

PACIFIC BEACH PLANNING GROUP
EARL AND BIRDIE TAYLOR LIBRARY
AUGUST 22, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

6:38 p.m. meeting called to order, quorum established. **Attendees:** Brian Curry, Eve Anderson, Scott Chipman, Paul Falcone, Imelda McClendon, Jennifer Nowak, Curtis Patterson, John Shannon, John Skober, Larry Emlaw, Jim Morrison (arrived 7:15 p.m.) and Baylor Triplett (arrived 6:45 p.m.), Billy Ramirez, Tricia Fox, Tanya Ho (depart 8:14 p.m.), Brenda Hollis (depart 8:15 p.m.), Chris Olson, David Russell. **Absent:** Greg Daunoras, Damon Westwood.

Agenda & Minutes: During discussion of the evening's agenda, Chris Olson moved to approve the minutes with changes suggested by Brian Curry - to remove CPC Report and add CAC Report in Other Reports. Scott Chipman seconded, motion **passed 15-0-0**. Curtis Patterson motioned to approve the July 2012 meeting minutes, Jennifer Nowak seconded, motion **passed 11-0-4**.

Chair's Report: Brian Curry said he had made it down to the Car Show on Garnet. He appreciated the show with the exception of the striptease portion. Beautiful PB launched and he believes the efforts raise the bar for cleanliness and good things in PB. (BeautifulPB.com)

Non-Agenda Public Comment: The following individuals made public comments of 2 minutes or less:

Don Gross – Alternate Bike Path. Don explained that there is a proposal to put a bicycle path through an area on the bay. UCSD is currently in violation of the Wetland Act and the Endangered Species Act. An architect would like to present to the Board. Possibilities for a one-way street.

Scott Chipman – Not speaking on Palisades Park Comfort Station.

Eve Anderson - PB Bar Tour. Walked Saturday, August 18th, 11:30 p.m. – 2:15 a.m. PB through bar areas. Saw improved conditions over last year. Concern over loud basses creating noise, and “pop-up” eateries creating litter issues due to serving food on paper goods after bars close. Need someone to pickup the mess.

General Action and Information Items:

Bike Friendly Business Districts - Sara Berns –Discover PB is working with SD Bicycle Coalition for Bike Friendly Business Districts. PB is one of 7 areas in San Diego. Sara presented a PPT slide show on possibilities for PB. This highlighted ways to integrate bikes into district's operations, events and promotions. Some suggestions were – Free Bike Valet, Free Bike Repair, Community Rides, Store Discounts, Cargo Bikes – for deliveries, errands, etc. This eases parking.

Some Board member comments included: compatibility with bus visitors. What could make Garnet more “bike friendly”? We need one big comprehensive plan. Some proposals would make Garnet and Grand one-way streets – in and out, respectively. Bike maps exists, but we need to change maps to get well marked. The more people who bike, the safer it becomes – suggestions for a “Bike PB” day, and sponsored bike rides.

Palisades Park Update – Scott Chipman – Progress has been made on a new Palisades Park Comfort Station. The city was compelled to create a new ADA compliant comfort station. They had previously met with us... City project managers were supposed to come back to PBPG when they were 60% complete. This point has passed, and they are currently at 99%. They have obviously ignored us... Scott has the plan. Some of the community concerns were – ways to see people were in stalls; indestructible materials; concrete roof, not walkable; spikey plants around... these points seem to have been addressed. The goal is to make easily maintained, good material... no complaints with plan. This is supposed to be created next year. Might be a possibility of putting this project somehow together with the Life Guard Tower – but this remains to be seen.

Subcommittee / Project Reports:

Bylaws Report – Eve Anderson

Bylaws subcommittee voted unanimously to changed PBPG Bylaws. Certain Bylaws were confusing. This concerns Article III, Section 2. The description of an “eligible community member”. A proposal was made to make elections more accessible and do so by removing two paragraphs and adding one to the Bylaws.

The information was presented as follows:

POTENTIAL BYLAWS CHANGES

1. Remove attendance at Planning Group meetings as a requirement for voting in the March election–

- **Article III, Section 2** (page 3)–(FYI–This section refers to *planning group members*’ eligibility. However, the description of an “**eligible community member**” also applies to voters in the March election.)

“To be an eligible community member an individual must be at least 18 years of age and shall be affiliated with the community as a:

- (1) resident.....
- (2) local business person...

Motion for Bylaws Changes:

Remove next two paragraphs: “An individual may become an eligible member of the community by attending one meeting of the PACIFIC BEACH PLANNING GROUP and submitting an application demonstrating qualifications of eligibility to the planning group Secretary or Election Committee prior to the March election or at the time of voting.”

“Once eligibility to vote is established, an individual remains an eligible member of the community until a determination is made that the individual does not meet the planning group’s criteria and formal action is taken by the planning group. However, the PACIFIC BEACH PLANNING GROUP shall require proof of eligibility during elections.”

- ***Instead, insert*** (from **Article V, Section 1** (page 6) “*In order to be a candidate in the March election, an eligible member of the community must have documented attendance at one meeting of the PACIFIC BEACH PLANNING GROUP’S last 12 meetings prior to the February regular meeting preceding the election.*” **Add**, “***Eligible member candidates must submit an application demonstrating qualifications of eligibility to the planning group***

Election subcommittee chair no later than two weeks prior to the March Election.”

Note: All references to voting requirements for the March election should be in Article V, Section 2 (page 6).

2. Re-classification of Subcommittees , Article VI, Section 2, b. (page 11)
Subcommittees: “The PBPG may establish standing and ad hoc subcommittees” ... “The Chairperson shall have the power to establish and appoint Subcommittees...”

Motion for Bylaws Changes:

To Article VI, Section 2, (b) Subcommittees, (i) the planning group has established the following subcommittees: Residential/Commercial Project Review, (add) *Traffic and Parking, Neighborhood Code Compliance, Communications, and Elections* ~~and CPC (Community Planners Committee).~~

Process for changing Bylaws: (Article 11, Section 7, (page 2)

“The PBPG may propose amendments to these bylaws by majority vote of the elected members of the planning group. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the offices of the Mayor and City Attorney for review and approval. Any proposed amendments that are inconsistent with Council Policy 600-24 shall not be approved by the Mayor and City Attorney and shall be forwarded to the City Council President who shall docket the matter for City consideration. Bylaw amendments are not valid until approved by the City.”

Concerns were brought up about our Bylaws being different than other planning groups within San Diego. Concerns are that if this is not processed now, it will not be in effect by our next elections. Curtis Patterson made a motion to approve the first Bylaws change as above. Imelda McClendon seconded. Motion **passed 14-0-2.**

Discussion was made regarding the need to have descriptions of each subcommittee.

Reclassification of our committees, Imelda McClendon made a motion to approve the second Bylaws change as above. David Russell seconded the motion. The motion **passed 14-0-3.**

Code Compliance Report - John Skober

Tokyo House deck - Recommendation was to get a representative from City Code Compliance to talk to PBPG. Have not heard back from them, but expect to call/contact them next week.

Newspaper Racks – A number have been vandalized and are not so attractive. There are subject to very clear laws – must be working order, permitted, etc. Permits can be revoked. Have been inventorying them. If they don't comply, we will get their permits revoked. Some owners have (apparently) voluntarily removed the racks. Must have name and contact information on rack.

Suggestion was made to develop form letters to address things like garage conversions. Scott Chipman suggested that every letter we send needs to be on record.

Electronic Media - John Skober

New website will be role-based access. Subcommittee chairs will be able to update specific pages. We will need to get all requirements from everyone. Baylor will collect all the list of requirements which we want or need.

Brian Curry – Purpose of our site is 1) to get information out to the public 2) to have a private library for Board Members. Private access vs Public Access. We need one place for the public to go. Scott Chipman highlighted that there must be a means of posting, but no option for feedback or chatter back.

Website will consist of - Main page, subcommittee pages, projects, etc. Need to determine who to post information onto website – either email, or dropbox format. We need an organized way to post something to a subcommittee page. Need to have a strict protocol. We need to have links to plans, subcommittee meeting, etc. Pointing links is important.

Larry Emlaw stated that the public needs to be able to make comments, requests, make complaints. If there is a code compliance issue, they need to fill out a form. Public needs to interact.

John Skober changed out the pictures, especially the objectionable beach party pictures. Website is now registered to John Skober – which can be changed when he's no longer on the Board.

Facebook page is setup, and also a LinkedIn page. We want to drive public to our webpage.

Traffic and Parking/ OVO - Paul Falcone

Paul proposed sending a letter –

Motion: “To approve a thank you letter to the City of San Diego on behalf of the PB Planning Board for their assistance over the last 12 months.” - motion already approved by the Subcommittee.

This community input can help the ratings of the city workers. Motion – Paul Falcone, seconded by Chris Olson. **Motion Passed – 15-0-0**

Some updates – Garnet has been paved to Cass. Piping on Cass has been completed, and will paved, but with more expensive topping – including Cass to Mission. This would have never happened if Paul Falcone had not been persistent and asked.

Crown Point and PB Drive – Bushes in place of sidewalk; Sidewalk will be installed, including a ramp for ADA. HOA plan to clean up next week, taking out bushes, etc. City will continue from there.

Grand and Olney: Inadequate left turn from Grand onto Olney – City will do study and see a need, and it will get fixed.

Lamont Street – Repiping planned for north of Garnet. South of Garnet has been done. Repiping will be done, but won't be repaving for a year, due to need for a number of repaving projects to be done at once. May be able to group with other repaving.

Olney and PB Drive – Pedestrian walkway – First warning signs then pedestrian crosswalk and stop signs will be put in.

Request for pedestrian crosswalk at Lamont and Loring, next to Kate Sessions Park – City deemed it was necessary. This will go thru.

Pending All-Way Stop sign at Crown Point Drive and PB Drive. This should be coming up...

Previous vote for a lighted pedestrian crosswalk for Garnet – City has 58 requests for these lighted cross walks. Dawes and Garnet #9, Everts, #59. Request to push these to the top of the list was made with Kevin Faulconer. (Katherine is on Honeymoon.)

Development Subcommittee – Curtis Patterson

Lifeguard Tower will be featured at next meeting September 13 at noon at Library. Best if many people can make it. Would be more productive if more people from our committee can make it.

Mission Bay Gateway – Scott Chipman

Mission Bay Master Plan urges/encourages/requires expansion of marshlands, as well as expanding the bird sanctuary and filtering water which comes from Rose Creek. So before the Campland lease is up in 2017, they must find a new home. They must vacate their property. One of the big concerns is how to get \$50M to restore wetlands. Paul Ross – who is a wetlands expert – is confident that the money is available. Concept right now is to create grassland, parkland, and get a new leasee to take over. DeAnza residents should be out within the next 6 months. Possibilities for world class educational wetlands biology, outdoor laboratory together with UCSD. Opportunity for an aquatic center, tennis courts, etc for High School. Creates a win-win-win situation. New turn lane, together with relocation of Campland means RVs will not impact traffic and will not have to come down residential streets. No opposition has been expressed. KPBS interviewed Scott. He speaks as a private citizen and mentions PBPG has voted to support project. Best, this whole project costs the city nothing....

PB Parks – Chris Olson

Kevin Faulconer supports the PB Parks plan. Katherine Miles will help get different city departments talking, as well as to help apply for grants.

CAC – Eve Anderson

October Fest event was approved on Grand Avenue. CAC is not confrontational group, and projects are often voted on unanimously. Somehow the Car Show burlesque segment somehow occurred despite being taken out last year.

Upcoming CAC Events

Heart of PB Beach Restaurant Walk - Sept 19

Pacific Beachfest – Oct 6

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.