

Minutes of the Ocean Beach Planning Board General Meeting

5/07/14

6:05: Meeting called to order. Present: Tom Gawronski, Scott Therkalsen, Pete Ruscitti, Raeanon Hartigan, Andrew Waltz, Drew Wilson, Seth Connoly and Jane Gawronski. Robert and Valerie Paz joined the board during action Item #1.

Agenda Approval: Pete adds action item 1 to appoint new members and discussion item before action item #4. **Jane moves to approve, Rae seconds: 8-0-0.**

Minutes: delayed until next meeting

Treasurer: Drew reports \$189.88

Relevant Representative Reports: Chet D2 – working with staff per the request of OBMA to close beach parking lots overnight. Also, attempting to get lighting for beach/pier area. Entryway project is in final negotiations with a contractor; construction should take only 45 days.

Sterling (Ron Robert's rep) – County building park is opening May 10th. Pete asks and is told the water used for irrigation and fountains is not recycled "purple pipe" water.

Non-agenda public comment:

Lieutenant Stone – Police trailer permit has been approved by the city through March 1st 2019. Signs are in the processes of being installed. Seth asked about the use of the building and the Lieutenant explained that it replaced an old storefront in the hope that it would allow officers to spend more time in OB.

Becca - from nextdoor pitches the online network for neighborhoods and is looking for leaders of sub neighborhoods within OB

Stephen – Yes on B and C campaign. Encourages us to vote yes on B and C in June.

Action Item #1: Certify appointed members

Ronnie has resigned officially. Seeking his seat for D4 is his brother Robert Shamoun. Robert has collected validated signatures, has attended one meeting and is eligible. **Tom moves to appoint Mr. Shamoun, Seth seconds 8-0-0**

Valerie Paz for D7 has also collected the verified signatures, attended meetings and is eligible for appointment. **Rae moves to appoint Valerie, seconded by Jane: 9-0-0**

Information Item #1: Ob community plan update.

Gio and Teresa – The EIR needs to be done tomorrow. Upon the city's request the OBplan subcommittee came up with new language for the variance issue. The city attorney then removed the specifics added by the subcommittee and issued language the city feels is acceptable.

Pete notes that this takes the teeth out of what we wrote and the worry is that the intent the original statement is not being upheld.

Seth notes that the teeth has been taken out of the original statement most likely due to the one residents legal threats against the city. **Gio** clarifies that the implementation of the application to the FAR should apply to all and variances have been illegally granted outside of the single street in question as well.

Pete notes that the board could vote to not approve the city but that would mean a delay.

Scott notes that this seems to have been slipped in at the last minute on purpose and the community should really be working with the city attorney to make the wording changes but to keep the intent of the strict application of the .70 FAR.

Teresa notes that there is a little time to work on things because ultimately the planning commission are the ones to approve the final EIR.

Gio notes that the original language the board approved was actually approved by a past city attorney and a new city attorney has now decided to change the wording.

Chet advised to not approve a longterm plan you don't like and the council and district 2 are in support of the community and the community should force the issue.

Pete suggests working offline to correct the wording and if that doesn't work then a special meeting to confront the new wording may be needed in the future.

Gio has asked for letters of support for the community plan

Scott notes that the city is attempting to change the wording of the precise plan from, roughly, "discourage" advertising on public facilities to "encourage" well placed advertising on public facilities. This is contrary to the original intent of the statement and not what the community approved in the precise plan that was presented to them.

Teresa - there have also been some other minor tweaks to the language of the plan.

Info item #2: DecoBikeShare stations

Presenter - Potential new stations were presented one by one and feedback was solicited. Pete also shared feedback from the OBPRC and noted he will be in charge of coordinating community responses.

Seth is worried about the connectivity and the differences between implementation here and elsewhere Deco has worked. Also, notes that the main concern of merchants is the maintenance.

Presenter reiterates that the maintenance is being seriously considered and it will be a number one priority.

Andrew concerned about how the stations will influence the right of way and the danger of some of the potential stations.

Nicole "the bike women" notes that the Point Loma library would be good and the connectivity is a huge problem.

Pete asks that people with concerns to inform him so he can compile a formal list.

Action Item #2: Airport monitoring poles

Noise monitoring board wants to replace old wooden poles with new steel poles. This monitoring is legally required.

Tom comments that moving the lotus pole south puts it into substandard alley area.

Presenter notes that they want the new pole to be built at the same time as the other pole is still collecting data.

Seth moves to approve as presented, Robert seconds: 9-1-0

Action Item #2: Project #351645 “Brito Residence”

Representative explains the project is a new home on top of a garage at the back of the residence. The project review committee voted 5-0- to approve. Not much discussion, proper height, parking and FAR requirements.

Rae moves to approve, seconded by Jane: 10-0-0

Action Item #3: Bike Grant Program

Nicole reports that the city is not supporting the community and will not be applying for this grant anymore.

Pete presented the letters he produced in favor of the proposed grant for board approval. Approval may take place to show our support to the city even though the grants may be dead.

Jane moves to send the letters of support, Seconded by Andrew 9-0-1

Info Item #3: Saratoga Condos

Jane noted that this board approved condos and now rental units are being proposed. Tom recounted the disagreements over design 2 of the project and its approval. Jane and Tom are worried about those turning into vacation rentals.

Action Item #4: Board Liaisons

See attached. Jane moves to approve liaisons, seconded by Drew 10-0-0

Motion to adjourn by Drew, seconded by Seth. Meeting adjourned at 8:02. 10-0-0