

Greater North Park Community Planning Committee
P.O. Box 4825, San Diego, CA 92164
Minutes: February 20, 2007

- I. Meeting called to order 6:35 pm
- A. **In Attendance:** Sal Arechiga, Vicki Granowitz, Brenda Martin (7:07 pm), Judith O'Boyle, Shane Pliskin(6:50 pm), Rob Steppke, Stephen Whitburn, Keoni Rosa, Rene Vidales.
 - B. **Not In Attendance:** Elaine Boyd, Vernon Franck, Jamie Longley, John Stewart McGaughy
 - C. **Subcommittees, Liaisons** since previous meeting:
 - Salvador Arechiga: UDPR, PF/PA
 - Elaine Boyd:
 - Vernon Franck:
 - Vicki Granowitz: UDPR, PF/PA, P/CR, CPC, Balboa Park Committee, Rec Council, Alcohol Entertainment Working Grp (AEWG)
 - James Longley:
 - Brenda Martin: MAD, VHA
 - John Stewart McGaughy:
 - Judith O'Boyle: UDPR/ P/CR
 - Shane Pliskin: UD/PR
 - Keoni Rosa: UDPR
 - Rob Steppke: UDPR, P/CR, PF/PA, MAD, CPC, PAC
 - Rene Vidales: PF/PA, NPPMWG
 - Stephen Whitburn: UDPR, AEWG
- II. **Adoption of Agenda: Motion to Adopt February 20, Agenda with the following changes: Steppke/Vidales 7/0/0**
- III. **Chair's Report/CPC**
- A. **Indemnification Update:** According to City Attorney's office the Indemnification Ordinance only comes into play after being sued if found guilty and damages are awarded plaintiff. The City will indemnify the damages. If no damages, planning committees are on there on for legal fees. The CPC will be passing a motion to ask the City Council to change the Ordinance to start providing legal representation when initially sued and not just if found guilty of damages
 - B. **PDO Update:** Will be a 2 phase process, 1st phase will be reformatting all 19 PDO's into the LDC no changes to content mainly to avoid duplication and use consistent nomenclature. Will also due 2 tests of integrating a PDO into the LDC, West Lewis and Cass St. 2nd Phase PDOs will be reviewed when a Community Plan gets updated.
 - C. **General Plan Review:** Historic Preservation this Month; Urban Design March; Public Facilities April. Subcommittees should be reviewing to make recommendations to the full committee and than the CPC, Planning Dept and City Council.
 - D. **CPC Elections:** Leo Wilson is the only candidate for temporary Chair.
 - E. **PAC Election:** Chair disclosed voted on behalf of the Planning Committee for the Community Seat. Didn't realize the election was occurring until day of election. The candidates were Bob Lewis and Kirsten Clemens. I voted for Kirsten due to her extensive community involvement.
 - F. **DSD Business Process Reengineering:** DSD realizes they are seen by many planning committees as taking the side of applicants when they see themselves as neutral. Aren't sure how going to accomplish that yet but at least they realize they need to do something.
- IV. **Elected Officials Reports**
- Todd Gloria 53rd District Rep. Susan Davis, Davis wrote letter supporting a Farmers Market in the CVS parking lot, President Bush reduced funds gong into CDBG by 1/3. Also cut funds for Community Oriented Policing..
 - Kristen Clemons, 76th District Rep, Lori Saldana, working on "payday advance" business. Federal Law proposal limit interest rate to 36% but language only applies to military
 - Monica Pelaez, CD3, Rep. Toni Atkins, watch for announcement on Affordable Housing Day
- V. **Non Agenda Public Comment.**

- A. CCDC - Shelia Harden passed out Downtown Report which focusing on quality of life issues.
- B. NPCA – Beth Swersie, requested a support letter for summer concerts.
- C. NPCA – Kirsten Clemons, Rebuilding Together & NPCA are looking for a house for April 28 event.

VI. Motion to Approve January 16 Minutes O’Boyle/Rosa 9/0/0

VII. **Treasurer’s Report:** Keoni Rosa - No change \$376.22

VIII. Announcements

- A. North Park Spring Clean-Up Saturday, Feb 24, 9 – 12, 32nd & University Ave
- B. Uptown Historical Survey, February 24, 10 am, Balboa Park Recital Hall.
- C. Meeting with Toni Atkins, Neighborhood potluck and discussion of OLP Expansion, Tuesday, March 27 at 6pm. 2536 Collier Ave
- D. Beth Swersie North Park Main Street needs letter supporting a Farmers Market in the CVS parking lot sent to CVS Management.

IX. **PAC:** Rob Steppke reported that DSD had a problem with the Boulevard meeting parking requirement and therefore denied approving project. Steppke also reported he won a property owner seat.

X. **Planners Report:** Marlon Pangilinan, 619.235.5293 or mpangilinan@sanidiego.gov
No Report

XI. Consent Agenda

(Members Present PFFPA Feb 7, 07: Sal Arechiga, René Vidales Vicki Granowitz , Rob Steppke, Elaine Boyd.)

- A. **Request for a Stop Sign at the intersection of Gregory and Thorn Streets.** A traffic point study was conducted by the City, and it does not grant a 4-way stop sign. Constituent presented evidence that requires a re-evaluation of the intersection during peak hours. **Motion: Request the City to re-evaluate the intersection during peak hours. Arechiga /PFFPA 9-0-0. On Consent**

(Members Present UDPR Feb 5, 2007 Salvador Arechiga, Ernie Bonn, Kitty Callen, Vernon Franck, Vicki Granowitz, John McGaughy, Judith O’Boyle, Rob Steppke, Stephen Whitburn.) ****The motions below, where appropriate include the following 5 conditions (i.e. maximize parking, maximize landscaping, right of first refusal , save historic sidewalk stamps and scoring, and denial of request to waive undergrounding of utilities where applicable.**

- B. **Isenschmid Residence NDP and Variance** for retaining wall (PTS#95748) 2728 Bowditch Place. Marc Isenschmid. **Motion: Approve the project as presented Arechiga /UDPR 9-0-0. On Consent**
- C. **4724 30th St Vesting TM (PTS#97621)** To convert 7 existing residential units to condominiums and waiver for undergrounding overhead utilities. **Motion: Approve the project as presented, including parking spaces not exceeding 20’ in depth and the recognition that a one bedroom affordable unit would be preferable to payment of in-lieu fees. Arechiga /UDPR 9-0-0. On Consent**
- D. **3730 Villa Terraces Map Waiver (PTS# 119926)** To convert 4 new residential units (under construction) to condominiums and waiver for undergrounding overhead utilities. Project is very similar to the other projects under construction or newly constructed throughout North Park, “clone” project was initiated without community group review. **Motion: Deny the project because it is not within the intention of the Greater North Park Community Plan. Further, the Planning Department must respect the fact that this project design has already received an “onion” (2006 Onion and Orchid Awards) because it has been cloned throughout North Park. Arechiga /UDPR 9-0-0. On Consent**

XII. Information items

A. **Year End Report – Comments Due By March 6**

- Need comments by March 6 so can put report together and get completed report back to members so can review and be ready to take action at the March meeting.

B. **Update Brown Act/600-24:** Highlights from workshop:

- All committees must post agendas 72 hours in advance and be accessible to the public during those hrs. NPMS has offered to post all our agendas in the window.
- Non-Agenda Public Comment needs to happen at the beginning of a meeting.
- The Planning Committee's response to any public comment is limited to a brief response or asking questions. No discussion or debate or action is permitted.
- There will probably need to be changes to our Agendas as our announcements, subcommittees and liaison reports may need to be moved under non-agenda public comment.
- Brown Act allows items be added to be added to an agenda on an emergency basis, however the Planning Dept staff says CPG do not have emergencies. I'm not sure this is true need to explore further.
- Public can attend any of our meetings without needing to sign in.
- Changes to or corrections to Draft minutes need to be made at the meeting in a public venue not via email.
- Ok to send out info via email but not to discuss or respond via email or phone. If being asked to respond to an info request I think that's ok but do not use "reply all" function, respond only to the individual who sent original email.
- Position papers if worked on by more then one person must be publicly noticed and worked on in public. The option that is ok is if a variety of individuals are assigned to write parts of a doc one person can take all the parts and put them together without changing content.
- Need keep copy of any item passed out on-line, snail mail or at a meeting. City knows they need to assist with this.
- City is getting a legal analysis on whether or not we fall under freedom of info act.
- While Brown Act doesn't require ad hoc meetings to be publicly noticed, 600-24 does.
- Although Civil or criminal actions can be taken if violate Brown Act it is very unlikely. But it is part of why I try to be so clear about making sure to the best of our abilities we respect the open meeting rules.
- Planning Dept hopes to have update to 600-24 and by-law shell complete by April. Want to have new procedures and documents before the COW.
- Will be emailing 2 documents: Power Point City attorney & 600-24 & Draft provisions related to Brown Act overview by Planning Dept staff.

C. Standing Rules Status – Rob Steppke

Since bylaws stalled by City shell revision, standing rules can be implemented and would like board to suggest issues for subcommittee discussion and to come forward in April. Should include previous actions already approved by Board in bylaws such as attendance req. (no more excused/unexcused) – 3 consecutive or 4 total and membership on comb of 2 subcommittee or liaison or combination thereof excluded Chairs/Co-Chairs. Will all be reviewed as information to new people considering running for board so they know what the expectation will be.

XIII. Action Items

A. Lafayette Thank You Letter: concerns about conflict of interest.

Motion: To approve thank you letter by Vidales, died for lack of a second.

Motion: To NOT approve a thank you letter to the Lafayette. Arechiga /Rosa 9-0-0

B. March Board Elections/Retreat—Rob Steppke updated plans for March election – doors open at 6:10. Show of hands for candidates. Two maybe's, discussion of the 1 year term, the aforementioned attendance and subcommittee policy. Will need to determine when new members will indicate their interest in subcommittees/ being an officer. There will be a 2 minute candidate statement. 8 seats open. **Motion: To hold vote for Board officers at conclusion on meeting and have retreat do a purely social function. O'Boyle/Rosa 9-0-0**

XIV. Subcommittee reports

A. Urban Design/Project Review, Judi O'Boyle, North Park Main Street Office, 3076 University Avenue, 6 pm, 1st Monday. Next meeting March 5. Shane suggests committee take more direct involvement on Demo permits, apt/condo TM waivers. Action was referred to UD/PR for further discussion.

- B. Public Facilities/Public Art**, Sal Arechiga/Rene Vidales, Lafayette Hotel – Baton Rouge Room, 2223 El Cajon Blvd, 6:30 pm., 1st Wednesday. Next meeting is March 7. Continue work on website.
- C. Policy/Housing/Community Relations**, Rob Steppke, Lafayette Hotel – Baton Rouge Room, 2223 El Cajon Blvd , 6:30 pm, 2nd Thursday. Recap of earlier conversation. Judi gives summation of Advance pay-check cashing

XV. Liaisons Reports

- A. Law Enforcement Committee**—Stephen Whitburn. 233 violent crimes, 1033 prop crimes. Alcohol Entertainment Working Group next meeting 2/28 @ 10 am NPMS
- B. Maintenance Assessment District**— Engineer’s report nearing completion. Phyllis Shess will be talking to area groups soon prior, to the reballoting. The timeline for approval is short.
- C. Parking Management Working Group:** Working on putting together a template in which the group will be offering solutions to current and future parking issues in the area. To have template ready prior to having consultant present at the next meeting.

Next meeting: March 20, 2007.

Motion to Adjourn. Vidales/Pliskin 9/0/0

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Submitted by:

Brenda Martin, Secretary