

**BANKERS HILL COMMUNITY GROUP
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, March 21, 2022
Bankers Hill Clubhouse, 3030 Front St.

BHCG Treasurer Jeanne Rawlings called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The following Steering Committee members were present: Rawlings, Secretary John Lamb, Pete Politzer and Qamar Bradford. There were approximately 36 people in attendance.

Rawlings welcomed attendees to the meeting. She reported \$4,035.87 in the bank and noted that BHCG coffers would be getting a boost soon following the group's cleanup efforts for San Diego Pride in July. She encouraged attendees to propose community-enhancing ideas for the funds. She also asked for volunteers to help at the clubhouse's monthly membership luncheons.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

Project Review Committee

Rawlings told attendees the committee is currently looking into several Bankers Hill projects and also seeking clarification from Councilmember Stephen Whitburn's office regarding the city's implementation of its Complete Communities program.

San Diego Police Department Liaison

No report.

Government Representatives

Kohta Zaiser, representing Mayor Todd Gloria, discussed the mayor's recent launch of the Build Better SD initiative to speed up infrastructure improvements in underserved communities. Some attendees asked if that meant projects in Bankers Hill will be further delayed or defunded, and Zaiser said existing development improvement funds (paid by developers) would stay in the community. The San Diego Association of Governments will be providing a breakdown, he added. Zaiser also touched on state efforts to impose conservatorships on some homeless individuals to force them to get the mental-health assistance they need.

Emily Bonner, representing Councilmember Whitburn, announced a "community conversation" with Whitburn on March 26 at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

Jake Estrada, with state Assemblymember Chris Ward's office, provided an update on various state legislation.

Stopher Vallejo, representing state Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, recognized Women's History Month and discussed legislative matters.

Abbey Reuter with county Supervisor Nathan Fletcher's office talked about the upcoming State of the County address, mobile crisis response teams, and the county's micro business grant program.

David Vance, representing U.S. Rep. Sara Jacobs, discussed federal funding for various local projects.

San Diego County 2022 Property Taxes

San Diego County Treasurer/Tax Collector Dan McAllister said there was one bright spot from the Covid pandemic — more property owners than ever are now paying their property taxes online,

one of McAllister's top priorities. This past tax season, he said 68 percent of property owners made their payments electronically. In the last fiscal year, McAllister said \$5.86 billion in tax revenues were allocated to schools (45 percent), county government (21 percent), cities (18 percent), redevelopment (12 percent), and the remainder to libraries and special districts. There were also \$94.2 million in property-tax refunds, he added.

San Diego's ADU Program

Geoff Hueter, chair of the group Neighbors for a Better San Diego, gave his organization's perspective on the current trend in the city to build ADUs, typically known as granny flats. His organization has argued that city rules are too lax in allowing the units in single-family residential zones. He said more information can be found at NeighborsForABetterSanDiego.org.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John Lamb, Secretary.