UPTOWN COMMUNITY PARKING DISTRICT
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Bankers Hill Neighborhood Parking Committee
Status Update | September 2014

In anticipation of the Uptown Community Parking District's (UCPD) Annual Report the Bankers Hill Neighborhood Parking Committee (BHNPC) would like to update you on the status of several projects in the works since the new fiscal year began (July 1, 2015).

1. 40 street-pole locations have been reviewed by the Committee to affix way-finding signage to assist visitors walking, biking, using public transit or driving and parking a car in Bankers Hill. The UCPD has approved this project, known as Metrominuto, expenditure and the permitting process has begun. We are hopeful to work with the City to install these signs that welcome people to our community with walking times and parking availability in the neighborhood by year's end.

2. The City has completed the Uptown Streetcar Feasibility Study (accessible on the City's website: www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/uptown). BHNPC has expressed support for including the streetcar study in the community plan update and to work with the other community groups to create an entity to advocate the streetcar from the feasibility stage to execution. The BHNPC strongly recommends pursuing a streetcar that does not use overhead wires. UCPD staff is currently conducting outreach to other community groups, researching the "Portland, Oregon model" and will be updating the BHNPC with recommended next steps in October.

3. In coordination with the City, the UCPD is working on implementation plans for new smart meter technology. It is anticipated that Bankers Hill will have these installed at the end of October or early November, 2014. The UCPD is working with the City to access and interpret the data these meters will provide in order to form a comprehensive parking strategy which could include rates being lowered or raised or enforcement hours changed.

4. SANDAG is currently undertaking a GIS mapping project in Uptown with the core business areas to be mapped onto GIS layers to detail different types of parking (curbs, curb cuts, meters) which will help the UCPD have a detailed assessment of existing conditions. Once the new smart meters come on-line and in conjunction with the GIS tool, these will help staff closely monitor and make recommendations on rates, meter enforcement hours, time limits on parking, parking configurations, and other suggestions. Staff is targeting next spring to make recommendations to the board regarding parking changes once the smart meters and GIS mapping are implemented.

5. Deco Bike Share Program is anticipated to come online at the end of October, 2014. The UCPD has been working with Deco and the City regarding bike share locations in Bankers Hill that will not disrupt impacted parking areas, yet provide for good system-wide linkages. In addition to locations in Balboa Park, Laurel Avenue at Fourth or Fifth and/ or Sixth are currently being evaluated. More information can be found at: http://www.decobike.com/sandiego/.

6. UCPD Board of Directors has openings to represent both the business and residential community. Elections will be hosted by the Bankers Hill Community Group on Monday October 20, 2014 - 6:30 PM. Contact Elizabeth@ParkUptownSD.org for information on how to become a part of this vital community organization.