

# Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2017

## **PUBLIC ITEMS**

### **Call to Order 6:36pm**

Present: Christie, Allison, Cristiane Asiano, Donald Ingrassi, Jon Hall, Brian Beevers

Absent: Rebeca Elliott, Rob Yackley

Guests: Philip Asiano, Tyler Renner, Jack Temple, Nabeelah Khan, Sue Zinda, Sebastian Sarria, Alina Bailey

### **Agenda Modifications:** By-laws

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Allison made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on February 8th. All were in favor.

### **Public Comments**

Some guests introduced themselves.

Tyler Renner, Chris Ward's council rep introduced himself. Announced that Chris will be at the April meeting. You can send questions to Tyler for Chris to answer at that meeting: [trenner@sandiego.gov](mailto:trenner@sandiego.gov).

Tyler recapped some of Chris' priorities while in office: Homelessness will be his primary issue to focus on and he has an intention to bring together service organizations who support this issue and align around one unified strategy to be implemented on either a 3 or 5 year plan. This is a regional task force that community members will be able to join in the future.

He also noted that Chris is also committed to taking on some traffic issues and that he is aware that Broadway & 94 is known to be important to the citizens of the greater Golden Hill region.

Additionally, another key initiative that Chris will be committed to during his term in City Council will be the issue of equal pay for individuals doing similar work - he recapped some of the inequities in pay for people of different demographics.

Tyler affirmed that he will also participate in the Golden Hill Planning Group and will be able to serve as a bridge between the two community groups.

Alena Bailey introduced herself and wanted to inform the board of a conflict that is currently happening in the neighborhood involving a chain letter that is defaming certain residents. She wanted to receive confirmation from the board that it would not engage defamatory practices. The board assured her that it had no role in the letter which she acknowledged. The board also informed her that it is not positioned to play a role in interpersonal relationship dynamics that may occur between neighbors and that these relationships would need to be worked on outside of the CDC Board meetings.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Housing Committee (Christie spoke to this, summary below from email via Jon Hall)**

Jon Hall: Springbrook, our insurance broker, needs to confirm the Loss Payee and Named Insured for our policy on Golden Villas. Currently the Loss Payee is "State of CA Housing and Community Development," but we believe, and Anthony from Springbrook agrees, should be "San Diego Golden Villas, A California Limited Partnership" (this is the official owning entity of Golden Villas, a limited partnership between Boston Financial and GGHCDC). In addition, the current Named Insured is "Greater Golden Hill CDC," but should probably include an Additional Insured of "San Diego Golden Villas, A California Limited Partnership." Christie is trying to locate our partnership agreement to see if there are specific requirements indicated there. This has been difficult, as the documents provided us from the previous Executive Board were not well organized and are incomplete. Jon will contact Anthony to find out if there is a deadline to make these changes to the policy.

**Events Committee / Community Engagement Committee (Jon)**

Strategic Envisioning Event update:

Collaboration between two committees and it was communicated that the decision to move forward with the strategic planning event with a goal date of 3/16/2017 which is the next monthly Board meeting. This will be followed by a debriefing session that will occur as a special meeting following soon after the 3/16/17 session so that the final strategy can be shared at the April Board meeting. There is a tentative intention to have a larger community event to bring the broader GGH Community into participation around the strategic vision.

In response to questions from the community, we reviewed the current mission statement for a new participant and acknowledged the need to refine the mission statement in accordance to the vision that emerges from the strategic planning session.

Brian Beevers posed the reminder that there is the opportunity for the GGHCDC to have a marketing table at the Farmers Market to get the community engaged and ready to participate.

**Community Garden**

Community Garden update (Sue Zinda, Garden Liaison)

Sue shared that she was able to have a meeting with Tomas Herrera-Mishler from the [Balboa Park Conservancy](#) to discuss potential options for receiving some funding for some much needed funding for the Community Garden infrastructure improvements. During this conversation, they noted that the fountain in the park was not work and that he would

There were no funding potentials through the Balboa Park Conservancy but Sue is currently pursuing funding from some other sources and has some positive leads to explore. Allison suggested contacting [Victory Gardens](#) as an alternative pathway to having the garden beds rebuilt.

**BOARD BUSINESS****Treasurer Report**

*Treasurer's Report submitted via email by Rob Yackley Treasurer and read at the meeting by Jon*

*Hall:*

I am thrilled to report that Boggeln and Co has finished our 2014 and 2015 amended tax returns and our 2016 tax return. They also wrote appeal letters to the IRS that will be submitted with each of the earlier returns.

Boggeln and Co charged an additional \$400 to amended the earlier returns and \$800 dollars to complete our 2016 return, which, given all the research they had to do and the assistance they offered us, is an incredible value.

Again, I want to thank Rebeca for all her diligent and sacrificial work to bring our books current and make this possible. I will sign and mail the returns tomorrow. I do want to make sure the following is entered into our minutes for the public record:

Rebeca and I have done our very best to make sure the information we submitted was accurate. We have answered all our our accountant's questions to the best of our ability and our accountant is satisfied the returns our acceptable. That being said, with absolutely no assistance from our former Treasurer and only one of many financial questions confirmed by our past President, we had to reconstruct 3 years worth of financial information that was largely unorganized and/or incomplete and classify several expenses and revenues using our best judgement. Being a nonprofit, none of this has any tax implications and is therefore probably not critical, but I do want to disclose this so that neither Rebeca or I are held accountable for information that was withheld from the CDC by its past officers. In the unlikely event that any issues should arise in the future, we will have the resources of Boggeln and Co to sort them out.

Now that these returns are complete we will begin to determine how much money we owe the SDHC in residual loan payments. With that determined, we will just need to hear back from the IRS on the penalties to know how much discretionary income we will have available to us going forward.

#### **By-laws Update**

Jon just dropped a pin the idea that we would like to set up a future plan to review and potentially revise some of the by-laws.

#### **ADJOURNMENT 7:49 pm**

Next monthly meeting: GGHCDC Board Meeting, March 16, 2017 @ 6:30pm, [Shakti Rising](#). 2404 F Street, San Diego, CA 92102