



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES: October 20, 2009

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I. Called to Order: 6:32 p.m.

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

III. Adoption of the Oct. 20, 2009 Agenda. Amend the agenda to move Chair's Report Item 4 (Community Plan Preparation Manual) to Information Item B. **MOTION: Approve as amended. Elliott/Granowitz. 13-0-0.**

IV. Chair's Report

- A. Land Use and Housing History Day. O'Boyle and Granowitz attended. Discussed changes to demolition and conservation requirements.
- B. SANDAG 2050 Regional Growth Forecast. By 2050, an additional 1.4 million people plus additional jobs and housing will impact the region.
- C. Voluntary Accessibility Program. Passed voluntary bonus initiative.

V. Approval of Previous Minutes: Sept. 15, 2009. MOTION: To approve. O'Boyle/Elliott. 12-0-1. (Chipp abstained)

VI. Treasurer's Report: As of Sept. 30, 2009, the balance is \$591.72 with an outstanding check for \$100, leaving \$491.72.

VII. Announcements

- A. Public R-O-W Planning Comm. Workshop, Oct. 22. Call 619-533-6428 to RSVP.
- B. CPCI Historic Resources, Oct. 29. Call 619-235-5217 to RSVP.
- C. Steppke received an e-mail of support from Nan McGraw of the University Heights Community Association in response to NPPC's letter to the *University Heights News*.

VIII. Non Agenda Public Comment

- A. Joyce Summer/CCDC: City Council voted to enter into an exclusive negotiating agreement on the Civic Center proposal; homeless shelter will be downtown; rules committee voted to move decision on library to Council; sign up for info on CCDC projects on website.
- B. Omar Passons/NPCA: NPCA launched a new website, northparksd.org; NPPC can post info about meetings on the site.

IX. Elected Official Reports

- A. Nick Norvell, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53: House passed an unemployment extension; Davis wrote a letter about delayed payments to post 9-11 veterans, resulting in emergency checks within a week; federal courthouse annex will create 2000 new jobs.
- B. Travis Knowles, Hon. Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3: Mayor estimates \$179 million deficit; all city departments are cutting 20-30 percent; Nov. 21, 9 a.m., special hearing of Council budget committee at Hoover High School to hear public opinion; investments in repaved streets due to infrastructure bonds; Balboa Park was allocated \$2 million in federal stimulus money.

X. Consent Agenda

- A. **Installation of Stop Sign on Madison Avenue at Florida Street.** At the request of a member of the community, the City evaluated this intersection for an all-way stop. The evaluation determined that the intersection met the criteria established in City Council Policy 200-08. This effort was the result of the evaluation of Madison Avenue between Park Boulevard and Texas Street for all-way stop signs. **Motion:** To support the installation of a Stop Sign on Madison Avenue at Florida Street. PF/PA: Studebaker/Bonn. 5-0-0.
- B. **Request for consolidation of Bus Stops along 30th Street south of University Avenue.** NPMS Board of Directors seeks concurrence with the North Park Planning Committee and the Project Area Committee to 1) Relocate the bus stop on 30th Street from the northwest corner to the southwest corner of University and 30th; 2) Reduce the number of bus stops by two stops along 30th Street between Upas Street and North Park Way; 3) Eliminate the bus stops at Thorn Street if proposed by MTS staff, as long

as the stops at Redwood Street and Upas Street are retained; 4) Address the bus stops between University Avenue and Howard Avenue at a future time, possibly as part of the Community Plan Update. Motion: To support the recommendations from North Park Main Street on the 30th Street bus stops between Howard and Thorn Streets dated September 9, 2009. PF/PA: Vidales/Elliott 4-0-1 (Studebaker abstained).

- C. El Cajon Boulevard BIA, Public Right of Way (PROW) District.** Request for support to establish a PROW District to permit businesses to set up sidewalk cafés, making the BIA responsible for initial code compliance supervision and allowing the affected businesses to save costs by not having to obtain a sidewalk café or other discretionary permit. UD/PR Motion: Support establishment of a PROW District for the El Cajon Boulevard BIA, limited to sidewalk cafés. Elliott/Arechiga 9-0-0.
MOTION: Approve consent agenda. O’Boyle. 12-0-1. (Studebaker abstained)

XI. Information Items

- A. Community Gardens Proposal/Annie Lorrie Anderson, Kathleen Ferrier.** Presenters advocate changing the city zoning code for community gardens to require a Process One ministerial permit instead of a Neighborhood Use Permit (Process Two) due to cost and time involved in Process Two. Concerns from the committee included protecting environmentally sensitive lands such as canyons; use of public land and public access; garden locations vs. other needs such as ball fields; and lack of communication in the new process. Committee suggestions included looking at how these process issues are handled in other cities; reducing cost rather than the process itself in a discretionary process; looking at the original rationale for requiring the NUP; and incorporating community garden interests in the community plan update.
- B. Community Plan Preparation Manual/Marlon Pangilinan.** Distributed selection criteria for North Park Community Plan Update Advisory Committee. Categories for representatives include historic, arts, North Park PAC, North Park Community Association, University Heights Community Association, open community organization/non-profit, sustainable development/growth-related, transportation, non-motorized, hospitality industry, apartment owners/multi-family residential properties, and open business. City Planning will be noticing for interest. Lottery is scheduled for Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m., at Balboa Park Club.

XII. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Urban Design/Project Review.** Rosa/Barry. Next meeting: Nov. 2, 2009. Will discuss feedback from property owners on obtrusive utility boxes. Met Oct. 5 to discuss veterinary clinic. Voted on El Cajon BIA. Two action items continued to November.
- B. Public Facilities/Public Art.** Vidales/Arechiga. Next meeting: Nov. 5, 2009. Will discuss information items on sewer projects. In October, discussed the two items on this agenda. Also discussed the Pershing/Upas intersection and decided it needed more adjustments and public feedback on the two proposals.

XIII. Liaisons Reports

- A. Alcohol and Entertainment Working Group, Granowitz.** Didn’t meet. Will be looking at why opposition to alcohol licenses is not going through NPMS first.
- B. Balboa Park Committee, Granowitz.** First task force meeting was Oct. 19. Granowitz appointed chair. Recommendations on fund raising management and governance. Looking at parking issues.
- C. Project Area Committee, O’Boyle.** Subcommittee looking at how to score applicants on sustainability. Asked for comparison on low-income housing funded by PAC vs. other communities. Discussions with city on park behind theater.
- D. Maintenance Assessment District, Silva/Steppe.** Has a \$25,000 budget for trimming trees and will discuss potential for exceeding that budget.
- E. North Park Parking Management Working Group, Vidales.** Working on parking management plan.
- F. North Park Main Street, Studebaker.** First Taste of North Park was Oct. 3, 750 tickets sold. Planning Toyland Parade for Dec. 5. Working on community profile and new website. West Coast Tavern opened. Painting utility boxes. Received CBGB funding for tree grates and bike racks.

XIV. Unfinished, New Business and Future Agenda Items

- A.** Steppe said the revised MTS letter voted on at the PF/PA subcommittee will be mailed.
- B.** NPPC elections are in March. Attendance at one meeting is required for eligibility to vote and/or run.
- C.** NPPC does not meet in December.

XV. Next Meeting Date: November 17, 2009.

XVI. MOTION: To adjourn. Elliott/Granowitz. 13-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by Christy Scannell, secretary.