

**Downtown Residents Group
Minutes for April 17, 2017**

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

Call to Order. 6:10 PM at the Sofia Hotel.

Ratification of Election Results. Nominated/elected: Lew Baurer, Jim Carpenter, Karen Clare, L.C. Cline, Annie Eichman, Ellen Hoffman, Bob Klug, Bob Link, Constance Madden, Stan Marder, Bill Orabone, David Priver, Fran Pillersdorf, Gary Smith, Mark Stephens, Joan Wojcik, LeAnna Zevely.

Officers: President Gary Smith, VP Ellen Hoffman, Treas Fran Pillersdorf, Sec Tie: Constance Madden/Karen Clare. Karen Clare elected.

Non Agenda Public Comment. CD3Roberto Alcantar replaced by Molly Chase.

Out of Order:New Business: Affirmed Hsg Project 17th/G EV Tabled.

Approval of Minutes for March 13, 2017 BoD Meeting. Approved as corrected.

Treasurers Report. \$4083.61

DCPC Report.

Information. Election Results, Homeless Update:Stacie Spector, Project Updates

Consent. None.

Action.

DCPC Officer Elections. Discussed DCPC elections and totally unprofessional conduct. Chair directed to attend subcommittee meetings and ensure written procedures developed and followed.

Pacific Hts. 1221 11th Ave. EV. CUP for surface parking lot. Discussion on parking lot vs vacant lot. ffRecommended approval.

Programs/Membership.

Survey Monkey. Noted good response, solicited Volunteers to team up and provide better surveys.

Old Business.

PBID Report. Possible new Columbia area group.

Homeless Issues Report. Stacie Spector at and Discovery Courtyard on Sat April 22 10 AM. Mayors Plan for infrastructure, homeless, Convention Center expansion/Maintenance. FJV plan to raise \$400 million for expansion including reuse of motels outside of downtown.

New Business.

Port Workshops Master Plan/NEVP

Children's Park Workshop, Tuesday, April 25 6-8PM, New Children's Museum. Both alternatives had dog park.

New Affordable HSG project. 17th/G EV. Tabled

Convention Center Exp/5th Ave Landing Hotel. Tabled

SB 384 Changes closing hours to 04 AM for alcohol. Chair directed to write letter in opposition detailing noise impacts from closing. Form letters for newsletter use.

Rock/Roll Marathon 5 k: June 3 AND half/full marathon June 4th

NBC project. Underway after 20 years planning. Est. 2yrs minimum under construction.

CA Theater. Approved by City Council for Overture project.

Member Comments. L. Baurer/others. 1. Horton Plaza Park—members noted on walking to meeting that Park has 20-25 homeless in the park—a deterrent to theatre goers and tourists—ACLU states that Homeless are part of the public and thus have rights to enjoy the park like everyone else until park closes

2. Sidewalk access vs Homeless and tents—currently no tents on sidewalk during day per city attorneys but ACLU claims these tents are homes and can't be removed or entered by anyone.....and issue of loitering vs just sitting around

Urgent Non Agenda Items. Reason: Mayors budget and imminent Council hearings. Prevention of Old Main Library for shelter and Petition to Provide Homeless Services Throughout the San Diego Region—presented by Joan Wojcik-East Village, Cortez Hill Active Residents Group, Gary Smith—currently 99% of the Homeless Shelters are located downtown—everyone is ready and seeking some improvements to this problem—this plan does not endorse other plans (Father Joe, Salvation Army) but it is now time to start spreading these facilities around. The DRG endorses this petition with a vote of 12 to 1 in approval. Asking residents to take a petition, have friends and neighbors sign and return. Can also sign on line. The Homeless now create a real problem regarding Safety, Property Values, Sanitation, and so many other issues. This petition recommends a 2 to 1 basis—for every 2 beds created outside of downtown, 1 bed will be created downtown---spreading out homeless facilities and services around the area, not just in downtown. The homeless count has INCREASED by 84% in the last six years. Petitions were then distributed and members asked to get these out to their buildings and/or posted on bulletin boards for signatures.

Adjournment. 7:30PM