

BANKERS HILL COMMUNITY GROUP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 19, 2021
Via Zoom videoconference

BHCG Chair Nancy Moors called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The following Steering Committee members were present virtually: Moors, Vice Chair Becky Veen, Treasurer Jeanne Rawlings, Secretary John Lamb, Ann Garwood, John Percy, Qamar Bradford, Char Lou Benedict, Bruce Dammann and Peter Raymond. Approximately 36 people participated in the virtual meeting.

Moors welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced BHCG officers and Steering Committee members. She reminded attendees that everyone is welcome to attend Steering Committee meetings, including the next this Thursday. She also announced that plans are in the works to hold an in-person monthly meeting in September, and the first monthly luncheon in some time on Sept. 26. Volunteers are needed.

Moors noted that Rawlings and Steering Committee member Jim Frost have joined the board of San Diego Commons, the organization working to construct "lids" over Interstate 5 in several communities, including at the south end of Bankers Hill.

Moors added that she has encouraged the newly elected members of Uptown Planners to show up at BHCG meetings.

Non-Agenda Public Comments

Raymond gave an update on Parking District issues, noting the community is receiving new trash receptacles, street lighting and landscaping, including trees. Maintenance for the first year is paid for by the Parking District, he said.

Treasurer's Report

Rawlings reported that as of June 30, there is \$6,369.36 in the bank, including Adopt-A-Plot fundraising.

Adopt-A-Plot Update

Percy said the needed money has been raised through fundraising for the new plants. Just waiting for city to clear the site, he said.

Project Review Committee

Percy said the committee has now held three meetings.

San Diego Police Department Liaison Update

Veen said she attended the first in-person Captains Advisory meeting since the pandemic hit. At the meeting she learned that bicycle thefts are rampant throughout the city. She urged people to keep a record of the serial numbers. Street racing is also an issue. Use the non-emergency number to report locations of street racing, she said.

Government Representatives

Emily Bonner, from Councilmember Stephen Whitburn's office, noted that water and sewer rate increases are coming. She also discussed funding available to non-profits for community projects.

H.G. FENTON TRU APARTMENTS

John LaRaia, vice president of government and community strategy for H.G. Fenton, made a presentation about commercial and residential work the company is undertaking in the

community, most notably converting the old Sharp Rees-Steely complex on Fourth Avenue into a mixed-use residential property known as TRU Bankers Hill. Newly completed, the complex features a new coffee shop called Mostra (2001 4th Ave.) and 75 new apartments (29 parking spaces), 13 of which are already occupied. Five of the units are affordable, he said.

LaRaia said an adjacent 20,000 square-foot plot of land has been graded and is being marketed to attract a grocery store. No signed lease yet, he said.

SAN DIEGANS FOR GUN VIOLENCE PROTECTION

Ron Marcus and John White provided an update on efforts to end gun violence in San Diego County. The group meets every month. More information is available at sd4gvp.org.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John Lamb, Secretary.