

NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
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DRAFT MINUTES: February 17, 2009

- I. Called to Order:** 6:31 pm.
- II. In Attendance:** Rob Steppke, Rene Vidales, Judith O'Boyle, Stephen Whitburn, Salvador Arechiga, Christy Scannell, Elizabeth Studebaker, Keoni Rosa, Lynn Elliott, Hanson Wood, John Feher
Absent: Carl Moczydlowsky, Ryan Silva, Kitty Callen, Steve Chipp
- III. Chair's Report**
1. General Election update, appoint election committee. Stephen Whitburn appointed to election subcommittee, Christy Scannell to assist. Seven seats up for re-election.
 2. Indemnification status.
 3. Community Plan Kickoff, and subcommittee formation.
 4. District 3 Budget Hearing Sat. 2/21 9am-12 noon, Hoover High Auditorium.
 5. Red-light camera, Cleveland & Washington
 6. Sal Arechiga appointment to HRB pending CC approval
- IV. Treasurer's Report:** \$488.72 in account. If we do not deposit or withdraw funds by March 11, account will become inactive.
- V. Approval of November 18, 2008 and January 20, 2009 minutes**
1. November 18 minutes- change Hanson Wood term expiration to March 2010.
 2. **Motion to approve Nov. 18 minutes. Elliott/Vidales 11-0-1.**
 3. January 20 minutes- add Ernie Bonn and Vicki Granowitz to 2/2/09 UD/PR members present list.
 4. **Motion to approve Jan. 20 minutes. Vidales/Elliott 9-0-3.**
- VI. Announcements**
1. North Park Community Association Activity Report– Omar Passons. Feb. 28 clean-up at Texas and Howard and member discount program discussion.
 2. Community HousingWorks Open House Thurs. 2/19 Lafayette Hotel 6:30pm. Possible purchase of San Diego Stage & Lighting building.
 3. Balboa Park Committee liaison report – Vicki Granowitz. Next meeting 3/5, 6pm; proposed pergola repair discussion; 100th Anniversary of park celebration coming soon; Park & Rec. cuts to come.
- VII. Planner's Report.** Marlin Pangilinan, 619-235-5293, mpangilinan@sanidiego.gov. Stakeholder advisory committee discussion.
- VIII. Non-Agenda Public Comment**
1. Jeff Graham, CCDC. Harbor Drive pedestrian bridge in construction; North Embarcadero visionary plan, 55 foot wide promenade and park; more affordable housing in pipeline; and downtown information center in Horton Plaza.
 2. 501c3 status granted for NPCA.
- IX. Officials' Report**
1. Nick Norvell (rep for Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53): President signed economic stimulus bill, increases infrastructure spending, educational improvements; unemployment at 9.3% in CA; transition to digital television conversion discussion.

2. Jason Weisz (rep for Christine Kehoe, CA State Senate District 39): None.
3. Kirsten Clemons (rep for Lori Saldana, CA State Assembly District 76): Budget not signed yet; \$41 billion budget gap; mix of increased taxes and cuts; Propositions to come involving spending caps.
4. Travis Knowles (rep for Todd Gloria, City Council District 3): Water conservation discussion; preserving historical aspects of community plan discussion; OLP hearing continued to March 3, 2009.

X. Consent Agenda

1. **Texas Street Map Waiver** PTS 169171 4555 Texas Street- applicant. Map Waiver application to waive the requirements of a Tentative Map and under-grounding of overhead utilities to create 4 residential condominiums (construction recently completed) on a .16 acre site at 4555 Texas Street in the MR-1750 zone of the Mid City Communities Planned district within the Greater North Park Community Planning area, FAA Part 77, Transit Area. **MOTION: Deny this project as the excessively replicated design is destructive to our community, failing to preserve or contribute to the architectural variety and residential character of North Park as set forth in the Greater North Park Community Plan. Granowitz/Bonn 9-0-0.**

Motion: Approve consent agenda. O'Boyle 12-0-0.

XI. Action Items.

1. **Grant for Re-design of Pershing Drive and Redwood Street.** – Item to be continued at PF/PA subcommittee for further analysis.

XII. Information Items

1. **Status of NPPC Appeal of Our Lady of Peace Planning Commission decision.** City Council hearing continued to March 3. Emphasized need to keep historic houses on site for adaptive re-use. OLP would not commit to keeping historic houses. BEHI has retained a CEQA attorney to investigate avenue OLP has used to justify demolition of historic structures.
2. **Community Plan Update: Stakeholder identification, and creation of Community Plan Subcommittee.** Advisory groups select 3 to 5 people to sit on cluster groups to discuss issues. Subcommittee composition should reflect diversity, such as business person, resident, non-profit worker, government worker, redevelopment interests, and ex officio (non-voting). Two-year process starting in April 2009 when members will be appointed. NPPC will have six seats and board will determine process in the future.

General plan guiding principles: open space network, diversity, walkable villages, employment centers, transportation, etc.

XIII. Urgent Non-Agenda Action Items. None.

XIV. Subcommittee Reports

1. **Urban Design/Project Review,** Judith O'Boyle. Voted on another Gary Taylor project. Full agenda next meeting. 29th Street townhomes and easement vacation issue to be addressed.
2. **Public Facilities/Public Art,** Sal Arechiga/Rene Vidales. Redesign of Pershing Drive and Redwood Street intersection options: a) 4 way stop sign; b) Roundabout (circular and oval options); c) Traffic signal; or d) Pedestrian bridge. Upcoming discussion: traffic calming along 30th Street between University and Upas; speeding concerns in area of North Park Way, 32nd Street and Boundary.
3. **Policy/Community Relations.** Meetings TBD as needed.

XV. Liaison Reports

- 1. Project Area Committee-** Judith O'Boyle. New chairperson to be elected at next meeting, along with Davenport's presentation (Old Wolworth building).
- 2. Public Safety and Neighborhood Services.** Stephen Whitburn. None.
- 3. Maintenance Assessment District.** Carl Moczydlowsky. Streetlight locations that were budgeted will not occur. This frees up \$70,000 for other streetlight locations further down the priority list.
- 4. North Park Parking Management Working Group-**Rene Vidales. None.
- 5. NP Parking Garage/Art Selection Working Group-** Keoni Rosa. Artists narrowed down to two, but redevelopment agency only picked one artist.
- 6. North Park Main Street-** Elizabeth Studebaker. 5/17- art festival; 4/28- cleanup; 3/21-historic walking tour; Farmer's Market on Thursdays; and focus on community profile (get new businesses in the area).

XVI. Treasurer collected \$49.00 at tonight's meeting to add to account balance.

XVII. Next Meeting: March 17, 2009.

XVIII. Motion to Adjourn: Vidales/Elliott 12-0-0
Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

John D. Feher, Secretary