



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES: August 18, 2009 – 6:30 PM

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I. Called to order: 6:36 p.m.

II. Members in attendance (15): Robert Barry, Kitty Callen, Steve Chipp, Cheryl Dye, Lynn Elliott, Vicki Granowitz, Judi O’Boyle, Keoni Rosa, Christy Scannell, Ryan Silva, Rob Steppke, Liz Studebaker, Stephen Whitburn. (Sal Arechiga arrived at 6:40 p.m. Rene Vidales arrived at 6:50 p.m.)

III. Report on NPPC Board Attendance. No board members are currently at risk for dismissal.

IV. Adoption of the August 18, 2009 Agenda. MOTION: Amend the agenda to move Nick Norvell’s report on the North Park Post Office from Information Items to Elected Official Reports. Callen/Elliott. 13-0-0.

V. Chair’s Report

- A.** Community Plan Manual subcommittee (CPC). 1 & 2 outstanding – on hold.
- B.** Substantial Conformance Review – Anything different will trigger Process 2 (returned to planning committees). Staff recommended policy but City Council has not voted on it yet.
- C.** Increased CPG Appeal Period – New policy will be 20 days but City Council has not voted on it yet.
- D.** University Heights Community Association newsletter – Indicates UH has no representative on the NPPC and that NPPC “designated Texas Street, El Cajon Boulevard and other blocks for redevelopment.” Steppke asked NPPC board to email him with their preference as to whether he should send a correction letter as a citizen or if the item should be agendized for the next NPPC meeting.

VI. Approval of Previous Minutes: July 21, 2009. Amend to add “Current plans conform to this committee’s understanding of the project design” to Information Item C and to correct the spelling of Jeff Wergeles’ name in Non Agenda Public Comment Item E. **MOTION: To approve as amended. Elliott/Callen. 14-0-0.**

VII. Treasurer’s Report: \$591.72 as of 7/31. Chipp says he needs NPPC chair and secretary to complete a form that will allow him to be able to sign for NPPC. **MOTION: To amend the agenda, adding Action Item B. 15-0-0.**

VIII. Announcements

- A.** Community Plan/Committee of the Whole for 8/19 cancelled. Meetings will begin in October.
- B.** Community Planners Advisory Committee on Transportation workshop, 8/26.
- C.** A public meeting is scheduled for 8/26 at the former North Park Elementary School site to discuss the site’s transition to ALBA and park improvements. Granowitz, as a community member, is researching how the ALBA decision was rendered due to discrepancies in comments from the school district and the city.
- D.** Recognized Leo Wilson from Uptown Planners in the audience.
- E.** Steppke is speaking at USD about community planning committees next week.

IX. Planner’s Report - Marlon Pangilinan

- A.** Urban design contracts for all three communities have been executed. KTU+A was chosen for North Park.
- B.** The historic resources consultant was contracted from Hollywood, CA.
- C.** The transportation planning consultant has not been selected.
- D.** Staff will be meeting with consultants next week.

X. Non Agenda Public Comment

- A.** Leo Wilson, Uptown Planners: Lauded the city’s packet for the stakeholders committee that will work with Uptown.
- B.** Lynn Mulholland, Mission Valley Planners: Concerns about development in Mission Valley, especially the 166-acre stadium area. There are no parks or fire department in Mission Valley. Wants NPPC to pass a resolution for downzoning Mission Valley. Steppke asked NPPC board members to request agendizing item via e-mail. Mulholland’s phone: 619-280-3745.
- C.** Joyce Summer, CCDC: Infrastructure projects will be affected by redevelopment fund giveback to state. Downtown Sound Bites begins 9/1.
- D.** Rob Steppke, NPPC: Board received a letter from Hon. Lori Saldaña in June for being selected as a finalist for the San Diego Housing Federation Awards as an outstanding government agency.

XI. Elected Official Reports

- A.** Travis Knowles, Hon. Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3: 8/4 was National Night Out, an annual event for neighborhood watch groups. Gloria went to several, including two in North Park. Neighborhood Watch is encouraged but continue to call in reports to help make the argument for increased police officers. Community coffee, 9/12, 4892 Seal Place.
- B.** Nick Norvell, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53: Davis is in San Diego during congressional recess. Several forums and workshops will be held including Neighborhood Day, 8/29 in Spring Valley. Davis voted for HR 3200 (health care) out of committee. Grant writing workshop for organizations, 8/26 at Liberty Station NTC. Norvell met with the San Diego postmaster to discuss the possible closure of the North Park Post Office. The facility is listed as “possible” but the postmaster will make a final decision based on a cost-benefit analysis within a few weeks. Norvell said he would find out if the postmaster will hold a public forum before his decision. Letters to Davis on the issue are welcome but PO makes final decision. **MOTION: Add Action Item C to authorize a letter to Davis. Elliott/Callen 15-0-0.**

XII. Action Items

- A. Committee of the Whole (COTW) and advisory stakeholder committee.** Granowitz gave a presentation on Roberts Rules of Order and how it affects COTW, including rules on speaking multiple times, not creating subcommittees, the NPPC chair is the COTW chair, and the NPPC bylaws are the COTW governance document, which means COTW members are subject to attendance rules. The board discussed advisory committee needs based on gaps in expertise gleaned from COTW member bios. Ideas included small business owners, community property owners, developer/builder/real estate, sustainable growth, religious and social services, hospitality, artist, public transportation/traffic/walkability, and historic preservation. Pangilinan indicated he has received e-mails from the community with input. No action taken.
- B. Authorize bank signature. MOTION: Authorize treasurer, chair, and secretary as signers on NPPC bank account. Steppke/Studebaker. 15-0-0.**
- C. Letter to Susan Davis. MOTION: Authorize Steppke to write a letter to Susan Davis expressing NPPC’s concerns about the North Park Post Office’s potential closure. Elliott/Archiga. 15-0-0.**

XIII. Information Items

- A. Demolition letter.** Presentation from Janet O’Day, Uptown Planners Historic Resources Subcommittee. Uptown is asking NPPC to endorse its request to the City Council to make changes to city code regarding demolition permits. Item will be agendaized for action at the September NPPC meeting.

XIV. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Urban Design/Project Review.** Rosa/Barry. Did not meet in August.
- B. Public Facilities/Public Art.** Vidales/Archiga. Next meeting: 9/3/09. At August meeting discussed possibility of timed parking limits on 30th Street south of Dwight; parking garage art project. Will discuss community signs and Kansas Street prototype parking at Sept. meeting.

XV. Liaisons Reports

- A. Alcohol and Entertainment Working Group,** Granowitz. Met with neighbors and owners of True North to devise solutions for mitigating noise and other problems.
- B. Balboa Park Committee,** Granowitz. Continuing to work on white paper for special events at park; future meeting will plan park’s 100th anniversary (2015).
- C. Project Area Committee,** O’Boyle. Funds cut 26 percent (\$2 million). Currently approved projects will move forward but no additional allocations.
- D. North Park Parking Garage/Art Selection Working Group,** Rosa/O’Boyle. Committee selected two artists. Redevelopment Agency weighed committee and public recommendations equally, giving the project to an artist the committee did not select. Selected artist would not agree to do project pro bono per RFP so the Agency will return to the five finalists and offer pay.
- E. Maintenance Assessment District,** Steppke. Proposal from staff to put North Park trees in two categories for maintenance; clarification of MAD boundaries.
- F. North Park Parking Management Working Group,** Vidales. Final rounds on finalizing parking management plan.
- G. North Park Main Street,** Studebaker. Fifty trees to be planted end of the week at 30th and Upas; 8/19, new historic walking tour; 9/16, California Coastal Cleanup Day; 10/3, Taste of North Park; 12/5, parade.

XVI. Future Agenda Items

- A.** SANDAG rapid bus system (Sept.).
- B.** Possible action from Public Facilities subcommittee on Kansas Street (Sept.).

XVII. Next Meeting Date: September 15, 2009.

XVIII. MOTION: To adjourn. Archiga/Elliott. 15-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by Christy Scannell, secretary.