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Minutes–Town Hall

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016 6:00p.m.

Francis Parker School Auditorium, 4201 Randolph Street, San Diego

6:00 pm

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

David Espinosa, Anthony Nyikos, Leah Shuchter, Penny Giacalone, Sharon Gehl, Peter Valleau, Ryan Gore and Lauren Carter. She also recognized Kevin Melton, candidate for State Assembly-District 78, who took a few moments to address the Town Hall assembly, explain some of his platform and encourage people to get out and vote.

Updates from Elected Officials' Representatives:

- Chevelle Newell, Toni Atkins' community representative, passed out their latest brochure with contact information and reminded the audience of Toni Atkins' constituency advocacy information available in the same brochure.
- Adriana Martinez, Todd Gloria's community representative, passed out their latest newsletter. She shared that the last day Todd Gloria's office will be open is Dec. 31, apprised the audience of important dates of future City Council meetings, and addressed constituency concerns about traffic and pedestrians on Presidio, Washington, Pioneer and Pringle Streets.
- No representation for Representative Susan Davis, Senator Marty Block or County Supervisor Ron Roberts

Updates for Neighborhood Organizations:

- MHBID-no representation
- MH Garden Club - Judith Krumholz encouraged people to join the organization informing them of the monthly meeting day, location and time. She also mentioned that the Garden Walk, to be held on May 13, 2017, will benefit Grant School and their Children's Garden project.
- MH Heritage - Barry Hager passed out a flyer outlining their 5 key issues for the Uptown Plan Update including Land Use Map, Density, Height limits, Historic Districts and West Lewis St.PDO.
- Neighborhood Watch - Pam Amundson encouraged everyone to call in or use the SDPD website to report crimes since volume and stats help to determine police patrol. She also stated that NW tries to objectively inform the public of with what is going on in their neighborhood.

Public Comment:

- Valerie Ferrari, from West Lewis Shopping Center, thanked the MHTC for their support of

Board of Directors 2016

Helen Rowe Allen

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David Espinosa(Vice President)

Sharon Gehl (Treasurer)

Penny Giacalone (Secretary)

Sarah Goltz

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Anthony Nyikos

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Leah Shuchter

Belinda Smith (President)

Peter Valleau

Halloween in the Hills and invited everyone to attend on Oct. 15 from 6:00-9:00.

- John Hartley, Neighborhood Empowerment Alliance, passed out a survey asking the audience to prioritize 5 categories where neighborhoods can work together to accomplish change. There will be a Neighborhood Empowerment Forum, Jan. 14, 2017, from 1:00-4:00 at First Unitarian Church in Hillcrest to address the survey results and determine the next steps of action.
- Tom Mullaney, member of the Uptown Council, presented his view on some of the issues the Uptown Community Plan is trying to address.
- Sharon Gehl, community member, presented an alternate opinion of key issues for upcoming Uptown Community Plan.

MHTC Announcements - Belinda Smith

- made a call for additional Board members
- announced that the second phase of the West Lewis Street Pocket Park will be headed up by volunteer community member Chris Chase
- asked that those who are interested in a Dog Park at Presidio to see her after the meeting
- stated that street calming has been suggested for Lewis St. by reversing the "one way"
- informed those present that the Town Hall meeting in Jan., 2017, will present architect Jonathan Segal who will spearhead a new development project near Green Manor

San Diego Police Dept - Officer Surwilo

- sited Alan Canyon as an example of dealing with homeless encampments - citizens call in, complain, police dept. sends out team and crew to address it and clean it up. This is the cycle, this is the way to address the issue each time. Though it is redundant, it eventually gets the job done.
- encouraged audience to call SDPD, report problems, be vigilant, and to do their part by locking cars and doors.
- he also asked that citizens not give money or food to the homeless but rather volunteer with organizations that are already in place to help.

Guest Speaker, Howard Blackson, Urban Designer

- topic dealt with " a Local Response to San Diego's Housing Crisis"
- emphasized that density is just a measurement
- that character and quality are more important than a "one size fits all" mind set
- that jobs will draw people to San Diego but they will eventually leave because housing is scarce and unaffordable
- that we need to retain the unique character of each of our communities and improve zoning laws which will allow for both versatility and quality

8:00 Adjournment Next Town Hall will be in Jan., 2017.

Submitted by Penny Giacalone, Secretary

