

**BANKERS HILL COMMUNITY GROUP
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 18, 2023
Bankers Hill Clubhouse, 3030 Front Street

BHCG Steering Committee nominee Michael Meacham called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The following Steering Committee members were present at that time: BHCG Co-Chairs John Percy and Pete Politzer, Vice Chair Becky Veen, Secretary John Lamb, Ann Kilrain and Ben Baltic. (Treasurer Jeanne Rawlings arrived later.) Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Meacham welcomed attendees and explained that the evening's planned presentation had fallen through but two able replacement speakers had been secured to discuss two topics of interest: community planning and public safety. Co-Chair Percy announced that the BHCG is seeking volunteers for cleanup duty during Pride celebrations in July. He said anyone who signs up for at least three hours will receive a BHCG volunteer t-shirt in appreciation.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Bonnie Hartmeyer reminded attendees of the upcoming Bankers Hill garden tour organized by the San Diego Floral Association. Ten locations are on the tour this year, she said, including a rare inside look at the Waterman-Long Queen Anne mansion at First and Kalmia.

Attendees were encouraged to help with the weeding at the BHCG-sponsored Adopt-A-Plot location at the Redwood Bridge Club in Balboa Park

Local Government Representatives

Cesar Solis, representing U.S. Rep. Scott Peters, updated attendees on legislation of interest to the congressman, including proposals to provide child care to police officers and another to save Sequoia trees.

Emily Bonner, from Councilmember Stephen Whitburn's office, thanked participants in a recent neighborhood cleanup effort in south Bankers Hill. She also noted that two homeless safe-sleeping sites have been chosen on the east side of Balboa Park, one at the city maintenance yard at 20th and B and the other at Lot O near Navy Hospital. Lot O will accommodate up to 400 people and open in June. The 20th and B site will likely open the following month. Inspiration Point is no longer under consideration as a site, Bonner said.

Dionne Carlson: Diary of a Volunteer Community Planner

Former North Park Planning Committee member Dionne Carlson offered her perspective on community planning. Most importantly, ask the right questions, she said.

SDPD Community Relations Officer Larry Turner

Officer Turner talked about crime and homelessness in Bankers Hill amid an officer-shortage crisis. Following his comments, Officer Turner was presented with a Community Improvement Award for his continued service to the community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John Lamb, Secretary.