



MINUTES

Mission Hills Town Council Trustee Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2011 6:00 PM
@Francis Parker School, 4201 Randolph St

Present: Gates, Gehl, Valentino, Sandel, Shafer, van der Lee

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Vice-President Lara Gates. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved (Oct 13th, unanimous).

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Action items

Item	Responsible Person	Due Date
Look into feasibility of coordinating tree trimming	Warren	12/08/11
Arrange for presentations regarding the VA housing project for Town Hall meeting	Joe	12/31/11

Guests: (5 minutes allowed per guest)

Holly Saenz observed the meeting, and incoming Trustees Carin Canale-Theakson and Joe Naskar also attended.

Ian Clampett, from Councilmember Faulconer's office, provided updates on a number of projects. Following up on the stolen historical plaque issue, he mentioned that the Historical Resources Board will have a meeting November 18th at 1PM to review methods and materials to make the plaques less attractive and more resistant to thieves. The HRB policy subcommittee will meet in February to discuss making funds available to replace the stolen plaques. Work orders have gone out for 2 of the 4 replacement parking meters on Fort Stockton. The red curb on the corner near Meshuggah Shack will soon become a green curb parking space. Ian also discussed the possibility of improving the signage along the W. Lewis St /Goldfinch canyon, and Warren will work with Ian to review the Town Council's priorities in terms of art work, visibility and safety concerns. The interim height ordinance has been extended; it will probably be a couple of years before the updated Uptown Plan is finalized.

Ron Lacey, from Mayor Sanders' office, spoke about 2 lawsuits the City is currently pursuing: one to recover redevelopment money from the state, and one to fight an environmental impact requirement for fireworks (this lawsuit has expanded from fireworks to any gathering of >75 people). Status of the Balboa Park plan was discussed, and Ron

explained that the feasibility studies were underway now, with nine proposals under consideration. There will be public hearings to vet the process. Public tours of the Plaza de Panama are available the third Saturday of each month at 10:30 AM.

Discussion of Endorsement of Clean Elections Initiative: The Trustees decided not to endorse the initiative due to lack of detailed information about the actual initiative.

Formation of Concerts in the Park Committee: Lara Gates, Carin Canale-Theakson and Joe Naskar. They will focus on fund-raising early; Paul Dean and Mark Fehlman will have an Art Sale fund-raiser in December (opening party December 3rd at Espresso Mio).

Palm Tree Maintenance Program: Several neighborhoods have done this recently, and the MHTC would like to coordinate efforts in order to get the best price possible per tree (the City no longer has the funds to trim most street trees). It was agreed that having details and sign-up on the website would be most convenient. Warren will look into feasibility and report back to the group.

Informational discussion on the Veteran Administration's Transitional Housing Program: Joe Naskar reported that the site of the former Thomas Jefferson School of Law Library building is being proposed as a transitional housing site for veterans. This is across the street from the new charter school. The school and neighborhood concerns were presented at a recent Uptown Planners meeting and also before the Old Town planning group. A number of the issues were discussed by Joe and Ian Clampett. The Trustees agreed that informational presentations from all sides and community discussion would be added to the January 12th Town Hall meeting agenda.

Blighted properties: Is there anything that can be done? Code compliance can be done, but it can be divisive and controversial. This was deemed beyond the scope of the MHTC.

Discussion of 2012 MHTC Officers: Potential officers for 2012 were discussed; Sharon Gehl agreed to continue serving as Treasurer. This will be finalized at the December meeting.

Committee Reports/Updates

Budget Report: Sharon provided the monthly financial report prior to the meeting. She will discuss annual audit details with MaryAnn Vinck.

Business Enhancement Committee: No report. Lara announced that Mesuggah Shack will be receiving an Orchid Award.

Arts Committee: Lara indicated that the bench and art for the Pocket Park will be installed in the spring.

Public Facilities: Warren stated that the concrete pads are installed in Pioneer Park; this part of the project will be completed when the tables are delivered.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Valentino, Secretary