



**NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES: June 15, 2010 – 6:30 PM**

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

II. Members in attendance (14): Sal Arechiga, Kitty Callen, Dionne Carlson, Steve Chipp, Brandon Cohen, Cheryl Dye, Lynn Elliott, Vicki Granowitz, Lucky Morrison, Judi O'Boyle, Christy Scannell, Rob Steppke, Liz Studebaker (arrived 7:30 p.m.), Rene Vidales.

III. Modifications to & adoption of the June 15, 2010 agenda. MOTION: Delete Information Item 7C and adopt the agenda. Carlson/Callen. 13-0-0.

IV. Chair's Report

- A. Mid-City Rapid Bus. Todd Gloria's office to do citizen surveys in neighborhoods around Park Boulevard 6/23 and 6/25.
- B. UHCA vote on CPG. Voted to go to Uptown 28-0 with 2 abstentions.

V. Approval of Previous Minutes: April 20, 2010. Add "due to under grounding of electrical wires" to Item 11C.
MOTION: To approve as amended. Chipp/Elliott. 13-0-0.

VI. Treasurer's Report. Steve Chipp reports \$566.22 in the bank account as of 6/15/10.

VII. Announcements

- A. NPCA Summer Concerts, started 6/13 and will continue through 8/7.

VIII. Planner's Report/ Community Plan Update/Marlon Pangilinan

- A. No advisory board meeting in favor of historic resources open house 5/28, 6-7:30 p.m.
- B. Working to reformat advisory committee meetings.
- C. Next open mic night is 7/17.

IX. Non Agenda Public Comment

- A. Conni Musser. Under-grounding utilities. Talmadge committee person wants to talk to North Park representative about Talmadge's bad experience with unsightly boxes.
- B. Joyce Summer/CCDC. City Council to decide on modification of 13 railroad crossings downtown for a quiet zone and whether to allow CCDC to continue through budget. On 7/14 LU&H will discuss permanent homeless housing area again.
- C. Don Leichtling. Attended Pacific Beach ABC meeting. NP RID is using PB as a model because it is the only place in San Diego that has more ABC licenses and crime than North Park.

X. Elected Official Reports

- A. Mike McLaughlin, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53. Introduced bill so people can keep Cobra healthcare until they get a new job. Addition to Disclose Act on campaign reform that would require FEC to publish who subsidiaries are that fund groups. Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act for all states.
- B. Anthony Bernal, Hon. Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3. Infrastructure: repaving Florida Street, 103 sidewalks in CD3 being replaced. Gloria awarded People in Preservation award 5/21 from SOHO. Gloria will be at Old House Fair in South Park.

XI. Liaisons Reports

- A. Alcohol and Entertainment Working Group/Granowitz/Morrison. Next meeting likely to be 6/30. Met with URBN pizza owner who seemed amenable to requests such as closing doors at 9:30 p.m. Sticking point is 2 a.m. closure. Also, on 6/5 a saturation patrol from SDPD wrote 13 DUIs, impounded 13 vehicles and wrote 64 citations. Will do at least once per month during summer.
- B. Balboa Park Committee/Steppe. Cancelled in June. In July signage will go up where drinking is permitted—remainder of park will have a 24-hour ban.
- C. Historical Resources Board/Arechiga. Next meeting June 24, 1 p.m. 3520 28th St. to be discussed for designation.
- D. Maintenance Assessment District/Morrison/Steppe. Met 6/14. Discussed process for re-balloting and timelines. Normally dark in July but will meet this year.
- E. North Park Main Street/Studebaker. Amy Colony gave report. Festival of the Arts a great success. 85 new banners for farmers market next week. Expanding market to Herman Street in July. Updating website to showcase new community profile and attract new businesses.
- F. North Park Parking Management Working Group/Vidales. Moving forward.
- G. Project Area Committee/O'Boyle. Showed report on Wang's, which is coming to JCPenney building, who is asking for \$500,000 from NP PAC. PAC wants sustainability criteria in place before giving a large forgivable loan. Also PAC is questioning what is redevelopment and what are just tenant improvements for existing businesses. Concerns about funding too many private, for-profit businesses. Boundary Street project funds have been set aside but rely on Caltrans and MAD.

XII. Consent Agenda

(June 7 UD/PR cancelled) (June 9 PF/PA; Members attended Dionne Carlson, Rene Vidales, Lynn Elliott, Vicki Granowitz, Steve Chipp, Lucky Morrison, Rob Steppe)

- A. **Request for traffic calming on 33rd Street between Upas Street and Thorn Street.** Jessica Porter. Cars speeding along 33rd Street makes pedestrian crossing dangerous. 33rd Street is a very narrow street where cars are regularly parked on the sidewalk. The yield sign along Upas Street for eastbound right turns is regularly ignored. **MOTION:** To follow up with the City in regards to the previously requested Traffic Calming Study for 33rd Street between Upas Street and Thorn Street, and to also request a pedestrian safety study due to the narrow width of the street, cars constantly parked on the sidewalk, and the street intersection configuration at Upas Street and 33rd street. Vidales/Elliott 6-0-0. **MOTION: To approve. Carlson. 13-0-0.**

XIII. Action Items

- A. **North Park Main Street: Tree Grate Letter of Support.** Amy Colony. 25 tree grates on University between Herman and 30th Street. **MOTION: To approve letter. O'Boyle/Elliott. 13-0-0.**
- B. **Consideration/endorsement of a study regarding feasibility of extending the current funding cap and life for CCDC to complete downtown projects.** Bill Keller (action/info). Vote could raise cap on tax increment. \$380 million remains but there are more than \$1 billion in planned projects. Will include a \$500,000 18-month study from CCDC tax funds to see if blight exists in the 1450 acres under California law and then negotiation with county, schools, etc, on whether to lift cap and do more projects, including assistance for homeless, green projects. If not, downtown will have to compete for general fund money. Concerns from public about cost, scope and number of studies. Concerns from committee about park plan, if this is really about finding money for the Chargers, why NPPC is hearing this item, cost. **MOTION: To support that CCDC does a study regarding feasibility of extending the current funding cap and life for CCDC. 7-6-1.** (Scannell abstained – doesn't believe North Park's planning committee should be voting on this issue)
- C. **Request for Design and Parking Revisions as part of the CUP Modification for St. Augustine High School (CUP8110 and PDP3445).** David Pfeifer, Project Architect. Updated design for gymnasium and multipurpose facility and parking/event management information. School to submit design to city as part of the substantial conformance review (SCR) of modifications to the previously approved project. PF/PA subcommittee approved 6-0-0 at the June 9 meeting. Pulled at NPPC to address parking concerns. James Horn, principal, said a parking management plan is in place. Said school offered meeting for neighbors on 5/26; 3 attended. Said school has received 1 parking complaint in 2010 compared to many prior to the plan. Concern from public about numbers who park on streets. Horn said there is less impact in summer; during school year estimates 200 cars to campus with 132 spaces in garage; will be 148 cars with new construction. Concerns from community about new gym bringing more people to campus. Horn said football draws 3000-4000 but there are no lights on campus per CUP so no impact. Other sports draw minimal fans. Concerns from board about seniors leaving campus (mid Nov. til May) who don't park in the structure so they have access to

leave for lunch due to a closed gate on structure. Horn said the gate is open for them but some students do park on streets due to convenience and for other reasons. Said students are not using all spots in structure. Saints is trying to find ways to use all on-campus parking before using streets. Horn said school collects info on cars via issuing placards so they can ID cars if there are any street problems. **MOTION: To approve. Carlson. 13-0-1. (Chipp recused due to employment at Saints)**

- D. Request for pedestrian safety study for the southeast corner of 30th Street and Upas Street.** Alexander Walter. There is a very tight turning radius at that intersection and northbound traffic that makes eastbound turns onto Upas Street often drive up on the sidewalk which will be the main entrance for Alexander's Restaurant. At the June 9 PF/PA subcommittee, a motion passed 6-1-0 (Steppke) that requested a pedestrian safety study and a traffic calming study at the intersection of Upas Street and 30th Street, to include evaluation of southeast corner for compliance of handicap ramp, turning radius, in addition to distance between adjacent intersections and signing/stripping to both pedestrians and drivers. Item was pulled at NPPC due to O'Boyle concerns that there is no way to improve this intersection and project could be a waste of funding. Vidales said subcommittee had same concerns but there are solutions such as banning right turns, adding a signal, adding barrier poles, etc. O'Boyle said concerns should be focused on area by Jack in the Box. Vidales said study would include that entire area with all intersections, not just the corner adjacent to Alexander's restaurant. **MOTION: To approve. Carlson. 13-1-0.**

XIV. Information Items:

- A. Land Development Code re: Bars,** Leo Wilson, Vicki Granowitz. Wilson is asking the city to enforce San Diego Municipal Code 141.0614 "Nightclubs and Bars Over 5,000 Square Feet in Size" and 141.0607 "Eating and Drinking Establishments Abutting Residentially Zoned Property" and 141.0102 "When the Separately Regulated Use Regulations Apply." Letter will ask the City Attorney and Planning Department to interpret and define these codes prior to enforcement.
- B. Community Housing Works Update on Boulevard at North Park,** Dave Gatzke. Comments from public: PAC talked about project and has always supported it; will bring good revitalization. Comments from committee: office space rather than commercial or live/work space on ground floor potentially could be "dead" space, since five years have passed should it trigger another historical review due to saltbox house on corner that could be historically significant, office space is a good thing and has a positive impact, question about flexibility of office space, incentives for art community, question about stability and potential criminal backgrounds of residents, question about medication process for residents, packet should include protocol of care.

XV. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Urban Design/Project Review.** Barry/Dye. NP Adult Community Center, 6:00 p.m. 1st Mondays. Next meeting: 7/5/10. Heard St. Augustine High School and utility boxes.
- B. Public Facilities/Public Art.** Carlson/Vidales. NPMS, 3076 Univ. Ave, 6:30 p.m., 2ND Wednesdays. Next meeting: 7/14/10. Discussed all items discussed during this NPPC meeting.
- C. Utility Boxes.** Barry/Dye. Concerned about proliferation of utility boxes and more boxes due to under grounding. Have met with SDG&E and found review process at city has nothing to do with design or planning, just engineering. No notice provided to homeowners except for public forum for under grounding of wires. Cox said boxes are out to bid prior to public forum. Irvine brought their Cox boxes above ground due to maintenance issues.

XVI. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items

- A.** Rapid bus
B. SDG&E smart meters

XVII. Next Meeting Date: July 20, 2010

XVIII. MOTION: To adjourn. Arechiga/Carlson. 8:58 p.m.