



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES: September 15, 2009
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I. Called to Order: 6:33 p.m.

II. Members in attendance (13): Sal Arechiga, Robert Barry, Kitty Callen, Cheryl Dye, Lynn Elliott, Vicki Granowitz, Judi O'Boyle, Keoni Rosa, Christy Scannell, Rob Steppke, Liz Studebaker, Rene Vidales, Stephen Whitburn.

III. Adoption of the September 15, 2009 Agenda. Amend the agenda to remove Consent Agenda 4C (Letter to Redevelopment Agency regarding the status of the Parking Garage Public Art Project) per Arechiga and move Consent Agenda 4B (Installation of North Park Community Identification Signs) to Action Item 5B per Whitburn. **MOTION: Approve as amended. O'Boyle/Callen. 13-0-0.**

IV. Chair's Report

- A.** Steppke recognized Leo Wilson from Uptown Planners in attendance.
 - B.** Steppke sent a letter to Rep. Susan Davis in opposition to the potential closure of the North Park post office. Received a letter of concern in reply.
 - C.** Per supportive e-mails from NPPC members, Steppke sent a letter to the University Heights Community Association newsletter regarding incorrect information it published about NPPC.
 - D.** LU&H History Day is Sept. 23 at 2 p.m.
 - E.** SANDAG Mid-City Rapid Bus plan was heard again at Public Facilities/Public Art subcommittee. The plan has been changed, including reconfiguration of some of the parking west of Park Blvd., providing a slight increase in parking spaces. SANDAG will present to UHCA in early Oct.
 - F.** Steppke is working with Marlon Pangilinan on the Community Plan Update advisory stakeholders matrix. Priorities: business organizations (3), environment/transportation/pedestrians (2), arts, historic/community organizations (3), PAC, etc.
 - G.** Steppke asked for informal show of hands if NPPC wants to hear further from Lynn Mulholland of the Mission Valley Community Council about Mission Valley planning issues. Due to interest, the item will be agendaized.
 - H.** Best Practices in Historic Preservation workshop was Sept. 14. Studebaker, Granowitz and Dye attended.
- V. Approval of Previous Minutes: August 18, 2009.** Amend to change 5D so it reflects that Steppke asked if the letter to UHCA should be from him or from the committee; correct 15D – the committee selected two artists and the Redevelopment Agency selected one from those two; correct dates in 15G, walking tour is Oct. 18 and coastal cleanup day is Sept. 19. **MOTION: Approve as amended. Vidales/Elliott. 13-0-0.**

VI. Announcements

- A.** Dedication ceremony for North Park Main Street's 30th & Upas tree planting at Sea Rocket Bistro, Sept. 16.
- B.** Fresh-n-Easy groundbreaking, Sept. 17.
- C.** Taste of University Heights, Sept. 20.
- D.** Italian Film Festival, two performances in Oct. and Nov. at North Park Theatre, free.
- E.** NPCA Community Cleanup, Sept. 19.

VII. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- A. Robert Nagell/Chris Chandler: Want to move their veterinary clinic to 2200 University Ave. (former Zuri's Banquet Hall), open seven days per week. Asked to be agendized in October.
- B. Joyce Summer/CCDC: City Council to make winter homeless shelter decision Oct. 13; movies at Petco Park, Sept. 19; coffee with CCDC at downtown information center, Oct. 1; bus tours were revamped and route changed, first Sat. of month at 9:45 a.m.
- C. Conni Mosser: Residents of Morley Field thank Todd Gloria's office for getting trees trimmed

VIII. Elected Official Reports

- A. Nick Norvell, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53: Held healthcare town hall Aug. 29 in Spring Valley, 1000 attended; still working on post office issue, Davis has asked postmaster to maintain all.
- B. Kirsten Clemons, Hon. Lori Saldaña, State Assembly District 76: Governor has called for a fifth session to deal with federal education stimulus money; legislature was unable to agree on plans for the state's aging water system but will continue working on it later this year; sent twelve bills to governor's desk for signature.
- C. Travis Knowles, Hon. Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3: AIDS walk Sept. 27, join Gloria's team; many upcoming neighborhood events, block parties and ribbon cuttings.

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. **Request for Head-In Parking on Kansas Street between Adams and Monroe Avenues.** Motion: Approve the parking project in concept with the condition that the street is mitigated for flooding with adequate curb prior to implementation of the parking pilot program. PF/PA: Elliott/Steppe, 5-0-0.
- B. **Letter to MTS regarding the delay of rolling out the Compass Card Program to all public transit.** Lack of proper function of existing re-loaded passes has prompted numerous complaints. Motion: To support a concept letter regarding the challenges of the Compass Card implementation. PF/PA: Steppe/Elliott, 5-0-0.
MOTION: Approve consent agenda. Granowitz. 13-0-0.

X. Action Items

- A. **Demolition Letter for LU&H "History Day."** Letter passed unanimously at Uptown Planners. O'Boyle and Studebaker will write the NPPC cover letter with copy to Leo Wilson. **MOTION: To accept the Uptown Planners' Sept. 1, 2009 "concerns and solutions document" and include a brief cover letter that personalizes the document to North Park. O'Boyle/Studebaker. 13-0-0.**
- B. **Installation of North Park Community Identification Signs.** Proposal to install signage at North Park entrances to differentiate and define North Park and to inform residents of the community in which they reside. **MOTION: Return the item to subcommittee pending more information. Whitburn/Elliott. 13-0-0.**

XI. Subcommittee Reports

- A. **Urban Design/Project Review.** Rosa/Barry. October meeting cancelled.
- B. **Public Facilities/Public Art.** Vidales/Arechiga. Next meeting: October 5, 2009. Will discuss stop signs at Florida and Meade, and potential consolidation of two bus stops on 30th Street south of University.

XII. Liaisons Reports

- A. **Alcohol and Entertainment Working Group,** Granowitz. Received report on changes at True North and found actions have resulted in less crime, trash and noise; new hospitality task force committee being formed to resolve other area problems.
- B. **Balboa Park Committee,** Granowitz. Did not meet; mayor will announce Balboa Park Task Force on Sept. 24; working on policies for art and plaque installations.
- C. **Project Area Committee,** O'Boyle. Considering trees along Boundary Street corridor; looking at security lighting behind North Park Theatre (which will become a park soon); the North Park parking garage art project is set to move forward with selected artist and will be completed by the end of the year.
- D. **Maintenance Assessment District,** Steppe. Approved new maintenance plan for trees; asked for legal boundary description for MAD, received an interpretation/opinion from staff, not a legal description.
- E. **North Park Parking Management Working Group,** Vidales. Working on finalization of parking management plan.

F. North Park Main Street, Studebaker. Taste of North Park, Oct. 3; historic walking tours; raised funds for community profile project; Toyland Parade, Dec. 5.

XIII. Next Meeting Date: October 20, 2009

XIV: MOTION: To adjourn. Granowitz/Steppe. 13-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Christy Scannell, secretary.