



SUMMER 2014 UDC ISSUES REPORT



With significant contributions from the AIASD UDC over the past 3 years, in preparation for the Centennial Celebration of Balboa Park's Pan Pacific Exhibition, the Plaza de Panama has gone from a Plaza of cars to a grand pedestrian plaza.

UDC MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the UDC is to increase awareness, educate and advocate on matters that affect the health, safety, and welfare of San Diego's Urban Environment, to be a resource to the various City and County of San Diego agencies, to collaborate whenever appropriate with allied professional associations, and to offer professional commentary on significant projects and issues to the City and County through the AIASD Board.

Meetings of the UDC are open to all AIA Members

2014 "HOT" UDC ISSUES

1. August 2nd Community Workshop
2. Transit Oriented Development
3. Pacific Beach EcoDistrict
4. SD Port Master Plan
5. Balboa Park Plaza de Panama



AUGUST 2nd COMMUNITY WORKSHOP:

Description: Working in a support role with the AIA COTE, UDC leaders Dan Stewart, Phil Bona and Jack Carpenter will be facilitators for a Community Workshop hosted by Circulate San Diego (former WalkSanDiego & Move San Diego) to assist the beach communities in reconciling their mobility to the east and the proposed Balboa Transit Station along the Morena Blvd. corridor.

Impact: Community Building involving several San Diego neighborhoods; Collaboration efforts with the City of San Diego Planning Dept and SanDAG.

Anticipated Result: Listen to the public and document their concerns as well as brainstorming Community Planning strategies to increase mobility to pedestrians and bicyclists. Demonstrate the benefits of public transit to further link these neighborhoods.

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TRANSIT ORIENTED DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT:

Description: Further collaborating with groups such as the City's Civic Innovation Lab, the Council for the Environment+Design (former Council of Design Professionals) and SanDAG, the UDC is acting as advisor to these groups to promote T.O.D. opportunities.

Impact: Significant as the San Diego Region will increase in population by over 1 million people in the next 40 years and this growth must be centralized around all of our public transit stations both trolley and BRT; or we will face a resurgence of the sprawl that has built out our "Greenfield" lands over the past 100 years.

Anticipated Result: Collaboration with City and County Planning officials, Community Groups, and Urban Design Professionals using Public workshops and Design Charrettes to promote the benefits of T.O.D. Ultimately future development for housing and jobs would be within a 1/2 mile from a transit station.

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PACIFIC BEACH ECODISTRICT:

Description: In 2012, AIA SD submitted an application to AIA National for a 2013 SDAT Grant. Based on criteria developed by Portland's Sustainability Institute and their branded EcoDistrict representing a healthy model for Sustainable Urban Design, AIA SD COTE joined with the Pacific Beach and Mission Bay communities to explore the strategies of an EcoDistrict for these beach communities. One of the primary goals is to develop performance areas and use metrics with community input to define appropriate community based initiatives to plan ahead for tidal rise, water and waste management. The SDAT event occurred in December 2013 hosted by Acting Mayor Todd Gloria and Bill Fulton, Director of Planning with the City, and SanDAG,

Impact: Significant – these efforts will bring the beach communities together and to inform future "Community Plans" preparation.

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SAN DIEGO PORT MASTER PLAN:

Description: Keith Wolsak, new lead planner with the Port of San Diego has implemented a 9 month Vision Planning process to master plan the Port Tideland including the NEVP, Chula Vista, Pond 20, the Integrated Natural Reserve Mgmt plan, and the Maritime Business Plan areas. This effort hopes to elevate the port in a regional leadership role through a comprehensive integration w/ member cities/agencies by updating the Port's historic master plan and Precise Plan with more sustainable zoning and policies.

Impact: The project has significant environmental and urban design impacts including: Community Access of the Bay Tideland areas. HKS Urban Design Studio will define the Guiding Principles and produce a report for the future of the bay, commerce, parks, open space and infrastructure in a 50 year visioning process.

Anticipated Result: The draft document of Guiding principals is available for review and comment till November 2014.

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All AIA Members are welcome to attend our meetings and express their thoughts on issues. We meet on the first Friday of every month at SANDAG located at 401 B Street, 8th Floor, Conference Room B from 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.