



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

**PUBLIC SPACES SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL
Wednesday June 8, 2016**

Civic San Diego Board Room
401 B Street, Suite 400
San Diego, CA 92101

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting was a review of the Downtown Project Updates, Presentation of proposal to create a Downtown Parks and Recreation Board, and progress on the 14th Street Promenade Plan.

Members Attending: Kay DiFrancesca, Deb Herscovitz, Pat Stark, Dan Wery, Anne Potter, Gary Smith

Members Absent: Kim Brewer, Jon Baker, Claudia Escala, Lindsay King, Michael Rosenbaum, Luke Vinci,

Project Updates: Brad Richter

- East Village Green – The General Development Plan has been approved with a relook at the parking garage (over budget) and programming of the Community Center component (now a 2story design with community meeting room space). CIVIC currently negotiating the Design Contract with OJB. Schedule: Bid late next year; 18 month construction
- Children’s Park - Schmidt Design Group contracted for revised design concept. Public Workshop expected early September.
- Mobility Plan – Going to City Council for approval June 21 with minor changes from initial submittal; review Final posted on website.

5. Potential for Downtown Parks and Recreation Council – presentation by Danny Reeves/Downtown Partnership

- Park and Recreation councils exist to provide conceptualization, programming, activities and more neighborhood specific input to the overall City Parks and Recreation Board. There are currently 51 in the city, but DCPC acts as the defacto input for downtown. The Downtown Public Spaces Foundation, a non-profit C3 entity formed 18 months ago, would act as a



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supporting staff and funding entity for a Downtown Parks and Recreation Council, with initial members to be formed of same board to initiate. The Downtown Partnership does the accounting.

Motion: Support creation of a Downtown Park and Recreation Council by Downtown Public Spaces Foundation.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

6. 14th Street Promenade – presentation by Brad Richter, Sr. V.P. Planning/ Kathleen Brand, Senior Planner & Landscape Architect, CIVIC San Diego

- Project creates a plan for an articulated urban green street along 14th from City College to Barrio Logan. Promenade features 4 distinct zones along a 32' parkway on the east side of the street with diagonal parking on the west side. Traffic lanes are reduced to 2 total lanes to accommodate improvements and provide traffic calming/ slowing. A demonstration block in front of Albertsons Grocery is supported by neighbors and funding. Remaining blocks will be implemented as new development comes in and/or funding is available. Interim installment methods including “painting to delineate the future concrete improvements” was discussed, with other funding sources like the Park Foundation possible.

Motion: Recommend DCPC recommend approval to CIVIC Board of 14th Street Promenade Master Plan

Vote: Unanimous in Favor

7. Develop list of other subjects Public Spaces should take interest in

- Hold a joint meeting with Finance Subcommittee in July to review/provide input for all the relevant projects prior to the August DIF meeting.
- Have the various Placemaking Entities (Downtown Partnership, Gaslamp Alliance, Little Italy Association, Westfield) give summaries/ updates on projects in their realm. Be a watchdog on activation of Horton Plaza Park.
- Consider Site Walking Tours of Public Spaces, particularly Park Walks
- Develop strategy to engage our communities/ neighbors
- Consider how we propose info to Downtown Public Spaces Foundation

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