

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 18, 2016.

Call to Order: Chair Stark @ 5:20pm

1. Roll Call

21 of 25 members were present, constituting a quorum.

Members Present @ Call to Order (21): Ward, Porter, Orabone, Link, Blair, Escala, Wery, Herscovitz, Nauta, Lawson, Baker, Radke, DiFrancesca, Brewer, Cline, King, Rosenbaum, Ball, Stark, Weichelt, Cervello.

Late Arrival (1): Gharabiklou

Members Absent (3): A Vinci, L Vinci, Wessling

Early Departure (2): Nauta, Lawson

2. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of April 20, 2016

There were no changes to the draft April 20, 2016 meeting minutes. They are accepted as written.

3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Gary Smith noted that the Carnitas Shack has opened on the Embarcadero.

4. Elected Representatives' Comments

None

5. Chairperson's Report, Subcommittee Reports

- Chair Stark: At the CPC meeting the city suggested the downtown Community Plan needs to be updated.
- Reminder that if a member wants to abstain from a vote they must give a reason.
- Pre-design: 7th and Island dual-branded hotel should be before the DCPC June.
- There will be a Public Spaces subcommittee meeting on June 8 at 5:15PM in the Civic SD meeting room to discuss establishment of a Parks & Rec Council.
- The expectation is for each member to be on at least one committee.
- Several members are interested in an ad hoc CUP/NUP committee to review consistency in decision-making. Lawson will chair the subcommittee which includes Blair, Wery, Rosenbaum, and Radke.

Information

6. Project Updates: Brad Richter – Civic SD

Next week's board meeting will hear two appeals: Entrada and Blue Moon Hookah Lounge.

1st and Beech approved (consistent with DCPC approval).

June 14 Downtown Mobility Plan will be before the City Council.

Consent

7. DCPC Annual Report

8. Downtown Community Parking District Bicycle Facilities Program – Custom Bicycle Rack Purchase & Location – Little Italy Neighborhood of the Downtown Community Plan Area.

Motion: To approve the Consent agenda.

1st Radke 2nd Weichelt

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstain	Recuse
DCPC	22	0	0	0

In favor: Ward, Porter, Orabone, Link, Gharabiklou, Blair, Escala, Wery, Herscovitz, Nauta, Lawson, Baker, Radke, DiFrancesca, Brewer, Cline, King, Rosenbaum, Ball, Stark, Weichelt, Cervello

Opposed: None

Action

9. CVS 5th & J – Planned Development Permit/Conditional Use Permit No. 2015-71.

Public Speakers:

In favor:

Opposed: Marsha Sewell, Gary Smith, Catalina Preskill

Motion: To not approve staff's recommendation because the project does not comply with staff's CUP Findings #1, 3, and 4 nor with the PDP Finding #1 and 3.

Discussion was around:

- *Noncompliance with both the letter and the spirit of the Gaslamp Quarter PDO;*
- *The PDO was designed to prevent this large of a storefront (and the elimination of 3 appropriately sized small businesses);*
- *It takes away from the fine grain of the Gaslamp District;*
- *The business is not needed as there are 2 within the Gaslamp District, one of which is 2 blocks away;*
- *Is not historic or entertainment related and does not add to the quality of the Gaslamp;*
- *Gaslamp is also a residential area and the 24 hours of operation is problematic.*

1st Blair 2nd DiFrancesca

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstain	Recuse
DCPC	20	0	0	0

In favor: Ward, Porter, Orabone, Link, Gharabiklou, Blair, Escala, Wery, Herscovitz, Baker, Radke, DiFrancesca, Brewer, Cline, King, Rosenbaum, Ball, Stark, Weichelt, Cervello.

Opposed: None

Miscellaneous

10. Potential Agenda Items and member Comments

Discussion of whether to allow the Citizen Plan to present their plan to DCPC as they have requested. It would be appropriate to have an informational presentation as it relates to downtown land use.

11. URGENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Action Items Must Meet Gov. Code Section 54954.2)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Radke, Secretary