

**BANKERS HILL COMMUNITY GROUP
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, September 19, 2022
Bankers Hill Clubhouse, 3030 Front Street

BHCG Co-Chair Pete Politzer called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The following Steering Committee members were present at that time: Politzer, Treasurer Jeanne Rawlings, Secretary John Lamb, Michael Reyes and Aaron Reyes. Approximately 24 people attended the meeting.

Politzer welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said that an adequate number of community members had volunteered for this month's luncheon at the Bankers Hill Clubhouse but more volunteers were needed for October's luncheon. Politzer also announced that elections will be held at the next BHCG general meeting in October to elect two local residents and two business people to the Bankers Hill Parking Neighborhood Parking Committee. The committee helps decide how the community's portion of parking-meter revenue gets spent, Politzer explained.

Treasury Report

Rawlings reported \$6,317 in the bank. That includes, she noted, a recent \$1,000 donation from State Farm insurance agent Brad Sund. Rawlings said Sund has requested that that donation be used toward purchase and placement of historic plaques at the presently plaque-less Quince Street Bridge. Costs are being reviewed now, and more information will be brought to the BHCG for discussion.

Project Review Committee

Politzer reported that the 301 Spruce redevelopment proponents have requested a 90-day extension to review comments. The deadline now, he said, is the end of December.

Adopt-A-Plot Update

Politzer showed attendees a photo and video of the Redwood Bridge Club planted garden courtesy of the BHCG and associated volunteers that finally received its permanent acknowledgement sign from the city.

Featured Business — Ride1Up

Kevin Dugger and Zac Sturges, longtime friends and now business associates based in San Diego, introduced attendees to one of Bankers Hill's newest businesses and the only "brick-and-mortar" shop for Ride1Up, which sells its own brand of electric bikes online but also offers lightly used and refurbished bikes at discounted prices at the shop at 415-B Laurel Street, next to Postal Annex at 4th and Laurel. Dugger said the company he started in 2018 now sells about 2,000 bikes a month through its ride1up.com website. He said his primary goal is to get more cars off the road and make it as safe to get around. He offered a 10 percent discount to attendees who mention the Bankers Hill Community Group.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Michael Reyes provided an update on the 6th Avenue playground situation, noting that security guards going forward will spend additional time on rotating patrols between Upas and Nutmeg.

Kevin LaChapelle, CEO of the San Diego American Indian Health Center on 1st Avenue, provided an update on redevelopment plans for its property and noted the center is providing free COVID booster shots.

One attendee asked about the future of the old rock-ringed tree at the corner of 3rd Avenue and Palm Street.

Government Representatives

No reports from government representatives. (Emily Bonner, aide to District 3 Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, briefly attended but left before addressing attendees.)

Featured Presentation: Museum of Us — Becoming Us: Creating a Mission-Driven Identity

James Haddan, senior director of Development & External Communications for Balboa Park's Museum of Us (previously known for decades as the Museum of Man), took attendees on an inside look into the rebranding process for a local institution that has been praised nationally by some (and vilified by some right-wing pundits — in particular, he said, Tucker Carlson) for its efforts to “decolonize” its anthropological and cultural exhibits. That includes, he said, working with indigenous communities to help raise their voices and have their stories heard. Future discussions, he noted, will focus on the statues of nine colonizers that adorn the front of the historic building and how to put those into context. A new website at museumofus.org, he added, will be unveiled this Wednesday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John Lamb, Secretary.