



## AIA San Diego

### 2009 URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE – 04.03.09

#### Urban Design Committee, AIASD @ SANDAG Conference Room

6 March 2009

**In Attendance:** Phil Bona (**PB**), Jack Carpenter (**JC**), Robert Daniel (**RD**), Chris Dell'Acqua (**CD**), Jim Frost (**JF**), David McCullough (**DM**), Jerry Shonkwiler (**JSH**), Jay Shumaker (**JS**) Paul Schroeder (**PS**),

**Guests:** Bill Anderson, Bennur Koksuz, Carol B. Dick., Jean Zagrodnik, Bret Hulitt, Yousef Eshmawi

**Absent:** John Hinkel (**JH**), Chad Johnson (**CJ**)

**PS** called the meeting to order at 7:50 AM

**Minutes** from February 2009 were approved.

#### 1. Housekeeping/Old Business

It was decided that the Committee would continue to meet at SanDag Headquarters, but **PS** will contact the AIASD Chapter to see if the chapter office might be available the first Friday of each month from +/-11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

#### 2. UDC Issues Matrix Review

**C Street Corridor:** **PB** reported that the departing planner for CCDC Barbara Kaiser was pushing the C Street Corridor project to focus only on the elimination of blight. **PS** to contact Sachin Kalbag at CCDC to determine how the UDC can remain involved.

**Civic Center Development:** **PB** reported that a peer review of the submittals was completed two weeks ago. High rents for City offices were a motivator for the project. With rents falling, the need for a new complex is reduced.

**Airport Land Use Subcommittee:** **JS** needs to contact John Ziebarth for an update regarding a workshop for AIASD members.

**Balboa Park Planning:** Discussion regarding private funding. It was decided that the UDC needs an update. **JC** or **DM** to invite Vickie Granovich and or Beatty Peabody to discuss status and direction with us. 2015 is the Balboa Park Centennial.

**Central Library:** **PS** expressed a need to get the Library Support letter out. **PB** will incorporate final UDC voting Member comments. **PS** to distribute to Jean Zagrodnik (AIASD President) for review and comment. Goal is to have Ex-Com support and take final version to full AIASD Board for approval on March 25, 2009.

**North Embarcadero Development:** **PB** indicated that the plans are out to bid. **JC** noted that there were several distracting utilities at the intersection of Harbor Drive and Broadway. He will draft a letter addressing same.

**Airport Master Plan:** The plan was approved in Committee. It will now go to the Board for approval. The committee has de-coupled the Harbor Drive Garage from the terminal development. Rental Car Industry is opposed to losing the garage.

**3. Main Topic**

Bill Anderson Planning Director and Bennur Koksuz Deputy Director for Urban Design were introduced from the City of San Diego.

**Composition of Community Planning Committees:**

The concern expressed was that planning professionals were specifically being excluded based on their presumed allegiance to the development community. Further that the planning groups needed planning expertise. They are often composed of single-family home owners that are joining to stop a specific project or want to maintain the status quo. Business owners and apartment dwellers are seldom represented.

**City Policy:**

Bill Anderson explained that it was an open policy of accepting Planning Committee members. They must attend at least two meetings, live or have a business in the community, and run in a semi-annual secret ballot election. The Committees may recruit additional members if needed to have a full committee. Some Planning groups try to get representatives of geographic areas and others by category. There cannot be any exclusion. There is a roster of the 42 Planning Groups on the City's website.

**Brown Act:**

The City has a strict policy regarding the conduct of Planning Committees following the requirements of the Brown Act.

**4. Actions:**

1. AIASD Board will look at multiple options for getting involved with the Community Planning Groups. Suggestions included assisting with an educational program on design for the Community Planning Groups, developing a "shadow program" where AIASD members would attend community planning group meetings and provide personal opinions during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, recruitment of AIASD members to run for open planning group positions, etc.
2. **JC** to draft letter regarding distracting utility elements at the foot of Broadway.

**5. Announcements**

National AIA Convention will be held in San Diego in 2016

**Next Urban Design Committee meeting:** Friday, 3 April 2009. See Meeting Calendar below.

**Next month's main issue:**

Review the status of planning for Balboa Park.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type of Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
<i>Friday, January 09</i> <i>Friday, January 16</i>	Full Committee Admin. Group	SANDAG Jimmy Carter's Restaurant	7:45 AM 7:30 AM
Friday, February 06 Friday, February 13	Full Committee Admin. Group	SANDAG Jimmy Carter's Restaurant	7:45 AM 7:30 AM
Friday, March 06 Friday, March 13	Full Committee Admin. Group	SANDAG Jimmy Carter's Restaurant	7:45 AM 7:30 AM

Friday, April 03 Friday, April 10	Full Committee Admin. Group	SANDAG Jimmy Carter's Restaurant	7:45 AM 7:30 AM
Friday, May 01 Friday, May 08	Full Committee Admin. Group	SANDAG Jimmy Carter's Restaurant	7:45 AM 7:30 AM
Friday, June 05 Friday, June 12	Full Committee Admin. Group	SANDAG Jimmy Carter's Restaurant	7:45 AM 7:30 AM
<b><i>Thursday, July 02</i></b> Friday, July 10	Full Committee Admin. Group	SANDAG Jimmy Carter's Restaurant	7:45 AM 7:30 AM
Friday, August 07 Friday, August 14	Full Committee Admin. Group	SANDAG Jimmy Carter's Restaurant	7:45 AM 7:30 AM
Friday, September 04 Friday, September 11	Full Committee Admin. Group	SANDAG Jimmy Carter's Restaurant	7:45 AM 7:30 AM
Friday, October 02 Friday, October 09	Full Committee Admin. Group	SANDAG Jimmy Carter's Restaurant	7:45 AM 7:30 AM
Friday, November 06 Friday, November 13	Full Committee Admin. Group	SANDAG Jimmy Carter's Restaurant	7:45 AM 7:30 AM
Friday, December 05 Friday, December 12	Full Committee Admin. Group	SANDAG Jimmy Carter's Restaurant	7:45 AM 7:30 AM

***Bold & Italics indicate meeting dates that differ from normal meeting dates (Typically first Friday of the month for Full Committee and second Friday of the month for Admin. Group)***

**Note:** All Full Committee meetings are held at the SANDAG Headquarters - 401 B Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room B (Parking is **no longer** validated)

**Adjourn Meeting** (+/- 9:30 AM)

Notes respectfully submitted by Jack Carpenter, FAIA.