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Mission Hills Town Council Trustee Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2009 6:00 p.m.
Coldwell Banker offer, 1621 W. Lewis Street

6:10 p.m. Call to Order – PRESIDENT Kathy Jones
Attendance – Present were trustees Kathy Jones, Patty Ducey-Brooks, Ginny Ollis, Greg Nowell and Scott Sandel. There being no quorum present, no formal votes could be made.

Guests: Barbara Strona, resident and representative of the Mission Hills Garden Club, and Carol J. Schultz, Executive Director of the Uptown Partnership, and Brian Pepin from Councilman Faulconer's office.

Councilman Faulconer's Office

The Councilman is hosting a community discussion on ways to improve city services and to address other issues on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 from 6-7pm at the home of Kathy and Rob Jones, 1506 Plumosa Way. People are asked to RSVP to 619-236-7025. Booklet invitations with survey return postcards were provided to the trustees, and President Jones has additional copies for distribution in the neighborhood.

Parking Management. Carol Schultz, Executive Director (619-298-2541 cschultz@uptownpartnership.org) of the Uptown Partnership, the agency tasked with optimizing parking in the uptown areas of San Diego and funded from the monies from meters, spoke about the status of their efforts at this time. Several clarifications were given. Each neighborhood is given independent decision authority, so that what Hillcrest decides will not affect the choices available to Mission Hills, for example. The partnership is considering new high-tech meters which would not only be credit card accessible, but would gather information for the agency and city's use on frequency of use, times, etc, which would be helpful for future planning information. They are also considering and have received previous affirmation votes from the Council and B.I.D. for single meter and multi-meter space equipment. They are NOT considering putting any meters where there are none now, but take a specific request from the community to do so under advisement. The Partnership held a public advisory forum several months ago, poorly attended but rich in feed back, and it is requested that they use our Town Hall meeting to increase input. It was tentatively scheduled that the January Mission Hills Town Hall include this on the agenda.

A motion was made upon request of Schultz by President Jones, second by Ollis, and affirming the motion passed by the Mission Hills B.I.D., as follows

MOTION:

“Be it resolved that the Council recognizes Uptown Partnership’s invaluable role in managing the Uptown Community Parking District and supports its goal of improving public parking availability in Uptown and Mission Hills so that drivers are able to find convenient parking with a minimum of effort. AND

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kathy Jones	PRESIDENT
Mark Fehlman	VICE PRESIDENT
Patty Ducey-Brooks	TREASURER
Ginny Ollis	SECRETARY
Paul M. Bowers	
Paul Dean	
John Ford	
Greg Nowell	
Scott Sandel	
Paul Schulman	
Steve Shushan	

Be it resolved that the Council encourages the City Council to adopt a meter utilization plan for community parking districts that allows the districts to:

- 1. install web-based meters and technology to provide real-time utilization data that allows for tailoring meter operations to neighborhood needs, and**
- 2. select, implement, and monitor varying meter rates, times limits and enforcement hours in specified neighborhoods within parameters identified by the City Council.”**

The motion was approved by email vote of the Trustees with 8 ayes and 3 abstentions.

Business signs.

President Jones reported that she had received an email from a resident regarding the proliferating commercial for rent/lease etc signs particularly around the 1 Mission project at Goldfinch. The resident feels that the multiple signs detract from the quality of the area. Jones volunteered to talk with Stuart White of the B.I.D., whose purview this really may fall under, and who as a sign businessman is probably familiar with ordinances re signs. It was further brought up by a trustee that windows on commercial fronts on Washington east of First Avenue have been opaqued to obscure unattractive “back room” equipment and are these in compliance with the business regulations and business building requirements.

Elections.

President Jones acknowledged that John Ford and Ginny Ollis will be going off the Board at the end of this term by term limitations, and that Scott Sandel, Steve Shushan and Greg Nowell will have completed their two years and may either run again or not. Sandel reported he will run again, Nowell will advise within a couple of weeks, Shushan was not present. We have three additional candidates at this time, and it looks like we will easily have a full compliment if not more for the slate.

Approval of Slate and preparation for the Elections at the October Town Hall will be completed at the September Trustee meeting.

By-Laws.

Vice President Fehlman is requested to circulate to all trustees the recommended changes for the By-Laws at least by September 1, so that all trustees can review it and be prepared at the September trustee meeting to make final decisions on amendments to be proposed at the October Town Hall. It is recommended that founding trustee John Lomac also be copied and invited, since he is strongly interested in the by-laws issues.

Business Enhancement Committee.

Jones reported that the Mission Nights has been highly successful for the merchants and the community and has been extended through the end of 2009. More businesses have signed on to participate, a total of 41 at this time, and the new marketing director for 1 Mission is generating a scavenger hunt type of game where players would have questions answered at various businesses to win the grand prize.

West Lewis Street Pocket Park.

Jones reported that the City was having a meeting Friday 8/14/09 at which it is hoped the Park plans as agreed will be greenlighted.

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The new benches and waste containers were admired.

Traffic and Safety

Greg Nowell will follow up on the city’s plans for managing the Fort Stockton-West Lewis-Hermosa intersection.

Treasurer’s Report

(Please see attachment). There is a current balance of \$8909.47 on account to date.

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For the good of the order

President Jones requested that in the future all reports and other paper distributions be made 2-sided when possible to protect trees and waste dumps.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Ollis, Council Secretary