

**Bankers Hill Community Group
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 18, 2017**

Ann Garwood called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. The following Steering Committee members were present: Ben Baltic, Char Lou Benedict, Bruce Dammann, Jim Frost, Ann Garwood, Marion Hansen, Amie Hayes, John Lamb, Nancy Moors, John Percy, and Jeanne Rawlings. Approximately 35 people attended.

Treasurer's report

Ms. Rawlings reported that the group has \$3180.72 in the bank. This includes San Diego Pride's \$1500 check for BHCG's 2017 Pride Festival volunteer clean-up participation.

Public comments

- Mr. Damman reported that new and remodeled restrooms will be built on the Balboa Park West Mesa and that the annual Haunted Trail Halloween event is under construction.
- Neighbors reported recent homeless issues in the neighborhood, including vehicles being lived in being parked over 72 hours on 4th Ave. along Maple Canyon.

Government updates

Representatives for Chris Ward, Todd Gloria, and Toni Atkins updated the group.

Program

Tim McClain, Communications Director for District 4 County Supervisor Ron Roberts, updated the group on the following.

- San Diego's Hepatitis A outbreak is confined mostly to the homeless. In response, the city is attempting to vaccinate as many homeless people-as possible; providing more restrooms and hand-washing stations; and cleaning the streets in the East Village, where the majority of the homeless population congregates.
- Homelessness is the number one problem facing the county. The county aims to get the 1,200 most severely mentally-ill homeless into housing, which will improve their outcomes and save the county \$2M.
- The route of the proposed aerial tram is tentatively set to run from the Gaslamp along 6th Ave. to Balboa Park. Jim Frost presented his alternative concept depicting a route along Park Boulevard.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Hansen, Secretary.