS, and the Downtown San Diego Partnership. We are also fortunate to enjoy regular meeting attendance from our City Council representatives.

FUTURE OBJECTIVES

The 2019-2020 year is expected to be full of activity with continued development throughout the community. We look forward to deep engagement with, among other things, final design of the East Village Green, master planning the 14h Street Promenade, and participation in the discussions regarding the redevelopment of Seaport Village.

We will continue the community dialogue about how to build and support the density needed to accommodate our growing population, provide amenities for families, continue progress on affordable housing, creatively identify opportunities for vibrant, shared public spaces, and enhance infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike.

We have been fortunate to work closely with Civic San Diego on the planning and permitting activities that shape our Downtown neighborhoods. We are concerned about the shifting of planning and permitting activities away from CivicSD and the impact it will have on the planning process and the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Stark
Chair, Downtown Community Planning Council