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Pacific Beach Planning Group

Wednesday, August 14, 2024: 6:30 PM
Meeting at PB Taylor Library - Community Room
4275 Cass Street, San Diego CA 92109
Draft Minutes

- Item 1 - 6:30 **Call to Order, Quorum Count** Ryan Stock, Karl Rand, Debbie Conca, Annie Kaftar, Greg Daunoras, Charlie Nieto, Scott Chipman, Marcella Bothwell (chair), Dave Schmidt, Gordon Froelich, Eve Anderson (Elected 7:06) 11 – Missing: John Terrell
- Item 2 – 6:30 **Non-Agenda Public Comments** **A couple** came and spoke on the toxicity of a ceramic company operating in their neighborhood with concerns that they and others may be being poisoned by the air they breathe. **Jennifer Sprofora** – There is concern for the declining aesthetics of PB such as the post office sign. **Eve Anderson** – Most of the visual decline in our community is in the bar district. We need more events that help support our local businesses. **Scott Chipman** – The 5-story building at 2662 Garnet is not “affordable housing” it is subsidized housing. The finances don’t make sense. The 30’ height limit is being violated and is threatened. AB 2560 threatens the authority of the Coastal Commission.
- Item 3 – 6:35 **Current Agenda** - Modifications and Approval – modified to move Item 8 prior to Item 7 to accommodate the public in attendance for Item 8.
- Item 4 – Item delayed to 8:35 pm
July 10, 2024 Minutes – Motion to approve Greg/Debbie 10-0-1
- Item 5 – 6:40 **PBPG Chair’s Report**
Report on Dog hours – Hours haven’t changed, however, we received a thank you letter from “dogs on the bay” committee chair.
- Item 6 - 6:45 **Elections Committee**
Chair, Debbie Concha
New Board Member: Eve Anderson Elected 7:06
- Item 8 – 7:15 **Streets & Sidewalks Committee** Chair, Greg Daunoras
Report of Diamond Street committee meeting
ACTION ITEM: Ask City to remove bollards on Diamond Street in 2 locations and begin again on “Slow Street” planning.

After about 15 comments in favor of removing the bollards including letters submitted by St Brigids Church and about 3 comments in favor of keeping the slow street the planning group member comments were entirely in favor of removing the bollards. One comment suggested removing the bollards and replacing with some other traffic calming strategy.

Motion: Chair to send a letter to city officials expressing the following:

PB Planning Group supports the concept of traffic calming. PBPG urges the city to remove the bollards on Diamond Street within 30 days and use the standard traffic calming designation process.

Karl/Scott Motion Passed 10-0-1 The letter to express the vote as unanimous.

Item 7 – 6:50 **Development Project Reviews** Chair, John Terrell No projects
Marcella Bothwell

Review of 2662 Garnet Avenue presentation and video. This project is now 50', 5-stories with 60 bedrooms and 9 parking spaces. This video was made November 2021 during the zoom PBPG meeting. The concept of this project was presented to the planning group. The presenters indicated that they would return with a more developed plan. They did not return to the planning group. Many of the project elements were not included in the most recent 50' tall plan presented at city council. This project violates Prop D 30' height limit. The developers are coming in September to the PBPG. We should have questions ready for them.

Item 9 – 8:00 **Parking Advisory Board Report** Chair, Gordon Froelich. No parking district money has been collected as of yet. Looking for it in October. Sprouts parking issue appears to be resolved. 8100 parking meter customers generated \$15k in revenue in July. Bug no shows are resulting in 20% cancellations. Pathways map will be voted on next month.

Item 10 - 8:10 **Capital Improvement Projects Committee** Chair, Charlie Nieto A list of 16 long, medium and short range projects were provided for consideration. These will be reviewed and prioritized at the next joint PBTC and PBPG meeting September 18th. More information to follow on the date/time configuration of that meeting.

Item 11 - 8:20 **Community Planners Committee (CPC) Report** **NOTE: Scott Chipman attended CPC but did not present. These notes are from his CPC attendance but were not provided to the board at this meeting. KEY ITEM:** CPC received a presentation on the flaws and the need for review and modifications to the Short Term Rental Program.

Item 12 - 8: 20 **H Lot Save Parking Letter ACTION ITEM** Marcella Bothwell
Letter presented for approval. Motion to approve: Scott/Debbie
10-0-1

Item 13 – 8:25 **Government Representatives' Reports**
Karla Tirado Serrano for Councilmember LaCava; Intern present, taking
notes to give to Cambria.
Emily Piatanesi for Mayor Gloria; **Not present.**
Celsey Taylor for Supervisor Lawson-Remer; **Not present.**
Mariah Kallhoff for Assemblymember Boerner; **Not present.**
Aurora Livingston for State Senator Blakespear; **Not present.**
Cole Reed for State Senator Atkins **Not present.**

Item 14 - 8:37 **Adjournment**

Upcoming Meetings:

Sept 25, 2024 (6:00 pm) - Streets & Sidewalks Subcommittee

Aug 9, 2024 (Noon) - Development Review Subcommittee

Sept 9, 2024 (6:00 pm) Capital Improvement Projects Subcommittee

Sept 11, 2024 (6:30 pm) – PBPG General Meeting

All meetings will be held in the Community Room of the PB Library