

**BANKERS HILL COMMUNITY GROUP  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, November 20, 2023  
At BH Clubhouse

Meeting began at 6:30 pm with Nancy Moors facilitating.

**Announcements**

Nancy welcomed the approximately 41 people in attendance at the last BHCG meeting of the year. She reminded the group of our purpose to share information, learn about the community and what's going on in our city. She welcomed comments and feedback and requested that people be courteous to each other. Nancy shared that Steering Committee meetings are held on the Thursdays following each meeting and all are welcome to attend. SC members present identified themselves, so that neighbors may offer input and suggestions for future speakers or other feedback. The upcoming January Round Table Forum and February Candidates Forum were announced. The February meeting will feature 4 candidates for Council District 3, moderated by the League of Women Voters in advance of the March primary. All but Councilman Whitburn have confirmed thus far. Our monthly social Mingles and litter Pick and Stroll activities will be suspended in December and resume in January.

**Featured Business** – Sam Navarro, manager of the North Park Beer Company location in Bankers Hill shared information about the company which has been operating for over 7 years at its main location in North Park. The BH location, it's 2<sup>nd</sup> for the company has been operating for one year. BH location provides its own chef inspired food, focused on quality ingredients, in house dressings, and food that complements their beer. Tuesday suppers are offered for \$19.99, beer pairings with a 5 course dinner, prepared by rotating chefs will be available soon. New beers are released weekly and the community is urged to sign up to receive their newsletter and follow on Instagram for current news and events. North Park Beer Company is located at 3095 Fifth Avenue and open Monday-Friday 11am to 10pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 10pm, offering weekend brunch 10am to 2pm. Call ahead for large parties but otherwise no reservations are accepted. <https://www.northparkbeerco.com/>

Another new business announced: Nancy introduced Dr. Ashley Lynch, a Naturapathic Doctor who recently opened her practice in Bankers Hill.

**Public Comments**

- Michael Meacham reminded us of parking district changes presented at last month's meeting, going into effect in January.

**Government Representatives**

- Malik Thornton for Emily Bonner, representative for District 3 Councilman Whitburn reported that budget priorities memo is under development; the Lot O safe camping site is operational with 150 unhoused people; and the transportation department continues to work on street lights in BH and downtown. Malik advises emailing Emily when submitting Get It Done street light

reports, so she can monitor progress. Peter Raymond commented on multiple lights that are out. Ann Garwood commented on the need to prioritize 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue road repairs.

- Michael Bravo, representative for 78<sup>th</sup> District Assemblymember Chris Ward reported that 9 sponsored bills were signed into law. The CA Assembly is currently in recess however ideas for future legislation may be submitted on line. Two webinars were recently held one to build financial literacy on student debt and the second on Wildfires, both can be found on Assemblyman Ward's website: <https://a78.asmdc.org>

### **Featured Speakers**

**Vic Salazar, Community Liason Maple Canyon Restoration Project with Jared Skinner Project Team Member**, provided an update on Phase 1 work underway to replace 16 storm drains that outfall in Maple Canyon and install a new storm drain system within Maple Street between State Street and the downstream end of Maple Canyon. Phase 2 will consist of the stabilization and restoration of the canyon floor. He and Jared shared updates and addressed questions on the work underway now through the end of December, plans for phase 2, communication plans, and trail availability. Vic's presentation is attached here: [Maple Canyon Project Update 20Nov23](#). Questions may be directed to [Vic@vicsalazar.com](mailto:Vic@vicsalazar.com)

**Bob Lehman, Executive Director of the Museum Council of San Diego** and former BH resident, shared information about the area's many and diverse museums that highlight art, culture, science and fun. Bob has been with the council since 2021; he holds multiple other leadership roles such as Vice Chair of SD County Arts and Culture Commission and Board Chair of SD Regional Arts and Culture Coalition. He shared information on the Council's history dating back to 1928, the almost 80 museums, historic sites, gardens, parks and zoos across greater SD, the many discounts, promotions and free options available to enjoy museums, some of his favorites, and the surprising art scene in Baja. The council's goals are to promote the area's museums and solve common problems as a group; Bob's presentation is attached here: [San Diego Museum Council 20Nov23](#)

Nancy closed the meeting with a thank you to attendees, speakers and to John Percy for donating litter pickers. She reminded attendees that they may take a picker and also receive a BHCG purple tee shirt if they commit to volunteer for 3 hours over a year's time, for any BHCG volunteer activity, e.g. Pick and Strolls, PRIDE, Adopt-A-Plot and Luncheon Service.

Meeting concluded at 7: 43pm.