

# GGHMAD Oversight Committee

Monday December 15, 2009 – 6:30 PM

San Diego Moose Lodge

(Moved due to golf course being closed, sign posted)

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. at the San Diego Moose lodge as the golf course was closed due to rain. A sign was posted on the golf course door noticing the new location.

Members present; Norm Starr, Bob Hansen, Ben Nichols, Chris Blatt, Bill Hilsdorf, David Skillman, Laura Stansell and Curtis Neidert.

Members absent, excused; Barbara Houlton, Lisa Vella, Carol Caffey and John Kroll.

Members absent, non-excused; Michelle Dullea.

2. Public Comment by Hal Tyval. He asked what has happened with the money and what will be done. He requested a public meeting, *see attached*. We will research and respond.

3. Agenda action items.

- a. Bob presented a letter on financial reports, which he proposed to send to the CDC, *see attached*.

Bob moved that we approve the financial reports letter to send to the CDC with the current date. Bill seconded. All were in favor.

- b. Bob presented a letter on a CDC spending plan, which he proposed to send to the CDC, *see attached*.

Bob moved that we approve the CDC spending plan letter to send to the CDC with the current date. Bill seconded. All were in favor.

- c. Oversight report on MAD. David mentioned that the communications

Sub committee is working on a report. Ben asked who is on the sub committee. David reported that the sub is David, Carol and Barbara. Laura moved to move the annual meeting to February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bob seconded. All were in favor.

David opened discussion on the content of the meeting. It was discussed that the reports should be a joint venture between the CDC and the oversight committee.

Ben moved that the meeting contain, a finance report, a report from the communications committee, elections of officers and anything else we have required of ourselves in our bylaws. Chris seconded. In favor, Norm, Ben, Chris, Curtis, Laura, Bob and Bill. Opposed, David.

The communications and finance committees will work with the CDC to generate these reports.

4. Agenda Information items.

- a. CDC recommendations were introduced by Laura and presented by

Alex Ramos, *see attachment*.

The presentation included sidewalks, parkways, beautification, the golf course trail, a golf cart and security.

Ben suggested that we check with city heights to see whom they hire for security.

David questioned where the funds for the golf cart would come from.

Ben moved that we indorse the sidewalks, parkways, beautification, and the golf course trail proposals in principal and that staff be directed to bring back, to us, in future meetings, reports on these projects that we can continue to develop for future approval. Laura seconded. In favor, Ben, Laura, Bob, Chris, Norm and Curtis. Apposed, Bill and David.

Curtis moved that we request a delay on the golf cart and security until CDC staff provides a formal presentation to the OC. Ben seconded. All were in favor.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Hal's "letter" is a copy of a page from the Park and Recreation Dept. The title at the bottom of the page is:

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"Updated 09 13 2004, 8:51AM"

"S:OSP\Open Space\MAD Business Management\ Administration\Admin Guide\MAD Formation Information Handout.doc"

The underlined part is titled: 9. What is a MAD Citizen Advisory Committee?

The underlined part reads "Property owners within each MAD are entitled to meet with Park and Recreation Department staff to discuss the operations of the MAD and finances of the MAD.

Normally these meetings are conducted by a citizen advisory committee," ... (text not underlined) ... "at least one meeting a year is dedicated to discussing the upcoming year's budget," ... (text not underlined) ... "required to report to that community's officially recognized planning committee. Park and Recreation staff will attend each citizen advisory committee meeting."

If this connects with what Ty was discussion during public comment. it is the letter you're looking for. If not, it's all I have. Here's his e-mail address: [haltyvol@cox.net](mailto:haltyvol@cox.net), if you want to contact him directly for an explanation of what point he was raising. - DS

## DRAFT: CDC Spending Plan

December 16, 2008

Kathy Vandenhuevel  
President, GGHCCDC  
1235 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Diego, CA 92102

Dear Kathy,

The MAD Oversight Committee is requesting that the following procedure be considered and implemented.

In addition to submitting individual proposals to the Committee for review and recommendation, we believe an overall spending plan needs to be created which indicates spending amounts by category and by zone.

Individual proposals would cite the category and cumulative total of obligations within that category.

The purpose of this would be to not overspend in the two zones, and in the categories. This would help keep spending within the constraints of the Engineers Report.

Members of the Finance sub committee are available to work together with CDC staff to achieve this.

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Bob (and committee),

Here is the text. Sorry, no pictures.

These recommendations were gathered by staff in the process of inspecting successful MAD's, responding to property owner requests, and talking with City staff. In order of priority, our recommendations include;

- 1.Sidewalk Repair Program
- 2.Parkways and Tree Wells
- 3.Beautification
- 4.Trail around Golf Course
- 5.Golf Cart
- 6.Logo

Staff has received several requests from property owners to repair broken sidewalks and curbs, and a visual inspection of the district shows that there are thousands of square feet of broken sidewalks and crumbling curbs that present safety hazards as well as an appearance of neglect.

**City Responsibility:** The Streets Division of the City of San Diego is required to fix sidewalk problems caused by vehicle accidents, water main breaks, damage caused by City tree roots, and natural subsidence.

**The City offers a 50/50 cost sharing program:** Property owners are responsible for the repair or replacement of their sidewalk in cases of deterioration due to old age, privately owned tree roots, heavy vehicle traffic or drainage from private property. However, the City will split the cost with the property owner as part of the 50/50 Cost Sharing Program. Currently there is a wait list of over a year for repairs to be made using this program, and City staff anticipates a significant increase in the backlog and wait time due to current budget cuts.

The City often repairs damaged sidewalks with asphalt rather than repouring concrete, which as you see in these photos is not only unattractive but also not a long term solution. The asphalt begins to crumble away with wear and tear from foot traffic. The examples below were repaired last year.

In talking with Luis Ojeda, the staff created the following recommendation:

- 1.Identify broken sidewalks and curbs in the neighborhood
- 2.Photograph the problems and measure the total square footage
- 3.Submit repair request to the Street Division and Urban Forestry
- 4.Get cost estimate and survey from the City
- 5.If and when the relevant departments determine that they are unable to make the requisite repairs, prepare an RFP for sidewalk repair

In the College Heights MAD, a district much smaller than our own, a similar process was carried out that will result in the MAD funding \$230,000 + for sidewalk repair. Our own costs, based on the College Heights example, will likely run over \$350,000 due to the larger area and older sidewalks. Staff requests that \$350,000 be set aside to pursue this project, which represents a significant portion of the rollover funds from last fiscal year. The bulk of the funds will be expended in Zone 2, as is required by our Engineer's Report. If the City is able to make the repairs or can plan realistically to do so within a reasonable time, funds can be used for an alternate project.

Parkways and tree wells.

Staff, together with the Executive Committee, recommends that a universal design be incorporated in all the parkways and tree wells in the District. The design should feature the following;

- 1.Low cost materials
- 2.Low water/low maintenance plant choices
- 3.Aesthetically pleasing appearance in keeping with the neighborhood

We suggest the use of river rock, which is not only cheap and abundant but also in keeping with the Craftsman style of much of the neighborhood, and low water plants be used. Tree grates have been suggested, and may be appropriate in some areas, but due to the age of most of our trees their roots have already grown higher than the level of the sidewalk which would make installation impossible. They also come with a high cost of approximately \$1,000 each. We believe that existing tree grates should be installed where appropriate, but recommend against purchasing more.

**City Responsibility:** In cases where weeds in the parkway interfere with traffic the City will treat it as brush management and cut back the weeds.

#### **Beautification.**

**Staff has compiled the following recommendations by surveying successful MAD's in the City of San Diego and consulting with community members who have requested improvements such as enhanced landscaping and installation of street furniture.**

**City Responsibility:** The City of San Diego has no responsibility to provide beautification efforts within our community. City staff has advised that beautification and installation of street furniture are more appropriately done by a MAD as it is an improvement and provides a special benefit to ratepayers.

**Staff Recommends the following beautification efforts;**

- 1.Installation of street furniture to include sidewalk planters, hanging baskets, and tables and chairs
- 2.Low water flowers and shrubs for planters and hanging baskets

#### **Golf Course trail.**

**There is no safe walking trail on Golf Course Drive though it is used heavily by joggers, bikers, and pedestrians. Staff recommends pursuing the construction of a safe walking trail, provided that the project can be accomplished for a reasonable sum. Important issues include whether or not the trail would be required to be ADA compliant.**

#### **Golf Cart.**

**Purchasing a Golf Cart would be beneficial due to the expense of monthly mileage reimbursements. Last month the MAD had to pay \$125 for local community trips. The cost of mileage reimbursement will only continue to increase as more services begin to be provided. Currently Rosemary Downing does not submit mileage reimbursements for MAD related trips as she considers it a donation.**

**Cost: The Price for a used Golf Cart will range from \$2500-\$6000. The Price will vary depending if the cart is street legal. Staff recommends purchasing a cart that is already street legal.**

**Staff will first attempt to receive a golf cart through donation. Insurance costs will be approximately \$100 per year.**