

**Downtown Residents Group  
Minutes for March 19, 2018**

Present: Gary Smith, Ellen Hoffman, Jim Carpenter, Karen Clare, L.C. Cline, Annie Eichman, Kathleen Hallahan, Bob Klug, Bob Link, Connie Madden, Stan Marder, Fran Pillersdorf, David Priver, Phil Ochoa, Mark Stephens, Joan Wojcik, LeAnna Zevely, 4 Public. Absent: Lew Baurer, Bill Orabone,

**Call to Order. 6PM at the Sofia Hotel.**

**New Business. Out of Order.** Embarcadero Marina Park South, Permanent improvements. A very thorough presentation was given on the proposed San Diego Symphony Bayside Performance Park/Embarcadero Marina Park South. Speaking to this project were: Katy McDonald, Chief of Staff San Diego Symphony, Rob Webster-Project Manager, and Richard Ledford-Consultant-Lobbyist. The symphony has a 5 year plan and has updated their role by Changing Lives Through Music. New conductor, Rafael Payare will join the symphony full time in 2019, with appearances when his schedule allows prior to this time. Another theme of the symphony will be: Where Culture Meets Nature since the proposed new facility will sit on the bay. The symphony will present vibrant programming with the support of their full time 82 musicians. The shell of this facility has been created by Sound Forms of the UK and must also provide a stage large enough to accommodate all 82 musicians of the symphony. Seating could hold up to 10,000 people but most performances in the past have seated only 3300 audience members. The shell will comply with noise level requirements of the city and that of Coronado with a much enhanced sound level system. New exercise equipment will be placed to the east of the symphony compound; the park will be open daily and will partner with other San Diego groups such as the Convention Center and the New Improved Children's Museum. The symphony will continue education sessions for children of all ages, and even be a location to host graduation ceremonies. There will be a focus on working with the underserved populations of the city with teaching opportunities and exposure to the symphony. Cost for the Symphony Park will be approximately \$40 Million dollars—half through financing and half through donations. The proposed timeline looks at the remainder of 2018 to working with the Port and with the Coastal Commission on various requirements, with an anticipated ground

breaking for the park in September 2019 and a grand opening in 2020. The park will improve the area to the east of the Symphony Facility with new plantings, improved sidewalks around the park, public restrooms, and 24 hour private security 7 days a week to decrease crime that has been prevalent in this part of the Embarcadero.

**Non Agenda Public Comments—Brian Elliott, Policy Advisor for Chris Ward's Office**—10 mayors of surrounding towns recently met with retired Mayor Parker of Houston TX—during her 6 years serving as mayor, she was able to reduce the number of homeless in her city from 8000 to 3300 and she spoke about regional solutions to the mayors in attendance. The Inner governmental Council has now been moved from a stagnant group to a functioning group once again, thanks to Mr. Ward, and offers information sessions to elected government officials during the year. The newly proposed Sherman Heights storage facility for homeless possessions located at 20<sup>th</sup> and Commercial will help to get homeless personal possessions off the streets of San Diego. The facility could hold up to 1000 storage spaces, but at this time there are only 130 homeless on the wait list to have their items stored, while another storage facility at 16<sup>th</sup> & Imperial is now full. Under the new Police Chief, there will now be more police teams available to walk the streets and focus on specific parts of town with specific needs.

**Approval of Minutes for Feb 19 BoD Meeting. Approved with correction**

**Treasurers Report. \$3744.75.DCPC Report Accepted**

**Information.** Project Updates. Affordable and Permanent Supportive Housing, LimeBike.

**Consent.** None.

**Action.**

**Elections.** Results. Seating of new members.

**14th and Commercial.** Revised Drawings. 14 vs 16 floors, 407 vs 448 units.new Father Joe's facility, revisions requested include reduction of building height by 2 stories, moving below ground parking to above ground, and moving of open community space. The DRG did not endorse this facility at our last meeting. A Motion was made by L.C. Cline to endorse these requested changes, second Annie Eichman and the motion was approved by an 8 to 6 vote

**330 13th St** North side of K St Park/13th Substantial Conformance Review. Revised garage enclosure. move the metal screens in 3 ft. to provide for maintenance work-will now look like a

building with first two floors fully lighted—trees will help soften lights and a 3 ft. balcony with rails will now be around garage—  
Motion to Accept this revision request made by Karen Clare, 2<sup>nd</sup> L.C. Cline—with a unanimous vote to accept.  
Programs/Membership.

**PBID Report.** 3 teams of police out on the streets, flyers are being created for the public to help them know who to call for various crimes/problems they see, and the web site will be improved so that citizens can report crimes accompanied with video or photo. While the Get It Done app is used by many, the process for reports to connect to the proper resource is very time consuming and not totally effective.

**Homeless Issues Report.**

**New Business.**

**Port Master Plan.** Embarcadero Marina Park South and Revised Seaport Village Plan

**Dock less Vehicles.** 4 different companies with Bikes, electric bikes and electric scooters on streets of San Diego. App agreement states when using that must ride in street and wear bike helmet(on electrics) per city and state laws. Those not in compliance may see huge monetary ticket, complaints by business owners that bikes and scooters are being left by doors of condo buildings and local businesses. Suggested that all bike companies attend a meeting to review state and city laws and regulations.

**Member Comments.** None.

**Urgent Non Agenda Items.** None.

**Adjournment.** 7:25 PM—KC Secretary

Next DRG meeting will be held on Monday, April 16th, 2018