

## **Bankers Hill Community Group Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Monday, September 18, 2017

Ann Garwood called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. The following Steering Committee members were present: Ben Baltic, Char Lou Benedict, Bruce Dammann, Jim Frost, Ann Garwood, Marion Hansen, Amie Hayes, John Lamb, Nancy Moors, John Percy, and Jeanne Rawlings. Approximately 35 people attended.

### **Treasurer's report**

Ms. Rawlings reported that the group has \$3180.72 in the bank. This includes San Diego Pride's \$1500 check for BHCG's 2017 Pride Festival volunteer clean-up participation.

### **Public comments**

- Mr. Damman reported that new and remodeled restrooms will be built on the Balboa Park West Mesa and that the annual Haunted Trail Halloween event is under construction.
- Neighbors reported recent homeless issues in the neighborhood, including lived-in vehicles parked over 72 hours on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. along Maple Canyon.

### **Government updates**

Representatives for Chris Ward, Todd Gloria, and Toni Atkins updated the group.

### **Program**

Tim McClain, Communications Director for District 4 County Supervisor Ron Roberts, updated the group on the following.

- San Diego's Hepatitis A outbreak is confined mostly to the homeless. In response, the city is attempting to vaccinate as many homeless as possible; providing more restrooms and hand-washing stations, and cleaning the streets in the East Village, where the majority of the homeless population congregates.
- Homelessness is the number one problem facing the county. The county aims to get the 1,200 most severely mentally-ill homeless into housing, which will improve their outcomes and save the county \$2M.
- The route of the proposed aerial tram is tentatively set to run from the Gaslamp along 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Balboa Park. Mr. Frost offered an alternate plan that would route the tram along Park Blvd. rather than 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. (see attachment).

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Hansen, Secretary.