

**NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**DRAFT MINUTES: May 19, 2009**  
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**2901 NORTH PARK WAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**  
**Mailing address: 3939 ARIZONA ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92104**

**I. Called to order:** 6:33 p.m.

**II. Members in attendance (12):** Vicki Granowitz, Sal, Arechiga Judi O'Boyle, Lynn Elliott, Rene Vidales, Christy Scannell, Rob Steppke, Kitty Callen, Stephen Whitburn, Cheryl Dye, Liz Studebaker, Steve Chipp.  
**Members absent (3):** Ryan Silva, Keoni Rosa, Hanson Wood.

**III. Report on NPPC Board Attendance, Resignation**

**IV. Adoption of the May 19, 2009 agenda: Granowitz/Elliott. 12-0-0.**

**V. Chair's Report**

- A. Indemnification status. LU&H will hear item May 20.
- B. Community Plan Manual subcommittee. Meeting was held with CPC reps to air differences they had with the city on the selection of the Community Plan community members.
- C. Draft Water Conservation Ordinance. Heard at CPC. Items for new construction and remodels will be needed.
- D. Parking Meter Utilization. Presentation at Uptown CPC's last meeting. Treated as info item. Going to Council; unsure of date.
- E. Community Orientation Workshop/COW online: Subcommittees should now post minutes and agendas to postings@northparkplanning.org. Last month's COW is now online.
- F. Bicycle master plan being held at Hall of Champions, Balboa Park, June 10, 6-8 p.m.

**VI. Approval of Previous Minutes: April 21, 2009.**

**MOTION: Strike "Project does not trigger a traffic study" in IXE. Whitburn/Vidales. 11-0-1.**

**MOTION: Approve minutes as amended. Whitburn/Vidales. 11-0-1.**

**VII. Treasurer's Report:** \$571.72 as of 4/30/09.

**VIII. Announcements**

- A. Rebuilding Together San Diego – Anna Orzel-Arnita, presenter. NPO that renovates and preserves low-income home ownership. Looking to identify those in need.
- B. SOHO People in Preservation Awards, May 29, Temple Beth Israel in Heritage Park. Between the Heights being honored.
- C. The Academy of Our Lady of Peace filed a lawsuit against the city based on RLUPA, May 5.
- D. North Park Festival of the Arts, May 17. NPPC shared booth with the PAC. Thanks to volunteers and Studebaker.
- E. Steppke wants to adopt Vidales's subcommittee letterhead logo for NPPC. Will be discussed at future meeting.

**IX. Planner's Report - Marlon Pangilinan.**

COW is online. Community Plan contracts and consultants are being selected and submitted to LU&H.

**X. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

- A. Joyce Summer, CCDC. There will be three public meetings about the Civic Center complex. New *Downtown Living* guides are out. The pedestrian bridge to cross over Harbor Drive is partially completed. A new park is going in by the old police station downtown.
- B. O'Boyle. Several community leaders will speak at LU&H on May 20 under non-agenda public comment to talk about predatory lending.

## **XI. Elected Official Reports**

- A.** Kirsten Clemons, Hon. Lori Saldana, State Assembly District 76. Update on budget and new bills being proposed.
- B.** Travis Knowles, Hon. Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3. Council raised drought alert level to 2 with conservation requirements. Will be soliciting community input on how stimulus funds will be spent.

## **XII. Consent Agenda**

- A.** Request for 15-minute parking on the west side of 29<sup>th</sup> Street south of University Avenue. **Motion: To recommend the City to change the northwest portion of 29<sup>th</sup> Street between University Avenue and North Park Way from commercial loading to 15-minute parking, as determined by the applicant and the City to be most appropriate. Studebaker/Elliott 5-0-0. MOTION Approve consent agenda. Granowitz. 12-0-0.**

## **XIII. Action Items**

- A.** Draft NPPC Year-end report Mar 08-Feb 09.  
**MOTION: Accept and forward. O'Boyle/Callen. 11-0-1.**

## **XIV. Information Items**

- A. Mid-City Rapid Bus.** Mid City Rapid Transit project overview. Miriam Kirshner, SANDAG. Intended to encourage more people to ride the bus. Route is SDSU to downtown. Will be faster and more frequent, using center dedicated lane on Park Blvd. Will present to UD/PR in July for action before presenting to Council in August. Concerns: Usage of lanes between buses and cars. Street lighting. NH CPC has not heard this but will be affected. Traffic signals. Space on Park south of University.
- B. Jefferson Elementary Project.** Proposed street vacation and new building addition. David Grant, presenter. Heard at UD/PR as info and at PF as action regarding vacation of Gunn Street between 28<sup>th</sup> and Utah. Creates joint use field with city. Will demolish one building and rebuild. Item will go to UD/PR for action. Concerns: Loss of parking. Parking in red zone on 28<sup>th</sup> St., possibly opening up during non-school hours. Fencing, kind and cost.

**Note:** Arechiga left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

- C. Community Plan Update:** Community Stakeholder identification discussion. Categories can include residents, non-resident property owners, NPOs and community organizations, and government agencies and organizations. Ideas for reps: PAC, NPCA, historical society, Walk San Diego, bike coalition, rep of sustainable development such as a LEED architect, business owner (maybe in UH), renters, arts associations, Neighborhood Historic Preservation Coalition, BID Council. No decision. City wants committee seated in one to two months.

## **XV. Subcommittee Reports**

- A. Urban Design/Project Review,** Rosa/Silva. Next meeting June 1.
- B. Public Facilities/Public Art,** Vidales/Arechiga. Next meeting June 4. Will discuss changing the parking time limits on 30<sup>th</sup> St. south of University.

## **XVI. Liaisons Reports**

- A.** Alcohol and Entertainment Working Group. Granowitz. Next meeting May 27.
- B.** Balboa Park Committee. Steppke. Looking at budget. Fee increases approved by Council. Special event problems last month caused traffic and permitting issues. Will be discussing proposal on Atlas missile.
- C.** Project Area Committee. O'Boyle. Formed subcommittee to review operating costs and problems with North Park Theater. Will be discussion on the park behind the theater at next meeting.
- D.** Maintenance Assessment District. Steppke. Last month passed a motion that street trees that pose liability to city would be trimmed without having to return to board for authority. New trashcans are installed.
- E.** NP Parking Garage/Art Selection Working Group. Rosa. Artist Marjorie Taylor was chosen with implementation to begin soon in plein air style.

**F.** North Park Main Street. Liz Studebaker. Amy Colony is new assistant director. Had a meeting with state office of historic preservation to pursue official designation for sustainable element in future development. RFP is out for Penneys bldg.

**XVII. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items**

**A.** Vidales. Wants info earlier so he can decide if items need to go to PF subcommittee and what the criteria are.

**XVIII. Next Meeting Date:** June 16, 2009.

**IX. MOTION: To adjourn. Callen/Steppke. 12-0-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Christy Scannell, secretary.