

Greater North Park Community Planning Committee *DRAFT*
Tuesday, April 15, 2003
MINUTES

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

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Robert Green, Mateo Camarillo, Vicki Granowitz, Richard Kurylo, Don Leichtling, James Longley, John Stewart McGaughy, Lorrie Moore, Keoni Rosa, Donald Starr, Larry Teves, George Wajda, and Larry Westfall.

Board Members Absent: Kitty Callen (excused)

I. Parliamentary Items

- A. Call to order at 6:30 pm, roll call
- B. Agenda Additions or Reordering: Add traffic engineering/signage.
- C. Public Comment
- D. Approval of the March minutes. Approved after change to that written about nomination of Donald Starr as Vice Chairman. JS McGaughy nominated Mr. Starr, he did not run against him.
- E. Treasurer's Report The balance is \$618.75
- F. Don Leichtling volunteered to be the GNPCPC Secretary. Lorrie Moore regretfully does not have the time to devote to these duties.

II. Public Comment

1. An attendee (David B.) mentioned concern of excess water use due to broken sprinklers and lax landlords.
2. Chris Milnes invites all to the "Taste of University Heights", "Best of UH", UH Library Task Force meeting.
3. Connie M. said that palm tree pods need trimming by the city. Don Leichtling of the LLMD shared that the city has voted to forego palm tree trimming due to the budget crunch.
4. Amanda M. spoke in support of the Carter Reese development project on 30th Street.
5. Tom Romstadt informed the public that there is a vacant seat on the PAC. All are invited to attend the 5/13/03 meeting.
6. Diana Spydonidis of CD3 said that interim stop signs are going up at 29th and Redwood, 33rd and Dwight. Please come to the special law enforcement meeting on prostitution on 4/23.
7. Lara Evans of the Planning Department invited new members to the COW being held on 4/30. Another COW will be held on 7/19.

III. Consent Agenda - Unanimously approved.

- 1. MOTION:** To support the Pentucket homes map waiver, project No. 5884, at 1855-1859 Pentucket Avenue, including all five of the GNPCPC's standard set of concerns (historic sidewalk stamps and scoring, first right of refusal for renters, new and appropriate landscaping as needed, on-site parking be maximized and opposition to the exemption to underground utilities)
- 2. MOTION:** To support the Grim Avenue map waiver, project no. 5885, at 3767 Grim Avenue, including all five of the GNPCPC's standard set of concerns (historic sidewalk stamps and scoring, first right of refusal for renters, new and appropriate landscaping as needed, on-site parking be maximized and opposition to the exemption to underground utilities).

IV. Action Items

1. Approval of Mobile Needle Exchange for the entire Greater North Park Planning Area

In Favor:

- a. Dirty needles are discarded.
- b. Pilot program will remain, the vote is a waste of time.
- c. IV Users live in N.P., this raises underground activity to above ground.
- d. The site should remain for 6 months to a year.
- e. The Planning Committee and CD3 chose the site, it's a safe program.
- f. This is a safe location for approved needle exchanges.
- g. Local resident has seen no problem.
- h. Needles are a hazard to local health.
- i. Public Health is benefited by the exchange.
- j. Prior Chair of Planning Committee stated that the Committee had only been requested to be involved in site selection and that the Committee had never acted on the question of whether the program was approved overall in the Community.

Against:

- a. Shooting drugs with needles is against the law.
- b. Addicts can seek counseling elsewhere. Drug use is a blight.
- c. The needle exchange should be a more controlled situation.
- d. The location is not supported by the County. This should be done at a fire department or lighted parking lot and in a location that is controlled.
- e. The City Attorney said this is not a land issue, but the lawyer retained by the "People for a Better North Park" said it is a land use issue. She had a copy of a letter for the committee. The letter was written to the mayor.

Board comments:

- a. For: The site is operational. It needs time to fail.
- b. For: Do what is right. We do have a drug problem in NP.
- c. Against: It's the wrong site, wrong that it is stuck in NP.
- d. Against: There are now more needle users in the area and potential for increased crime.
- e. Against: The needles use is not documented. Professional location. Web says it does not work.
- f. Against: This is not done properly. Prostitution is bad, why not needle use? Medical problem is not addressed in RV. It's undemocratic.
- g. Against: Use Permit? Conditional Use.
- h. Against: Transients live on the site. Go look at the site. Photos have been taken of drug users shooting up in the area. Go look at the site.
- i. Against: Lack of notice to residents. County lack of interest!
- j. Comment: If there are problems, if transients have moved in, if shooting up is happening on the streets, let CD3 know. They promised to shut down the program if there were problems.

MOTION: To continue intelligence gathering and continue the discussion at the May meeting. Passed 11/2/1

2. Renaissance North Park El Cajon and 30th - Carter-Reese and Associates Conditional Use Permit, Site Development Permit, Tentative Map Waiver, alley dedication/vacation and sewer easement abandonment associated with the construction of a new mixed-use (residential, commercial, community facilities, parking) development on a 2.5 acre site located at 30th and El Cajon.

- a. This has been 3 years in progress, working with the Redevelopment Agency. There will be 14 townhouse for median income, 96 senior apartments, 24 townhomes at market rate, 13,000 sq. ft retail space. The look will be Art Deco (Moderne). They will rebuild the facade to look like the Helig Meyer existing building. Many speakers were in favor. Among their comments were that the design is good, the location is on a transit corridor and will stimulate growth, Carter-Reese has a good reputation, the project is exciting, it fits the community plan, it's configured for helping seniors, it's a good mix of good density design.

MOTION: To approve this project with the addition of first right of refusal for current tenants of the block and if the CC&Rs are submitted to the GNPCPC. Approval was unanimous.

St. Augustine did not attend the meeting to make a presentation.

3. Appointment of Subcommittee Chairs and Liaisons

- a. Urban Design, Project Review, Historical Review = John Stewart McGaughy
- b. Public Facilities & Parks = Donald Starr
- c. Transportation = George Wajda
- d. By Laws = Mateo Camarillo
- e. Public Relations = Lorrie Moore
- f. NP LLMD = Don Leichtling
- g. NP Law Enforcement = Bertha Klamp
- h. NP Main Street = Richard Kurylo
- i. NP-PAC = Don Leichtling
- j. Clean Needle Exchange = Robert Green
- k. CPC = Robert Green

4. New business

The Chairman requested that the Bylaws Committee clarify the rules relating to subcommittee membership and voting.

The meeting was adjourned.