

Greenwich Village Underground Association

August 11, 2020

Honorable Mary Campbell
Mayor
City of Hermosa Beach

RE: City Council Agenda, August 11, 2020

via: Email

6. Municipal Matters

- d) Adopt the Resolution Preliminarily approving Engineer's Report and Directing Related Actions for the Proposed Greenwich Village North Underground Utilities Assessment District.

Dear Ms. Campbell:

As officers of the Greenwich Village Underground Association, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the City Staff and Council Members for our matter being allowed to come before you tonight. We have been working up to this moment since January 23, 2014, when we had our first meeting with the City Staff.

In order to offer a little more background, we are attaching a list of the milestone dates involving this project. We have all worked very hard to get to this crucial meeting and are very excited that we are on the cusp of being able to allow the residents to vote to form this district. Despite the per parcel average assessment cost increasing over 60% since we began, our unwavering interest to move forward is also evidenced by the fact that we have funded the Project Engineer and signed a letter of commitment, should we be successful in our vote, to fund the design costs.

This has been such an important project for our neighborhood, we have been able to rekindle and maintain ample support from the residents throughout this long journey. We are now formally asking for the opportunity for the residents to vote to assess themselves in order to fund the undergrounding of the power poles in the proposed district. That opportunity rests with the City Council tonight and we humbly ask that you support resolution 20-7252 enabling the residents to allow that vote to occur.

We would be happy to answer any questions during the meeting. Thank you very much for your consideration.

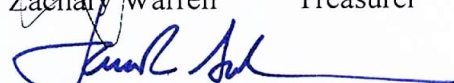
Sincerely,
Greenwich Village Underground Association



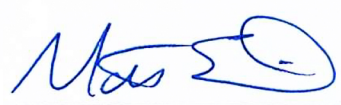
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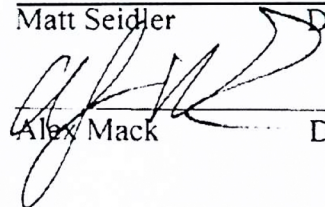
Zachary Warren Treasurer



James Anderson Secretary



Matt Seidler Director



Alex Mack Director

cc: Suja Lowenthal
Marnell Gibson
Lucho Rodriguez
Jeff Cooper

Greenwich Village Undergrounding Association (GVUA)
Milestone Dates

August 11, 2020

Met with Hamayoun Behboodi, HB Assoc Civil Engineer; He handed us guidelines	January 23, 2014
First Neighborhood wide email and outreach to help solidify support	March 1, 2014
SCE (Jeff Shellabarger) met with City: Discouraged from moving forward by City	April 1, 2014
Met with Frank Senteno, HB Public Works Director - informed via email undergrounding districts are not a priority for the city	June 4, 2014
First City Meeting	June, 2014
City Manager suggests obtaining resident petition to present to City Council	July 17, 2014
First Petition began Circulation in Greenwich Village District	August 25, 2014
Public Works Dept meeting with Broyzna (Dir of Public Works and City Engineer), Behboodi (HB Assoc Civil Engineer) and utilities	June 11, 2015
HB District Formation Process describes Need for Petitions	July 7, 2015
SCE Design Cost Rule 20B - Residents Prepay for Utility Design	April 20, 2016
Greenwich Village Underground Association ("GVUA") legally formed	June 1, 2016
Broyzna resends UU District Guide	September 24, 2016
City introduces GVUA to Jeff Cooper to review process for forming District	December 5, 2016
First District Update Letter; Describes benefits, boundaries and approx. cost/parcel of \$25,000	September 30, 2016
Jeff Cooper Presentation to Residents	December 12, 2016
GVUA Request to City to Allow Cooper's Recommended Process	December 26, 2017
City Provides New Guidelines	April 19, 2017
City Suggest we Submit existing petitions to start process over	May 2, 2017
GVUA Formally Submits Current Petitions and Map	May 4, 2017
City Requests Boundaries and Cost Update from Edison	May 22, 107
Updated Costs Submitted by City	November 21, 2017
Second Round of Resident Signatures approving commitment to move forward	December 3, 2017
SCE Confirms 42% Charge for their services to upgrade (informally say they don't like to administer projects)	December 20, 2017
60% of Residents agree to move forward	February 16, 2018
City Agrees to Send out RFP's for Consultants	April 15, 2018
RFP's Released	July 19, 2018
Response to RFP's to City Council	November 27, 2018
Coordination Meeting with Jeff Cooper	January 23, 2019
Third Cost Estimate by Utilities	April 11, 2019
Request for Clarified or updated Petitions from Cooper	April 24, 2019
Additional Petitions Submitted to Cooper and City	May 7, 2019
Preliminary Assessment Engineer's Report submitted to City	October 1, 2019
Preliminary Assessment Engineer's Report approved by City	March, 2020
GVUA learned City Project Manager (Reed Salan) out on leave - project had stalled	June, 2020
City Manager Lowenthal intervened to move project forward	June 23, 2020
Marnell Gibson picked up project and initiated momentum	June 30, 2020
City Council Hearing to Approve Engineer's Report and Distribute Ballots	August 11, 2020