

**Downtown Residents Group
Minutes for April 14, 2018**

Present: Gary Smith, Karen Clare, L.C. Cline, Annie Eichman, Bob Klug, Bob Link, Connie Madden, Stan Marder, David Priver, Phil Ochoa, Mark Stephens, LeAnna Zevely, 6 Public. Absent: Lew Baurer, Jim Carpenter, Fran Pillersdorf, Kathleen Hallahan, Ellen Hoffman, Bill Orabone,

Call to Order. 6PM at the Sofia Hotel.

New Business. Out of Order. NCM Park activation by Art. Embarcadero Marina Park South, Permanent improvements. Requested support for further activating the Park using art projects. A presentation was made by the New Children's Museum staff: Reed Vickerman-CCO-CFO New Children's Museum, Tomoko Kata-Deputy Museum Director, and Jim Brown-member of Board of Directors, Artist and Architect. This is the 10th Anniversary of the New Children's Museum located at Island and First Street, but the Museum has been an important part of our San Diego culture for the past 35 years. The NCM focuses on Stimulating Children Through Art and helping them to develop skills for the 21st century with exposure to living, talented artist's work from around the world. New installations take place every 3 to 6 months and this anniversary year is no different. The NCM sees itself as a community resource, a play based space through the Arts, and a mirror of our society as children and parents of all backgrounds and ethnic groups interact with climbing, touching, and enjoying the works of commissioned artists. To this goal, the NCM has proposed creating a display of some of the artists whose work is found inside the museum by showcasing that work outside in the NCM Park. The Art Displays will be placed on top of existing structures, will be lighted at night with muted lighting, on lighting timers to make sure they do not impose on residents, and will be hidden from residents in surrounding buildings with the trees, and the museum structure itself. The goal of this outside art is to help visitors to our city and local residents as well, be enticed by the art displays to recognize the wonderful art inside for all to enjoy and explore. Recommended letters of support to Park and Rec and Arts and Culture. Motion to approve this project-motion made by Karen Clare, 2nd by Bob Klug—unanimous vote to approve.

Non Agenda Public Comments—Brian Elliott, Policy Advisor for Chris Ward's Office. Mr. Ward has been in Mexico for two days at meetings with other government officials and will return to begin reviewing the Budget proposed by Mayor Falconer's staff for the next year. The Storage Center for homeless possessions at 20th & Commercial is in place, the Navigation Center at 14th & Imperial will soon be operating and will address a pilot program—Rapid Re-Housing for those who recently lost a job or were evicted due to failure to make a rent payment. The goal is to help these people get back on their feet within a 6 month period. This facility will

also house a Work Force Development Center. (most participants for this Navigation Center will be recommended by Outreach Workers, rather than walk-in homeless.) 2-1-1- Hotline provides services to help people in danger of a home or job loss, Housing Services, Veteran Services & job resources, Food needs, Homeless Services and even provides during forest fire season safe emergency exit routes in fire besieged areas.

Dock less Bikes—fewer complaints this month, but some merchants and condo entry doors still facing bikes blocking access. Most problems are created by those riding the bikes and scooters—with heavy traffic noticed especially in Gaslamp area and Little Italy where crowded sidewalks are hard to navigate with bikes left on these walkways.

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

Treasurers Report. \$3744.75.DCPC Report Accepted

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Information. Project Updates.

Consent. None.

Action.

Elections. Officer elections for 2018.

Mikkler Little Italy. 2021 India St. CUP for tasting room offsite sale. Type 23 so only brewery can use CUP if granted. Not requesting any exemptions from standard rules. Motion to approve this project—Karen Clare, 2nd L.C. Cline, vote unanimous to approve

General Meeting. Ellen Hoffman and Fran Pillersdorf still looking for meeting site, Gary Smith with assistance from several board members will prepare Survey Monkey for elections; in process of reconstructing mailing lists for newsletters. Member dues have been given grace period of a year due to inability to get out newsletters.

Old Business.

PBID Report. Clean&Safe does act on dockless vehicles blocking access. Can use GetItDone but calling faster.addressing dock less bikes and scooters that block sidewalk access, Preparing their own contact AP—should be up and running by June. For now calling Clean and Safe fastest way to report issues/homeless in neighborhoods

Homeless Issues Report. City closed on Homeless entry fac. Remember it will be mostly people brought there by outreach workers, very few will be walkups.

New Business.

New Children's Museum. Park Activation by Art. taken out of order.

Park Equivalencies. Watching progress.

Port Master Plan. New ideas on Harbor Drive. Traffic circle at Harbor and PCH, Harbor and Kettner. Maybe close Kettner at Harbor, maybe close Market from Union to Harbor. Still in the brainstorming stage.

New Business.

Taken out of order: New Children's Museum Park. Further activation by Art Installations on Trellis in Park. Presentation and request for support.

Member Comments. M Stephens: 5th ave hotel not in accordance with Port MPA, and could affect Symphony Plans.

Urgent Non Agenda Items.5th Avenue Landing Hotel—Port to address in May, would be a project proposed Port Master Plan Amendment—DRG approved this project several years ago but much of this project has changed since that time. Under the current design of this project it is Not in Compliance with the Community Master Plan and the current design would preclude Convention Center expansion as well as the San Diego Symphony Bayside Performance Park. Motion to NOT SUPPORT this project—motion made by Mark Stephens, 2nd Stan Marder—vote to Not Approve carried with a 12-1 vote.

Adjournment. 7:05 PM—KC Secretary

Next DRG meeting will be held on Monday, May 14th, 2018