

GREATER NORTH PARK COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
2901 NORTH PARK WAY, 2ND FLOOR
P.O. BOX 4825, SAN DIEGO, CA 92164
CORRECTED MINUTES: FEBRUARY 19,2008

- I. Called to Order:** 6:32 pm.
- II. In Attendance:** Salvador Arechiga, Steve Chipp, Ed Cronan, Vicki Granowitz, Judith O'Boyle, Dean Petersen, Rob Steppke, Elizabeth Studebaker, Rene Vidales.
Absent: Mike Forbes, Brenda Martin, Keoni Rosa, Stephen Whitburn.
- III. Motion to Adopt February 19, 2008 Agenda** [with modifications that former Action Item a. (letter of Support for the NPCA Summer Concert Series) be moved to Consent Agenda Item c.; and Action item d. (North Park Management Working Group Conditional Approval of Recommendations) be moved to Information Item c]: **O'Boyle/Steppke 8/0/1** (Studebaker not present at time of vote.)
- IV. Chair's Report/CPC**
- A.** Need to nominate a member from GNPCPC to sit on the Balboa Park Committee. Final appointment by the mayor. Two members (Steppke and Petersen) expressed interest and will provide information to the Chair.
 - B.** Indemnification Ordinance- Approved by CPC and sent to City Council to allow Council to resolve issue raised by City Attorney.
 - C.** Georgia Street Bridge- Cal Trans is again looking to consider the removal of this bridge. Issue will be referred to PFPA and UDPR Subcommittees.
- V. Motion to approve January 15, 2008 minutes: Steppke/Chipp 9/0/0**
- VI. Treasurer's Report:** Chair reported that balance is now \$391.72.
- VII. Election Committee Report (Rob Steppke)-** Recruiting for upcoming annual elections to be held next meeting on March 18, 2008. A number of people present expressed an interest in running, including 9 members of the audience and 3 sitting members will be seeking reelection.
- VIII. Announcements**
- 1.** Mr. Petersen announced that the San Diego American Red Cross will be holding CPR Saturday on March 15, 2008 downtown at Golden Hall starting at 7:00AM. Volunteers are needed and should contact the Red Cross at www.sdarc.org.
 - 2.** Mr. Petersen announced that Board Member Ed Cronan would be leaving the Board in order to undertake duties in Iraq. Mr. Petersen and the Board wanted to thank Ed for all of his help on the Board and in the Community and hope he returns safely from Iraq.
 - 3.** Ms. Studebaker announced that the Art on the Garage RFQ has begun. Also, a Cleanup is scheduled in the community on Saturday February 23, 2008 from 9:00AM-12:00 PM.
 - 4.** Chair announced that the foundations involved in the preparation of the Balboa Park Report will be presenting their report on Saturday March 8, 2008 from 8:30AM-12:00PM at the Balboa Park Palisades Building Recital Hall.
- IX. Planner's Report:** Marlin Pangilinan, 619-235-5293, mpangilinan@sanidiego.gov. Mr. Pangilinan noted there was no report to be made.
- X. Non Agenda Public Comment** – Both Marty Chevalier and Donna Dow expressed their concerns regarding the placement of the needle exchange. Both stated they felt the needle exchange should be on the Agenda of the GNPCPC every month and it was alleged that the lack of notice of the City moving the location of the needle exchange comprised a Brown Act violation.

XI. Officials' Report

1. Community Relations Officer David Surwilo (Cell # 619-876-9646, surwilo@pd.sandiego.gov) announced that there had been a series of home burglaries in the community. The area was noted as bounded by University Ave. on the north, Juniper on the south, 30th St. on the west and 805 on the east. One arrest has been made. At large are a couple (male and female) that have been described as either African-American or Hispanic.
2. Nick Norvell (rep for Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53): A stimulus package has been passed. Congresswoman Davis has traveled to Afghanistan to visit our troops and observe its work with NATO and other organizations. Ms. Davis will present an update on Afghanistan at USD on March 12, 2008 from 10:00 AM-11: 30 AM at the Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Theatre.
3. Jason Weisz (Rep for State Senator Christine Kehoe, State Senate District 39): The State budget deficit is being discussed. Senator Kehoe is concerned about the Sunrise Powerlink Proposal. The PUC will be holding a hearing on the matter on February 25, 2008 at 1:30 PM at the County Administration Center. Mr. Weisz provided copies of a guide to energy efficiency.
4. Jeffrey Tom (rep for Toni Atkins, City Council District 3): Ms. Atkins will host a Public Safety meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 from 6:30PM-8:00 PM at the North Park Rec Center, 4044 Idaho St. Among those present will be the new Police captain of Western Division, Captain Bill Edwards, who had previously been stationed in North Park .The 90-foot tower on the south side of Switzer Canyon near 30th St. is to be removed as the undergrounding has been completed in the area. Metropolitan Transit District will be considering the possibility of shutting down the 966 Shuttle bus due to low ridership of only 5 passengers an hour. The proposal is to shift the funding to the busier 965 Shuttle. The hearing will be held at the MTS offices on February 21, 2008 at 9:00 AM.
5. Ms. O'Boyle asked the public official reps to consider reducing the number of paper newsletters brought to each GNPCPC meeting and sending them electronically. Mr. Petersen noted that as the Board Secretary, the Board would still need a copy to be brought to the meetings for the record.

XII. Consent Agenda

1. **3085 University Avenue (Drowsy Maggie's) NUP.** The structure covers the entire lot, which makes the provision of on-site parking infeasible as required by the City. **Motion: Due to the fact the existing structure covers the entire lot; it is recommended the remodel be allowed to proceed without the provision of off-street parking spaces: Petersen/PFPA 9/0/0 On Consent**
2. **Walgreens Sign NUP.** Replacement of an existing manual changing copy sign on an existing pole sign with a double-sided electronic changeable copy message center type sign with 40 SF of sign face on each side. CL-1 zone of the Mid-City PDO. **Motion: Approve the replacement of manual copy sign with changeable copy sign conditioned by low voltage LED letters, no animation and no more than 4-5 copy changes per hour: Petersen/UDPR 9/0/0 On Consent**
3. **Letter of Support for the NPCA Summer Concert Series: Motion Send Letter to City expressing support for the NPCA Summer Concert Series: Petersen/PP 9/0/0 On Consent.**

XIII. Action Items

1. **Letter to Bill Sanderson, Chief of City Planning and Community Investment.** Letter to be sent would address the issue of Uptown Planners/ University Heights Community Association attempting to annex portions of the planning area currently within the boundaries of the GNPCPC, without notifying the GNPCPC. Letter read by the Chair. Import is to ask the City staff to look into this and have the Uptown Planners stop their plans until the City has addressed the matter. **Motion to Approve letter to Bill Anderson regarding Uptown Planners Move to Annex portions of North Park Planning Area: Petersen/Studebaker 9/0/0.**

2. **Letter to Support Expansion of North Park Main Street BID.** Ms. Studebaker set forth rationale for expansion and assessment increase. One reason is loss of Redevelopment funding. The Chair read a letter in support of the expansion. **Motion to approve Letter supporting expansion of North Park Main Street BID: Petersen/ Vidales 8/0/1** (Studebaker abstained due to her position with NPMS.)

XIII. Information Items

1. **KFC Update-** Ms. Studebaker. Already open for business. Waiting for final approval. May want to address this later in the context of the larger issue presented by the quick decision by the City to allow the demolition and rebuild without community involvement.
2. **NPPC Annual Update-** The Chair presented a draft of the Annual Report. Of particular note: in '06-'07, the GNPCPC approved 47 Projects, containing 745 Dwelling Units. In that time frame GNPCPC denied approval of 7 Projects, containing 62 Dwelling Units. In the current Board's Term- '07-'08- GNPCPC has approved 7 Projects, containing 68 Dwelling Units and denied 3 Projects containing 22 Dwelling Units. This is reflective of the downturn in economic conditions. The approval of the Report will be brought forth on the Agenda next month as an Action Item.
3. **Presentation of North Park Parking Management Working Group Conditional Approval of Recommendations by Rene Vidales.** Despite difficulties with the Power Point, Mr. Vidales gave a very informative presentation regarding the Recommendations to be presented by the Parking Working Group. He provided background, explained methodology, items considered and the resulting Recommendations. Some of the Recommendations accorded higher priority included encouraging use of the North Park Parking Structure and the formation of Commercial and Residential Parking Districts. The Community will be shown this presentation at the North Park Theatre on March 25, 2008 at 6:00 PM.

XIV. Subcommittee Reports

1. **Urban Design/Project Review**, Judith O'Boyle. 6pm, 1st Monday. **Next meeting March 3, 2008 6:00 PM at the Lion's Club.** .
2. **Public Facilities/Public Art**, Sal Arechiga/Rene Vidales, 6:30pm, 1st Thursday. **Next meeting on March 6, 2008 at 6:30 PM at NPMS, 3076 University Ave.** New Senior Engineer with City Transportation is Walt Huffman (619-533-3176) and the new Assistant Engineer is Barry Urias (619-533-3786).
3. **Public Policy/Community Relations**, Rob Steppke, 6:30pm, 2nd Wednesday, NPMS. **Next meeting 6:30 PM March 12, 2008 at NPMS.** Last meeting discussed Summer Concerts and Upcoming Elections. Next Meeting will continue to address the upcoming GNPCPC Elections.

XV. Liaison Reports

1. **Project Area Committee-** (Roger Lewis absent. Rob Steppke gave report.) Judith O'Boyle was elected and will be ratified next month. Approved bylaws and housing policy. Parking Management Presentation. Community Room at Renaissance still not available. City Staff discussed a lease, but the PAC had previously authorized a purchase. A mechanic's lien is supposedly holding up the process as well as a vacant adjacent spot in the building.
2. **Public Safety & Neighborhood Services-**Vicki Granowitz gave report. Alcohol Working Group is finalizing a Covenant for Applicants and Current License Holders and the Group is also working on a set of guidelines for information to be provided by Applicants. The next meeting of the Alcohol Working Group is February 27, 2008 from 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM at NPMS.
3. **Maintenance Assessment District-** Rob Steppke gave report. Approved budget. Does not look likely they will consider Re-Ballot again this year.
4. **North Park Parking Management Working Group-** Elizabeth Studebaker. Need to select a member for the Art Selection Committee.
5. **Balboa Park Committee Liaison-** Vicki Granowitz. The Park and Rec Board approved the Alcohol Ban Policy. As mentioned earlier, there is a need to appoint a member to the Balboa Park Committee. The Old Globe was given approval for the Cassius Carter Redevelopment Project.
6. **North Park Main Street-** Elizabeth Studebaker. Urban Solace/ Shooterz Building owner David Heinen passed away. This is a big loss to the community. A service is planned for Saturday,

February 23, 2008 at St. Patrick's. Urban Solace has obtained a full liquor license. The only other restaurant with a full license is Hawthorn's.

XVI. Future Agenda Items

- 1. Approve NPPC Annual Report.**
- 2. Re-striping of Pershing.**
- 3. Parking Management Plan.**

**XVII. Motion to Adjourn: Arechiga/Petersen 9/0/0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.**

Submitted by:

Dean Petersen, Secretary.