



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF September 18, 2019

Call to Order: Chair Michael Rosenbaum @ 5:33 pm.

1. Roll Call: Link noted that 15 of 23 members were present, constituting a quorum.

Members Present @ Call to Order (15): Ball, Barbano, Blair, Clark, DiFrancesca, Dion, Hunt, Lawson, Link, Orabone, Pensabene, Rosenbaum, Swearingen, Takara, Wilson-Ramon

Late Arrival: none

Members Absent (8): Baker, Collin, Egan, Gattey, Meloncelli, Priver, Theisen, Wery

Early Departure: Clark, Dion

Noted: Current vacancies EV South Biz (Perry), Little Italy Biz (Cepada), Gaslamp/Horton Res (Nauta), EV North Res Owner (Lachman)

2. Approval of AUG 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion: No corrections noted. *In favor unanimous consent of those in attendance at August meeting.*

3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items –

- Tei Newman-Lehucu (Petco Park Noise)
 - Expressed concern with special event noise in outdoor space
 - Reported 3 days at 105 decibels
 - Regulations unknown to speaker.

4. Elected Representative Comments: (none present)

5. Chairperson's Report:

- **Chair (Rosenbaum):**
 - Reported Ned Lachman resignation, Chair: Budget & Finance Subcommittee
 - Expressed concern with critical committee chair vacancy with 10/1/19 due date for DCPC CIP report. Rosenbaum offered to chair committee unless another comes forward. Bill Orabone subsequently stepped forward to chair the committee.

6. Project Updates (Richter)

- 777 Beech –approval appealed. Hearing 10.10.2019
- Anticipated OCT projects – 1st block of 14th Street Promenade out to bid, 2nd block conceptual plans in process; EV Green and Children's Park (Capital Improvement) objective is to get out to bid by JAN 2020 (delayed in transition through City Council)
- In response to members:
 - (Hunt) new Pinnacle project anticipated to be OCT design review
 - (Pensabene) commented on parking review
 - (Blair) confirmed Children's Park status for 2020; Confirmed Fron Street Closure Broadway – F for approximately 2 years due to tunnel work.
- **(Public Request) None**

Action Items

7. SANDAG Presentation - Coleen Clemntson - "A bold new transportation vision"

- Highlighted that greenhouse gas emissions in San Diego and all of CA are not on track to meet goals resulting in loss of funds and SANDAG inability to take credit for electric vehicle contributions until CA meets minimum goals.
- Highlighted plan as data driven approach and including recommendations to address home to job commute, transit leap with high speed, mobility hub on Navy Property, flexible fleets, interactive, real time operating systems, make significant difference in transit investment, include underground tunneling such as at Palomar Airport
- In response to member questions:
 - (Dion) re "100mph" – vision, costs, payment considerations
 - (Wilson-Ramon) re terrain – flexible fleets, on demand small vehicles for uphill walks
 - (Pensabene) re costs and what we have – example blue line trolley – fewer stops, multiple grades, tunneling
 - (Dion) re other central hubs – help shape land use plans
 - (Orabone) questioned credit if fix traffic delays – State Law is to reduce miles driven
 - (Blair) re express trolley – solutions include more coaster trains, double tracks, traffic signal priorities

8. Scooter Enforcement Regulations Update - Erik Caldwell, City of San Diego

- Intent is to consolidate multiple City Departments
- 10,000 scooters, 18,000 rides with permitted cap of 20,000 scooters is the scope of challenge
- Objective is transition to scooter operators to "police" scooter use
- Distributed maps of Scooter/Bike Corrals, reviewed parking and staging guidelines
- J Street becoming mobility highway
- Geofencing enforcement issues re corral staging
- Recommends use app Get IT Done for reporting
- Parking by riders is a violation that requires correction within 3 hours (operating companies)
- Vehicle code violations enforceable by police include double riding, minors, speed
- OCT 23rd 2:00 pm Council update to be provided by Elise Lowe focused on end of year City Council updates
- Member Questions
 - (Hunt) appreciate changes re geo fencing, corrals
 - (Wilson-Ramon) re blocks w/o corrals – response is this is traffic engineer responsibility to be revisited. Recommendations welcome by email. Re multiple corrals at 9th & Beech – they will be removed if not utilized. Details welcome by email.
 - (Blair) re best way to get recommendations to Erik – prefer consolidated DCPC action by end of September, list to Erik by 9/25 with updated corrals
 - (Ball) re wrong way drivers – agreed this should be fined offense including "blow thru" scooters in red zones
 - (Swearingen) re vehicle accident stats
 - (Hunt) re enforce education eg bike coalition safety classes – have not evaluated re scooters. Should be app based. Not scaleable technology on city wide basis, BUT invite feedback to City Council
- Blair motion, Barbano 2nd to send DCPC letter to Public Spaces Committee for an update.

- 13 voted in favor. Lawson recused.

Consent Item Projects pulled to action.

9. Cedar & Ketner

- **Chopyk** provided overview of agenda packet
- **Public Speaker (Marty Poipier)** – comment (neutral) re access overlay zone (Gary Smith/DRG) spoke in favor
- **Members**
 - (Ball) requested clarification re County Garage. Brad reviewed 85' limit and exceptions
 - (Pensabene) questioned sun overlay – complies with Health and Safety codes. Re Bike Parking – one-fifth of units.
- Barbano motioned to support staff recommendation, DiFrancesca 2nd. Unanimous approval.

10. Grocery Outlet CUP Amendment - Alcohol

- **Pare** provided overview of agenda packet
- **Public Speaker** (Gary Smith/DRG) spoke in favor. Noted success with beer / wine. CUP runs with land. Has not become a nuisance. No way to know with hard liquor. Recommends yes to hard liquor with expiration date remaining in place, if no CUP complaints the expiration date is disbanded.
- **Members**
 - (Swearington) very positive for community. Well run. Glad for wine.
 - (Hunt) requests percentage of current sales – beer/wine – 13% Liquor expected to add ½% increase.
 - (Blair) do complaints go to City (vice Civic) – (Brad) - Code Enforcement first
 - (Ball) Report on Get It Done app
- Link Motion, Dion 2nd – Grant approval for liquor but keep existing expiration date subject to complaint review. Unanimous board approval.

11. Backyard Axe Throwing League

- **Pare** overview of agenda packet
- **Public Speaker** (Gary Smith/DRG) spoke in opposition. Highlighted as DRG three attempt, one vote decision.
- **BATL Steve Rawlings:**
 - Highlighted as by appointment business plan, employees actively oversee play
 - Comprehensive plan to control. Examples include Restaurant that started Axe Throwing, Canadian successes
- **Members**
 - (Hunt) re liquor license (A.) Beer and Wine. No food (no space in 2000 sf)
 - (Clark) would business be viable w/o alcohol – no, business would move.
 - (Blair) for beer and wine no food required? (Brad) – no. No back screen – true, only table.
 - (Lawson) PD recommended no alcohol (Brad) recommendation is not consistent.
 - (Blair) would alcohol be permitted if axe throwing removed – (Brad/Pare) Establishment is entertainment with Axe Throwing
 - (Pensabene) what is planned security – (A. Steve) stationed trained individuals at one ee per 2 throwers

- (Hunt) Axe does not bounce? (Steve) receiving mats are absorbent, side fence goes “all the way” up. No need for extension. Re injury stats – blisters.no reported critical injuries.
- Penabene motion, DiFrancesca 2nd – support applicants request for alcohol license. Vote was eleven (11) in favor, three opposed (Ball, Swearingen, Wilson-Ramon). Passed.

12. Elections. No candidates. Postponed to next meeting. Members encouraged to seek candidates

13. Review and Update Scooter Regulations (Blair)

- **Public – (Marty Poipier)** – spoke as neutral with casual observations
- Leadership to revise letter unanimous approval. One recusal (Lawson)

14. Subcommittee Reports – none – Chair reminded subcommittees to meet and report.

15. Potential Agenda Items and Member Comments

- (Orabone) re Staff Recommendations (NUP w/o recommendation) – concern that City may offer NUP w/o recommendation. Gary Smith offered that would be typical.
- (Swearingen) concerned with Petco Park noise – as nearby resident would “go to “ event whether ticketed or not. Described as abuse of neighborhood. Brad commented that as Real Estate Asset it is administered by ballpark.

16. Urgent Non Agenda Items

- **(Swearingen)** Noted 2012 vote (Alvarez) to give ballpark 75% of non ball events revenue. Chair recommended agendize for October. Invite Padres rep.

Meeting Adjourned 7:55pm. Next meeting Wednesday October 16, 2019