

**BANKERS HILL COMMUNITY GROUP
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, March 20, 2023
Bankers Hill Clubhouse, 3030 Front Street

BHCG Steering Committee member Michael Reyes called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The following Steering Committee members were present at that time: Reyes, Co-Chairs Pete Politzer and John Percy, Secretary John Lamb, Aaron Reyes and Michael Meacham. (Treasurer Jeanne Rawlings arrived later.) Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

Reyes welcomed attendees and introduced Paula Vallero and husband Malacchi Esdale, proprietors of the evening's featured business.

Featured Business — That Good Good Market

Vallero told attendees about the vegan market she established a year and a half ago that currently operates every second and fourth Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at 2965 Fifth Avenue, the property that houses Evolution and Donna Jean eateries. More information on the market can be found at www.goodgood.market.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

A comment was made about the upcoming Maple Canyon stormwater-rehabilitation project.

Local Government Representatives

Emily Bonner, representing Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, discussed efforts to reduce homelessness, including a proposed ordinance to outlaw public encampments if adequate shelter opportunities are available. She also discussed the councilmember's interest in using the Inspiration Point parking lot east of Park Boulevard as a temporary "campground" site for the unsheltered. Some attendees expressed opposition to the idea. Bonner also mentioned Whitburn's support for additional infrastructure funding in the upcoming city budget. Meacham asked whether gas-tax "windfall" resources could be used to speed up road repairs.

St. Paul's Senior Services Presentation

Linda Spence, admissions representative for St. Paul's, provided an update on neighborhood expansion plans — both ongoing major upgrades and less-clear future construction ambitions — on the numerous properties that St. Paul's operates in Bankers Hill. She said 136 apartments were built in the early 1960s, adding that the non-profit is completely independent from the church down the street, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A five-minute video overview of the non-profit's history was played for attendees.

Save Starlight Update

Steve Stopper, president of Save Starlight Inc., gave attendees an update on plans to resurrect the now-shuttered 4,000-seat Starlight Bowl in Balboa Park. The former audio technician for Starlight, Stopper has created a non-profit that he hopes will obtain a long-term lease from the city of San Diego. He said plans are to start small with a 100-seat stage and cafe. He estimated that it would take a year and a half to rehab the property at a cost of \$5 million.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John Lamb, Secretary.