

**DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2020
Zoom Meeting ID 513 393 809**

Call to Order: Chair Bob Link (Secretary) @ 5:30 pm.

1. **Roll Call:** Noted that 25 of 27 current members were present, constituting a quorum.
 - **Members Present @ Call to Order:** Ahmed, Baker, Barbano, Blair, Collin, DiFrancesca, Dion, Duke, Eddy, Egan, Gattey, Link, Maliepaard, Meloncelli, Moore, Orabone, Pensabene, Ramos, Russell, Segal, Swearingen, Takara, Trimble, Wery, Wilson-Ramon
 - **Late Arrival:** none
 - **Members Absent:** Hunt, Priver
 - **Early Departure:** None
2. **Welcome New Members!**
 - Congratulations upon elections. There will be opportunity later in meeting to learn of committees. Glad to have you with us.
3. **Approval of DEC 2019, FEB 2020 Meeting Minutes**
 - DEC 2019 Minutes approved as amended. 1st: Wilson-Ramon, 2nd:
 - Approved 19, 6 abstain (Link,Duke,Eddy,Malieaard,Russell,Trimble)
 - FEB 2020 Minutes approved as written: 1st: Wilson-Ramon, 2nd:
 - Approve 16, Abstain 9 (Baker,Collin,Duke,Eddy,Maliepaard, Moore, Pensabene,Russell,Trimble)
4. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items –**
 - Gattey – Concern with the homeless being more aggressive
5. **Elected Representative Comments**
 - Todd Gloria
 - Acknowledged new meeting format, wishes it was better circumstances
 - Social distancing to continue
 - \$1B State money obligated for crisis so far. Including \$600 additional benefit for unemployed, \$7M to San Diego including Convention Center. Address complaints to Chris Ward
 - 10X increase services for constituents. Will be in touch.
 - Question (Wilson-Ramon) Concern with Bryant Hotel prisoners, lack of notice, community should be advised. Reply- pandemic related – needed to expedite to community.
 - Chris Ward
 - Congratulations and thanks to all the elected and prior service for being community leaders. Advised that per City Council Emergency Ordinance, Electronic meeting format (eg zoom) are authorized.

- EVA/EVRG Community Committees are working with sheltered and unsheltered in partnership with service providers including social distancing
 - Confirmed Convention Center plans for 800-1500 cots due to
 - Large floorplate, met most goals
 - State Funding appreciated
 - Highlighted Phase 3, Exit from Crisis. Intent is to have permanent housing strategy.
 - There are more (hotel) rooms and opportunity sites
 - Re Small Business struggles. City relief fund closed on 14 APR after receiving 6500 applications. Relief provided to as many businesses as possible. Now considering state and federal funds availability.
 - Mayor's FY21 budget is in trouble. Hotel \$0 tax for April. Budget \$100M 'hit' thru 30 JUN. Anticipated reduction in city services including code enforcement.
 - EVGreen and Children's Park are already funded and continuing on schedule.
 - Downtown Partnership is being a amazing partner focused on added value.
 - Re Bay Hotel – thank you for attention
 - Question (Gatey) – can LIRA, others assist Chris? Rules order re question (Pensabene)
- Brittany Bailey (BNBailey@sandiego.gov) On behalf of City Councilmember Chris Ward
 - Advised that 66 handwashing stations are being installed in county. Locations unknown.
 - Intent is to procure facemasks for distribution to the homeless.
 - Randy Wilde (Randy.Wilde@asm.ca.gov) On behalf of State Rep Todd Gloria.
 - Re the Baymont Hotel: From the Sheriff's Dept: The Hotel is being used by San Diego Probation Department to accommodate the large influx of CDCR inmates who are being released into the custody of Probation. The normal receiving center can't accommodate this large increase and still maintain proper social distancing. Inmates will stay at the hotel pending processing and medically screening as necessary. Probation is working with the San Diego County EOC Care and Shelter Branch to help house CDCR transfers who may need temporary housing if they are symptomatic, at risk or COVID positive. Probation has set up a system for safe housing, proper social distancing and necessary wrap around services. They are also providing security as needed. Just to clarify, these inmates have been released from custody and are now transitioning to formal probation or some other form of community supervision.
 - Happy to follow up if anyone wants more information.
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 - Chevelle Tate (Chevelle.Tate@sen.ca.gov) on behalf of State Senator Toni Atkins. Not Present

6. Chairpersons and Committees reports moved to after Item 10, Elections of Officers

- **Michael Rosenbaum thanks DCPC for opportunity to serve. Compliments new members**

Information Items

7. Project Updates (Richter)

- Construction Continuing during Coronavirus Pandemic
- 9G at historic resources hearing
- Cal Theater – hotel / reducing number of rooms
- New (potential for Pre Design Committee Review):
 - 1425 Market High Rise
 - Pacific & Grape project
- Cedar & India – moving to enclosed design to reduce noise issues
- Brewery (Savina) proposed for Little Italy
- EV Green (6/20/20 bids), Children’s Park (5/20/20 bids) moving forward. Virus effect unknown
- 14th Street Promenade at Albertson’s starting in May 2020
- 7th & Market – no new news re financing
- Questions (Trimble) Status of Campus at Horton
 - In Plan Check. Phase I – replacing 5 stories, Nordstrom (waiting financing)
 - Modernization of glazing to 1st Ave face
 - Remodel entrance to Lyceum Theater including elevator, seating.
- (Gatley) has 24 Hours Fitness vacated. (Dion) return in a year – no. Security remains 24/7

8. Invitation to complete eCOW (Community Orientation Workshop) Training for new members and refresh for returning members. **The following are notes corrected subsequent to meeting -**

- Brad Richter will be providing training at 4:30 (on line) prior to the MAY 20 board meeting. **Zoom meeting connection instructions will be provided with May 20 Agenda.**
- For alternative on line interactive powerpoint training - Please follow the link for the eCOW training in the Planning department website:
<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/resources>
- In the middle of the page please follow the instructions for the interactive training and completion form submission instructions:
- [Electronic Community Orientation Workshop \(E-COW\)](#)
- [Community Planning Group members can take the !\[\]\(cdf2842d82858164c68c92720a337fb9_img.jpg\) **Electronic Community Orientation Workshop** online at their convenience. If you do not already have Adobe Reader, please download \[here\]\(#\) \(This will assist with the E-COW Completion Form\)](#)

Consent Items – None

Action Items

9. DCPC Elections for vacant seats – none.

10. DCPC 2020-2021 Elections of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary.

- Slate of Officers that have volunteered are Bill Orabone, Chair; Christine Takara, Vice Chair; Bob Link, Secretary.
- Additional nominations invited from members. None received.
- Motion made (Pensabene) and 2nd (Swearingen) to approve. No discussions.
 - Vote in favor of slate 25-0.
- **Metting Chairperson Role transferred to Bill Orabone.**

6. Chairpersons and Subcommittee reports

- Orabone thanks DCPC members for confidence in his leadership for new year.
- Introduces role of Vice Chair Takara to manage subcommittees.

11. Subcommittee Chairs consideration (to be confirmed at May meeting)

- Orabone reviews committee availability and membership requirements
 - Barbano indicated interest in continuing as PreDesign chair
 - Gattey is ready to turn over reign
 - Orabone moving to Operations Committee
 - Maliepaard interested in Social Committee
- Takara Reports on Elections and introduces new members and areas/positions represented.
- Orabone Credits Takara with most successful elections in memory. Successfully filled all seats.
- Baker adds kudos.

12. Authorization for Officers to pursue meeting rooms for the current term.

- Motion to approve Exec Committee to make decision on meeting space (1st – DiFrancesca, 2nd Russell) – no discussion. Approved 25-0.
- Duke offered Hilton Gaslamp, 6th & J as potential meeting location.

13. AC Hotel CUP, 743 5th Ave – removed from agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS

14. Potential Agenda Items and Member Comments –

- Duke expressed concern with homeless at Convention Center – Sense of conflict coming out of COVID19 including Conventioneers Hotel/Hospitality – need to examine how to do differently / feel safe.

15. Urgent Non-Agenda Items – none noted.

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Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm. Next meeting Wednesday 20 MAY 2020