

Planning matters; so does your vote on neighborhood issues

Planning matters. So does your voice. Buildings are exceeding the 30-foot height limit because of a loophole. Old homes are being torn down and three-story apartments are going up – changing the character of an entire neighborhood without a public hearing. The Peninsula Community Planning Board is fighting to change that.

Planning matters. So does your voice. Planning board members are working to create a long-overdue park, promote safe bicycle routes and to avert gridlock on Rosecrans when it is torn up for a fuel line repair.

You can vote for six open slots on the Peninsula Community Planning Board, the 15-member elected citizen volunteer body that has first crack at every major project in Point Loma.

Voting is easy. Just show up at the Point Loma Library on Thursday March 19 (2015), between 4 and 8 p.m. Show proof of residency in Point Loma (excluding Midway District and Ocean Beach which is north of Adair and west of Froude).

Candidate bios are on the website, pcpb.net. Here are the nine candidates:

Amanda Behnke – architect, high school mentor

Eileen Brennan – media, marketing, former mayoral staff

Bruce Coons – incumbent, executive director Save Our Heritage Organization

Don Costello – city employee, construction estimator

Robert Goldyn – architect, member Green Building Council

James Hare – retired city planner, author of book on code enforcement

Martin Krencik – incumbent, architect

Geoff Page – construction consultant, previous board chair (twice)

Julia Quinn – incumbent chair, retired environmental planner

Planning matters. So does your voice. A father and baby were struck in a marked crosswalk at Catalina and Canon. Could this crossing have been planned better? Could we all have spoken up? Don't be silent; please vote so we can help you.