

Greater North Park Community Planning Committee  
Tuesday, February 18, 2003  
MINUTES

Regular Meeting at North Park Christian Fellowship, 2901 North Park Way, Second Floor

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Kitty Callen, Mary Coats, Jason DeFay, Vicki Granowitz, Robert Green, Richard Kurylo, Roger Lewis, Lorrie Moore, Michael Powers, Craig Roberts, Keoni Rosa, Mark Spitzer, Cassandra Wang, Larry Westfall.

Board Members Absent: None

**I. Parliamentary Items**

- A. Call to order at 6:30 pm, roll call, passing of the committee attendance list.
- B. Announcements
  1. Michael Powers stated that there are currently 18 candidates for the March election of board members.
  2. The North Park Main Street is hosting a North Park Historical Survey Community Workshop.
- C. Approval of the minutes.  
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE January '03 minutes. Motion passed.
- D. Treasurer's Report - balance = \$538.08
- E. Officials' Reports
  1. Todd Gloria of Congresswoman Davis' office gave the new office address in City Heights. Davis welcomes input on budget issues.
  2. Robert Young of Mayor Dick Murphy's office spoke also of budgets and finance. There has been a \$20 million shortfall in the current year.
  3. Diana Spyridonidis from District 3/Toni Atkins office, disbursed copies of the Toni Times. Toni has asked North Park Residents to call office if anyone sees any prostitution activity. The section 108 loan passed in January, which gives District 3 \$3.6 million for infrastructure. District 3 has a sidewalk deal whereby residents pay 25% of the repair and the city pays 75%. There could even be some funding from LLMD.
  4. Ahmed Aburahmah, Senior Traffic Engineer, introduced himself and asked attendees to take all traffic issues up with the Transportation Committee. He will be attending the committee's meeting on 2/20.
- F. Request for reordering of agenda: Hold off on the Port District's informational item until he arrives. (No one from the Port District arrived this night.)

**II. Chair's Report**

The chair appoints Larry Westfall to the Election Committee to join Ernie Bonn and Kitty Callen. Cassandra Wang will be out of town on the evening of the election. The election is March 18<sup>th</sup>. Attendees are encouraged to sign up as General GNPCPC members. In order to vote, a member must attend one meeting in the past six months before the election and have been a general member of the GNPCPC for at least 28 days. You may not just show up at the March meeting and vote. It's important to note that elected members of the committee must attend 3 meetings per month. This includes two subcommittee meetings and one general meeting.

**III. Consent Agenda**

MOTION: TO SUPPORT THE CITY OF VILLAGES APPLICATION BY NORTH PARK MAIN STREET WITH POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND A DESIRE TO SEE THE APPLICATION INCLUDE THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY AVENUE CORRIDOR IN NORTH PARK.

Robert Green asked to pull the motion above for discussion. He worried that residents didn't know what the 'city of villages' means. He wondered what kinds of development we being discussed and were we pre-committing to anything. Rick Kurylo said that the City of Villages concept concentrates on inner city building. North Park has many projects in motion including the NP Theater, a parking garage, the University Avenue traffic calming project, the utility box art project, Walgreens moving into the neighborhood. Rick K. said that the city of villages does not mean increased density. Jay Turner of Main Street said that a goal of the C of V is to solve problems, to beautify center city, and to attract good businesses. Larry Westfall asked Beth Swersie, President of the North Park Community Association, if they had voted to partner with NP Main Street. Beth said that the NPCA board had not had this discussion as of yet. Roger Lewis said we should vote in favor of the motion. He said that working within communities would reduce cross-city travel, to control growth and improve the quality of life. If North Park is in on the pilot program, the city will be working hard to make the concept work. Keoni Rosa agreed with Roger. Environmentally, we'll just have urban sprawl if we don't work in town. Rick said we would have more clout for city to follow through on what we need. Craig explained that the deadline is short, but that's a common problem. If University becomes a density magnet, the neighborhoods surrounding it will be preserved. Kristin, who has owned a business in North Park for 30 years said to vote 'yes'. Ralph, a candidate for the committee in March, said there is nothing new here. Vote 'yes'. It will increase the city's focus on this neighborhood. Mike Powers read the motion. The vote was 12-1-1.

**V. Subcommittee Reports**

- A. Urban Design/Project Review: The February 3rd meeting began with a presentation by a city engineer on tentative map waivers. They also had a presentation by St. Augustine. A new item is a tentative map waiver is coming up for the Renaissance project. Three more informational items were presented at the meeting concerning a Grim Map Waiver, a Map Waiver application for Pentuckett Homes and discussion of the Ovrum Residence Neighborhood Development Permit. Urban Design promised future discussion regarding the San Diego Zoo expansion.
- B. Public Facilities: Vicki Granowitz said that the first library task for meeting was held. The second meeting is slated for 3/17 AT 6 PM in the Santa Fe Room. Chris Keohoe got \$1 million to do a parking study for Balboa Park. Consultants were hired. Jones and Jones will present their ideas on 3/6.
- C. Transportation Meeting: Larry Westfall announced that the next meeting will be on 2/19. Ahmed Aburahmah will be there.
- D. Bylaws Committee: Cassandra Wang said there was no meeting due to the holiday.

**VI. Informational Items – none**

**VII. Action Items – none**

**VIII. Unfinished Business – none**

**IX. New Business – None**

**X. Liaisons**

- A. CPC - The CPC took up inclusionary, affordable housing and deficiencies of urban design.
- B. LLMD - They are working on the Florida Street lights but need permission from any property that lines run across.
- C. LEC - Things are status quo. There were no problems during the Super Bowl.
- D. NPMS -Richard Kurylo invited all to come to the Farmer's Market on Thursday's from 4-7.
- E. PAC - Per Roger Lewis, the PAC recommended the mixed-use parking structure.