



325 W.WASHINGTON STREET, STE.2-159 SAN DIEGO, CA 92103

Minutes–Town Hall

Thursday, April 21, 2016 6:00p.m.

Francis Parker School Auditorium, 4201 Randolph Street, San Diego

6:00 pm

Call to Order - President, Belinda Smith, who introduced attending Directors

David Espinosa, Helen Rowe Allen, Leah Shuchter and Penny Giacalone

read the MHTC's new Mission Statement, reminded attendees of the upcoming

Summer Concerts, solicited participation for the July 4 BBQ, and invited all to The

Patio after the meeting for a post-candidate forum gathering.

Membership Sign-ups were solicited by David Espinosa who gave a short history of the MHTC, shared some of the accomplishments and current projects of the Council, and explained what value membership would bring to potential members.

Board of Directors 2016

Helen Rowe Allen

Gina Barnes

Lauren Carter

David Espinosa(Vice President)

Sharon Gehl (Treasurer)

Penny Giacalone (Secretary)

Sarah Goltz

Anthony Nyikos

Bob Rast

Leah Shuchter

Belinda Smith (President)

Updates from Elected Officials' Representatives:

- Ashley Campbell, Rep. Susan Davis' community representative, passed out their latest newsletter and reminded people of Military Service Night to be held at SDCC Ceasar Chavez campus on April 22.
- Chevelle Newell, Toni Atkins' community representative, shared the following: trying pass AB 1795 (easier access for constituents to receive breast and cervical cancer screenings); introducing AB 1730 and AB 1731 (addressing some human trafficking issues); May 15 will be a Socks for the Homeless event; and reminded the audience that there has been an outreach effort this year for an Earned Income Tax Credit for those who qualify.
- Adriana Martinez, Todd Gloria's community representative, passed out their latest newsletter.
- No representation for Senator Marty Block or County Supervisor Ron Roberts

Updates for Neighborhood Organizations:

- MHBID-no representation
- MH Garden Club - Judith Krumholz announced the passage of the Urban Agricultural Incentive which identifies those properties which qualify for Community Gardens status; April 27 will be their next garden meeting; May 7 will be the MH Garden Walk; and solicited volunteers to be "greeters" on May 7.
- MH Heritage - Barry Hager reminded the audience of the Home Tour to take place in Sept.
- Neighborhood Watch - Pam Amundson commented that there is increased concern over

finding homeless people in local backyards and increased incidences of property crime. She also encouraged everyone to call in or use the SDPD website to report crimes since volume and stats help to determine police patrol.

Public Comment

- Kristin Boyd, MH 5K event chair, benefitting Grant Elementary School, thanked the community for their support and enthusiasm.
- Kevin Melton, candidate for State Assembly-District 78, announced that he has been endorsed by the City and State Republican Party and encouraged everyone to vote.

SANDAG Uptown Bikeways Project Update - Mariah VanZeer, Transportation Planner, presented, reviewed and/or announced the following concerning the Project

- design principles, project phases, safety benefits, and parking implementation after analysis
- draft concept for Washington Street including pedestrian, parking, auto and bike
- visual simulations
- a public hearing on the Environmental document is planned for late May

Council District 3 Candidates' Forum

Omar Passons, Vice President, Community Development & Policy at Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation, moderated the debate between District 3 candidates Anthony Bernal and Chris Ward.

Candidates presented their platforms, shared their experiences and involvement on San Diego projects both current and past and shared their vision for the future for District 3 and San Diego.

The candidates also addressed the following: affordable housing and density issues; Proposition H (infrastructure and Councilperson Mark Kersey's plan); the Citizen's Plan(proposes to raise the hotel tax to help pay for tourism promotion and a Convention Center expansion); public safety including an adequately resourced police department; Charger Stadium location; homelessness; historical preservation and conservation; short term rentals, increasing housing stock within communities; Vision Zero(project to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist's deaths on streets and sidewalks); deferred maintenance, especially in Balboa Park; and the use of bonds.

8:00 Adjournment

Next Town Hall will be Aug. 11, 2016 with a candidates' forum for the office of City Attorney.

Submitted by Penny Giacalone, Secretary