

# **GREATER GOLDEN HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes Date – July 16, 2015

The directors of the GREATER GOLDEN HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, constituting the board of directors of this corporation, held a meeting at the time, on the day and the place set forth as follows:

TIME: 6:37 PM

DATE: July 16, 2015

PLACE: Golden Hill Recreation Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive, San Diego, CA 92102

## **PARTICIPANTS**

Board Members Present: Blair Ward, Ethel Sims, Pastor Thomas Sims, Sue Zinda, Sherilin Heisen

Guests Attending: John Kroll, Arlan Arnsten, Sherilin Heise, John Kelly, Jay Watts, Erica Bodzin

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order and Blair Ward read the mission statement.

## **AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS**

Farmer's Market Report deferred since Sherilin resigned from the board. Work on the farmers market may be halted since Sherilin is no longer working on it.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Deferred to next meeting

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

**John Kroll** Asked if the GHCDC can send out emails when important events and meetings are happening in Golden Hill, or when guest speakers are at board meetings.

**Arlen Arnsten** Is a patrol for Citizens Control of North Park and works with the police department. He patrols four parks and nine schools in the area, and wants to focus on making North Park one of the most walkable neighborhoods. He is announcing a new program next month to help urban street artists to stop tagging and start creating legal art on designated private properties. He's also made an 8-year commitment to the Florida Canyon Garden, which is looking for volunteers of all ages to help with garden upkeep.

**John Kelly** Went to the Golden Hill Festival for a few minutes but left after witnessing an "anti-gay agenda" up on the stage, where Pastor Sims and Ethel Sims said that marriage was between a man and a woman, which John Kelly found offensive. John questioned whether the event was dominated by a religious agenda because he felt they were prosthelytizing. He said a religious agenda had no place at this festival.

**John Kroll** Asked if there was a list of vendors organized for the event, and was the religious group meant to be part of the event.

- Ethel Sims and Pastor Sims said at this point that what happened on stage was a celebration of their 35 years of marriage, and that's when the statements occurred. They said the statement was not offensive, it was opinion. -

**Jay Watts** Said that the purpose of the GHCDC is to "unite the community" as stated in the mission statement. He said the statements were offensive and there was clearly a religious agenda.

**John Kelly** Wanted to see the footage of the event to confirm what was said on stage.

- At this point, Ethel Sims interjected to say that they weren't being offensive when they made those comments, and that it was just an opinion. She said that

John Kelly wasn't acknowledging anything positive about the event and how he was only present for those five minutes where the "offensive" comments were made. Ethel couldn't understand how John Kelly was offended and refused to acknowledge that her comments may have actually been offensive. Pastor Sims made a comment about how the gay community couldn't "take down" marriage. Blair Ward said that John Kelly was the only one to be insulted by those comments, and people only started to get offended once John Kelly complained in the first place. -

**Erica Bodzin** Lives on C st and 26th st. She wants to get involved in the design world and currently works as an interior designer at a firm. She wanted to offer her talents to help design presentations or whatever the board may need. She found the GHCDC through Chris Caples, who is her landlord.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### **Committee Reports**

Housing Committee: The GHCDC hired two workers to start rehabbing the housing and duplexes. The plan is for maintenance to be finished by September, and the board should take some before and after pictures. Business with the Golden Villas was deferred to the next meeting.

Business Development Committee:

The event needs to be posted online.

Target/Commitment and Support:

There will be a walkthrough/tour at the central library July 25th (the GGHCDC has a partnership with the library) in accordance with the grant as educators. The theme is Cat in the Hat. Jay (a public commenter from the audience) offered to help get support for Target and improve the traffic flow in that area.

## BOARD BUSINESS

### **Website Report:**

Emily removed all event-related posts and pages, updated the front page images, and is asking for some new content for posts to fill up the website.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.