



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES, APRIL 10, 2008

A. PUBLIC MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1. The Board of Directors of the Uptown Partnership, Inc. held its monthly meeting on April 10, 2008, at 3108 Fifth Avenue, Suite B, San Diego, CA, for the purpose of transacting all proper business of the corporation.
2. Board members present: Ron Baranov, John Eisenhart, Bob Grinchuk, Cindy Lehman, Anne Rast, Sean Schwerdtfeger and Warren Simon.
3. Board member absent: Bob Orphey.
4. Staff present: Carol Schultz, George Franck, Janelle Luna and Ty Tosdal.
5. Others present: Jeffery Tom, Council District 3.
6. President Cindy Lehman called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

C. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bob Grinchuk offered the **motion** to adopt the consent agenda as presented, including meeting minutes for March 6, 2008 and recommendations from Community Relations, Operations and Finance, Program, Audit, and Nominations Committees. M/S. **Motion** passed unanimously.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. Carol Schultz recommended introducing Ty Tosdal during the update portion of the agenda.
2. The Board unanimously approved the agenda with the recommendation by Carol Schultz.

E. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Sean Schwerdtfeger offered the **motion** to accept the financial statements from February 2008 as presented. M/S. **Motion** passed unanimously.

2. EXECUTIVE UPDATE

Carol Schultz highlighted some of the items in her report.

- a. **REIMBURSEMENT BY CITY.** Reimbursement requests to the City have been filed through February 2008 and we received payment through February 2008 on April 10, 2008.
- b. **KIMPTON HOTEL.** Jeff Silberman plans to build a boutique hotel on Fifth Avenue south of the Bombay Restaurant, which will be managed by Kimpton Hotels. Briefly, the City requires hotels to build as many parking spaces as if the building were a residential development, in this case 155 spaces. Because many hotel visitors do not bring cars, we may have an opportunity to make unused spaces available for public parking; however, the City would have to agree as well as the developer.

Jim Frost noted the parking numbers do not include parking for restaurant visitors and the Partnership should look closely if 155 spaces are enough. He is working on a similar project elsewhere in the county.
- c. **WASHINGTON AND GOLDFINCH.** Janelle Luna reported the Partnership hosted the first construction impact meeting on April 3 at The Gathering in Mission Hills. The next meeting will be April 16 at 2:30. The Gathering has been kind enough to host the neighborhood meetings until August 2008 when construction is anticipated to be completed. Paseo de Mission Hills and Washington and Goldfinch engineers are working together daily to alleviate traffic congestion problems.

3. HILLCREST CORRIDOR MOBILITY STRATEGY

Guest Speaker Marlon Pangilinan and Dawn Wilson presented a power point presentation on the Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Strategy.

The goal of the City's study was to balance pedestrian, parking, transit, bicycle, and other travel improvements in the context of present and future needs.

- » Speeding traffic, especially on downhill stretches of Fourth and Sixth Avenues and on Fifth Avenue between Maple and Upas Streets.
- » Problems crossing intersections on foot because of automobile traffic.
- » Difficulty crossing into Balboa Park across the relatively wide Sixth Avenue.
- » Traffic congestion, primarily approaching the freeway ramps to State Route 163.
- » Slow transit speeds, especially on Fifth Avenue approaching central Hillcrest.
- » A shortage of convenient parking, especially in central Hillcrest and near the Laurel Street entrance to Balboa Park.

George Franck presented analysis regarding cost. The City's consultant estimates the cost of the Mobility Strategy at over \$25 million, including design, construction, contingency, and administrative costs. Because the Promenade Plan has fewer features overall it likely would cost about \$4.8 million less than the Mobility Strategy mostly due to fewer curb extensions.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. VACANT BOARD SEAT

Bob Grinchuk offered the **motion** to elect Jim Frost, who is recommended by the Nominations Committee, to fill the vacant seat on the Board for a term that expires in 2009. M/S. **Motion** passed 6-0-1. Warren Simon abstained, expressing his desire to remain neutral.

2. ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET FOR FY 2008-09

- a. John Eisenhart offered the **motion** to adopt the annual plan and budget for FY 2008-09 with the revision to the corporate chart reflecting that the Executive Director reports to the Board. M/S. **Motion** passed 7-0-1. Jim Frost abstained because, as a new member, he feels he needs more information about the contract process to vote knowledgeably.
- b. Anne Rast offered the **motion** to repay the City Treasurer the amount of \$42,133.95 that was advanced by the City of San Diego for CPD expenditures in previous years; payments will be monthly until the balance is repaid and will not exceed \$5,000 per month. M/S. **Motion** passed unanimously.

3. ANNUAL CITY CONTRACT

Action on this item is contingent upon receiving the contract from the City in time to review it before the meeting. Partnership did not receive the contract from the City.

4. BYLAW REVISION

- a. Sean Schwerdtfeger offered the **motion** to postpone the discussion and adoption of the revised bylaws to the May 1, 2008 Board meeting to provide the Board with more time to review the revised bylaws. M/S. **Motion** passed unanimously. Sean Schwerdtfeger also requested a second copy of the annotated bylaws distributed at the March 6, 2008 Board meeting and another copy of the current bylaws be distributed to Board members to aid their review.

5. BANKERS HILL CONTRACT

- a. The Board has approved allocation of \$20,000 for consultants Glen Schmidt and Brad Lewis to develop streetscape design guidelines for Bankers Hill, a project that originated with the neighborhood. The consultants are contributing \$10,000, and Supervisor Roberts is allocating the remaining \$18,700 from County funds. The consultants have prepared a detailed scope of work and contract for the Partnership's approval.

- b. Cindy offered the **motion** to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract with the consultants to prepare streetscape design guidelines for Bankers Hill, as outlined in their proposed agreement. M/S. **Motion** passed unanimously.

6. SPECIAL MEETING

The Board voted unanimously to reschedule the special meeting to discuss the Uptown Community Plan update from April 12 at 1:30 PM to May 17 at 9:00 AM.

G. UPDATES

- 1. **CITY CPD PROGRAM.** Melisa Tintocalis has left the City and is moving to Boston with her husband who has obtained a job that will allow him to finish his doctorate thesis. Melisa’s responsibilities in the Economic Development Department will be split between staff until her position vacancy is filled.
- 2. **INTRODUCTION.** Carol Schultz introduced Ty Tosdal the newest member of the Partnership staff. Ty will draft the RFP for the Uptown Comprehensive Parking Study and begin implementation of the study. Ty will be with the Partnership until August at which time he begins law school. Ty Tosdal, formerly a member of the BID Council staff, has agreed to join the Partnership staff full-time until August 2008 to assume George’s responsibilities (other than the Five Points study that Janet Fairbanks is managing). He also will oversee the update of the parking and mobility study and analyze parking data and issues
- 3. **COUNCIL DISTRICTS 3.** Jeffery Tom informed the Board his office has been working with Carol Schultz on the conflict of interest code and the Normal Street parking project. Toni Atkins is focused on completing as many projects as possible in the last eight months of her term. Jeffery Tom informed the board they will be sent invitations to attend Toni Atkins last District address on April 24, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the War Memorial building in Balboa Park.

H. URGENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2008

Transcribed and drafted by Janelle Luna

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Date

Warren Simon, Secretary