

BANKERS HILL COMMUNITY GROUP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 16, 2023 Bankers Hill Clubhouse, 3030 Front Street

BHCG Co-Chair Pete Politzer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following Steering Committee members were present at that time: Politzer, Co-Chair John Percy, Treasurer Jeanne Rawlings, Secretary John Lamb, Ann Kilrain and Mike Meacham. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Politzer welcomed attendees to the BHCG's annual Roundtable meeting.

Annual BHCG Roundtable Event

Attendees had the opportunity to learn about and discuss the following topics with the associated table hosts:

Bankers Hill Neighborhood Advocacy: Host Kilrain provided attendees several volunteer sign-up sheets for community participation — from neighborhood cleanups, increased communications with public and private entities, forming networks of condo and apartment residents, and neighbor meetups to support local businesses and foster social engagement. Other suggestions included fighting the 301 Spruce project and bringing the free downtown shuttle FRED to Uptown.

Bankers Hill Community Benefit District: Table host Dominic Li Mandri, district manager for New City America, provided an update and answered questions about a proposed neighborhood improvement district, financed by local landowners, that would provide enhanced maintenance services in the community beyond what the city can afford to provide. One idea under consideration, Li Mandri noted: a farmers market somewhere along Sixth Avenue.

Bankers Hill Neighborhood Parking District: Host Peter Raymond provided information about future landscaping and street-navigating enhancements in the works by the district.

Uptown Planners: The scheduled host, Uptown Planners Chair Mat Wahlstrom, did not attend.

Office of Congressman Scott Peters: Cesar Solis, director of constituent services for Bankers Hill's new U.S. House representative (replacing Rep Sara Jacobs through a boundary change via redistricting), introduced himself to attendees and discussed a broad range of federal issues, including the congressman's priorities, water and wildfire prevention.

Bankers Hill Community Group: Host Rawlings was available to field ideas from attendees on future BHCG projects to improve the community.

Balboa Park/West Mesa: Uptown Planner Brer Marsh provided information on the city's plans to add parking along Balboa Drive to make up for lost parking on the east side of Balboa Park along Park Boulevard — and an alternative proposal to add bike paths to make the West Mesa more people friendly and recreational in nature.

San Diego Police Department: Community Relations Officer Larry Turner discussed criminal matters and homelessness concerns with attendees.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John Lamb, Secretary.