

**Greater North Park Community Planning Committee**  
**Approved Minutes May 2003**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2003**  
**MINUTES**

Regular Meeting at the 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, Larry Westfall.  
Kitty Callen and Cassandra Wang.

**Board Members Absent:** None

**I. Parliamentary Items**

- A. Call to order at 6:30 pm, roll call.
- B. Agenda Additions or Reordering: None made.
- C. Approval of the April minutes. Approved without changes - Unanimously.
- D. Treasurer's Report The balance is thought to be SAME as last month.
- E. Announcements:

Lara Transit First will have Open House 6/09/03

Maureen Concerts in Bird Park will begin soon.

Vicki NP Library Task force 6/04/03, BP Comm. will  
meet 6/05/03

Planning/Land Use Workshop 7/10/03

Sue Sewer Update on Upcoming Projects Map Call 533-  
4207 for info.

Donald Park & Public Facility. Will meet 5/28/03 @ Morley  
Field Tennis Bldg.

**II. Public Comment**

- 1. Michael Sub comm. Attendance by board members should be noted.
- 2. Mike Request Email format (instead of US Mail) of agenda to save costs,  
For more info contact: [levans@sandiego.gov](mailto:levans@sandiego.gov)
- 3. Beth NP Comm. Assoc. web site ([www.northparksd.org](http://www.northparksd.org)) is updated with  
Comm. info.
- 4. Buzz Stop sign at Redwood & 29th street is useless and should be  
removed...

**III. Consent Agenda - Unanimously approved.**

**1. MOTION: To support the Arizona Park map waiver, project No. #6282 at Arizona St., including all five of the GNPCPC's standard set of concerns (historic sidewalk stamps an 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).**

**Motion to approve made by Patrick, seconded by Leichtling, was PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. Action Items**

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

**In Favor:**

- a. Petition list contained items that were questionable.
- b. A Dr. Transmission is reduced & incidence of usage is not increased.
- c. Users are often referred to rehab and some do get off drugs. + Site is not great.
- d. Folks can help save lives by supporting this program.
- e. Needle will be valuable and not left around if exchange is in operation.
- f. Board Question - Operator of Exchange, 30 Clients have been to NP site in 3 months with 7 referred.
- g. Board Question - Program Mgr. Of Exchange read list of many rehab groups and their locations.
- h. Board Question - Rep. Of Alliance Health Foundation, talked about needle exchanges nation wide.

Program does get needles off street and read list of program supporters.

- i. Chair of City Clean Syringe Exchange Facility. Comm. spoke of cost savings to taxpayer and how Drugs affects all folks, across the board.
- j. Program is good, Location is bad and Activity on site is terrible.
- k. HIV Consumer Council, program will save lives but needs another location.
- l. I viewed site and it was OK, no problems.
- m. Program will save lives, prevent used needles lying around and sticking people.
- n. Suggest that study find out why Users do not go to UCSD instead.
- o. Program will provide medical care to Users.

**Against:**

- a. Users are committing a crime and helping them is wrong.
- a. 7 of 13 speakers for Program do not live in NP. This issue is ripping Comm. apart, the  
hours of operation where changed + there are Neg. activities on site. Also gave  
Board petition with 175 names against Program and also a stack  
of photo's to  
document petition.
- b. Appalling Program. The needle exchange should be a controlled indoor location.
- c. It is now unsafe to walk nearby the site at night.
- d. Program was forced on Comm. in "secret" and it will cause "blight".

Board member Westfall asked and received permission from the Chair to ask a question. Question to speaker: you submitted a memo dated October 15, 2002 from yourself to the North Park Planning Committee recommending needle exchange sites. This memo had as an attachment a map that showed your number

one preferred site as "Pathfinders" which is the precise location as the now operating site. What changed since you issued this recommendation? The Board Chair did not allow the speaker to respond.

e. Site was not chosen by NP residents, it was chosen by small group and will reduce

property values because of the Exchange being placed in NP.

I. Program will not help, but will increase the Negative image of NP. Bad for Business.

j. Guide lines are required. The City declaring a "State of Emergency" every 2 weeks?

k. Area schools were not consulted; kids are nearby on Fridays and should not be.

l. City cuts will put more kids in contact with Needle Exchange near library. Increasing

Density will also increase problems with Exchange.

m. Walks her kids nearby and has seen Users and Drug activity. Exchange Program

reduces NP's Community Pride. Kids can't go to library on Friday (Drug Day...)

n. Location is poor and it will not work, she knows, as she was an addict 30 years ago.

#### **Board comments and questions:**

a. Question: total # of Clients? Answer is 30 total.

b. Question: Why NP? Answer: One of Cities Crime corridors along with El Cajon Blvd, etc.

c. Question: Why mobile van? Answer, suggested by other programs nationwide. Discreet.

d. Question: Are Users tracked to see what their recovery rate is? Answer, No, early in Program.

e. Question: Why is it a "trial", not 1 year as it was presented? Answer, Verbiage is the same.

f. Comment: There are 2 issues, 1 is Location and 1 is the Exchange Program itself.

g. Against: Users are remaining on site & Partying. + Staying in Area for days living in vans.

h. Comment: GNPCPC cannot tell City Council what to do or where to site this Program.

i. Comment: Site was not chosen by GNPCPC.

j. Against: Mobile exchange is causing major problems in NP and should not continue.

k. Against: Mobile exchange is not doing what we were told and is creating bad situation in NP.

1. Against: Mobile Needle Exchange is Land use issue and does not meet current Land Use code.

**MOTION: The GNPCPC does not approve of the mobile needle Exchange in Greater North Park.**

**By J. S. McGaughy, seconded by D. Starr PASSED 8/6/1**

**2. North Park – North Park Condos- (#5787) Patrick Hooper (557-79921) Tentative Map**

SDP, Sewer Easement Abandonment & Encroachment Removal agreement for new 224 unit condo development with underground parking (extending below alley) on a 2.06 acre site located on the south side of Lincoln avenue between 30th and Ohio streets in the CN-1 zone.

This has been a year in progress, working with the Redevelopment Agency. There will be 10% affordable units with 2 levels of underground parking and 4 levels of type 3 Construction above ground units. 1 parking space per unit is what is now proposed with 81 tandem parking spaces.

The look will be “Spanish Monterey”. ( Work, Shop, Play, Learn! ) More info will be provided as the design progresses. Site also is a possibility for our new Library location if footprint is expanded.

**3. Subcommittee Chairs and Liaisons Reports**

– (Lara Evans stated that if any Board member has a personal conflict of interest, (financial or whatever), then they should reclude themselves.)

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, Will define what voting member of Comm. is for next meeting.

All Chairs will provide roster of member by next Board meeting.

e. Public Relations = Lorrie Moore

f. NP LLMD = Don Leichtling

g. NP Law Enforcement = Bertha Klann

h. NP Main Street = Richard Kurylo, NP Street Fair was a large success

i. NP-PAC = Don Leichtling, Annual PAC elections were just held and Roger Lewis is newly elected PAC Chair.

Update on several projects and some additional comments by Roger Lewis.

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 their members voting “rights” for next meeting.**

**The meeting was adjourned.**