



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES: August 17, 2010 – 6:30 PM
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2901 NORTH PARK WAY, 2ND FLOOR
Mailing address: 3939 ARIZONA ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92104

I. Called to Order: 6:34.

II. Members in attendance (13): Robert Barry, Kitty Callen, Dionne Carlson, Steve Chipp departed 7:45 p.m.), Brandon Cohen, Cheryl Dye, Lynn Elliott, Vicki Granowitz (departed 8:05), Judi O’Boyle, Christy Scannell, Rob Steppke, Liz Studebaker (arrived 6:38 p.m.), Rene Vidales.

III. Urgent non-agenda action items. MOTION: Add discussion of Texas Street pedestrian lighting to Action Items as non-agenda urgent item. Carlson/Dye (12-0-0).

IV. Modifications to and adoption of the August 17, 2010 Agenda. MOTION: Adopt the agenda as amended. Carlson/Callen. (12-0-0)

V. Chair’s Report

- A. Boulevard not going forward due to funding.
- B. Approved water restrictions continuum.
- C. Discussed CPUAC with Bill Anderson at CPC.
- D. Carmel Valley’s Prop M amendment proposal

VI. Approval of Previous Minutes: July 20, 2010. MOTION: To approve. O’Boyle/Barry. (13-0-0).

VII. Treasurer’s Report. Steve Chipp reports \$566.22 in the bank account as of 7/31/10.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Transportation Town Hall at SDSU, 8/19.
- B. NPCA Summer Concert, 8/21.

IX. Non Agenda Public Comment

- A. Joyce Summer/CCDC. Rededication of downtown information center. Permanent homeless center goes to City Council on Sept. 14. Common Ground doing a homeless intake in September. Mobile bathrooms coming to downtown.
- B. Steve Hon. Car show behind North Park Theatre and walking tours, Sept. 11.
- C. Don Leichtling. North Park Residential Improvement District petition coming.
- D. Kitty Callen. Teachers Training Annex 100-year celebration, and Taste of University Heights, Sept. 12.

X. Elected Official Reports

Anthony Bernal, Hon. Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3. Montclair Park ribbon cutting, 8/12; park suffered graffiti next day. Reform before revenue, Gloria voted to put measure on

November ballot. AIDS Walk, Sept. 26. Thanks to NPPC subcommittee for work on utility box white paper.

XI. Liaisons Reports

- A.** Alcohol and Entertainment Working Group/Granowitz. Three representatives from Walgreens looking for support to sell alcohol.
- B.** Balboa Park Committee/Steppke. Walk for Diabetes wanted to expand but would have required closing intersection so board found different path for them. Provider wants to install 26 cell towers and pay general fund; asked for money to be earmarked to Balboa Park.
- C.** Maintenance Assessment District/Morrison/Steppke. Did not meet.
- D.** North Park Main Street/Studebaker. Redesign of website with North Park profile online. Taste of North Park Oct. 2. with 40 restaurants. Board elections soon; applications due Aug. 31. Working with California Air Resources Board on energy makeover day for late October.
- E.** North Park Parking Management Working Group/Vidales. No update.
- F.** Project Area Committee/O'Boyle. North Park Community Partners seeking redevelopment money for house. NPCA wants to install cameras at the North Park Community Park.

XII. Action Items

- A. Utility Box White Paper, Dye.** Boxes are being installed in neighborhoods outside North Park, bringing issues of design, location, public right of way, installation and lack of public notice. Subcommittee met with Cox, SDG&E and AT&T. All three have policies that they won't underground boxes due to maintenance issues, effects of oil and water, safety for staff and cost. Subcommittee seeking feedback on next steps, including asking City Council to place a moratorium on new installations pending creation of minimum standards. Community concerns: costs passed on to customers, support for undergrounding, questions about ratios in report, testimony from Talmadge resident that result is appalling, obstacle course was created by boxes not lined up, some boxes create pedestrian hazard, graffiti issues and reduction in property values. Answer Inc. owner complained about box installed in front of his business. Kensington residents were in attendance to show support for standards. Committee concerns: get the word out and write/call City Council members, possibility for grants to remove boxes from Right of Way onto property, installations in handicapped parking zones, example of 80-year-old undergrounded boxes in Kensington, a national issue: stopthebox.com, franchise agreements and their review schedule, and differences in potential policies.

MOTION: The North Park Planning Committee requests the following: that Councilmember Gloria meet with North Park task force and other concerned Mid-City communities; that Councilmember Gloria place the issue on a future Land Use and Housing Committee agenda; and that it be agendized at Community Plan Update cluster meetings, at CPC and at HRB. (Dye/O'Boyle) (8-2-2) (Barry and Elliott abstained due to disagreement with the motion)

- B. Texas Street Pedestrian Lighting, Steppke.** The city changed a policy about the ability to put acorn lighting on Texas Street and is now requiring cobra lighting. Lights are part of pedestrian improvements in Quarry Falls mitigation work. No public comment. **MOTION: 1. Whereas the mitigation measures outlined in the Quarry Falls Project MMRP requires providing pedestrian lighting on Texas Street; 2. Whereas single acorn lights are ordinarily specified for pedestrian lighting, Cobra lights are ordinarily specified for roadway projects and the lighting to be placed on Texas Street is only for pedestrians; 3. Whereas the earliest accord lights in the North Park community are from the 1920s, allowances should be made to incorporate lighting consistent with that existing in the neighborhood, and compatible with the historic nature of the North Park community; 4. Whereas there is city precedent for matching new architectural elements to existing historic resources that do not meet current regulation (whether or not they are in a historic district); 5. Whereas there is consensus**

between developer and community on selecting the single acorn light and there was also consensus with city staff for several months after holding several meetings, the North Park Planning Committee requests that the mayor reject this last-minute decision to deny single acorn lights for the Texas Street pedestrian improvement project and to direct Development Services to approve the Sudberry/NPPC agreed-upon proposal. Carlson/Elliott. (12-0-0).

XIII. Information Item

Update on Jefferson Elementary, David Grant, Tony Raso. RFP bid is out. Board will vote on contract to award Oct. 12. Added frontage improvements, including new pavement and right of way. New landscaping on Utah Street. Five new parking places on 28th Street, which the city has promised to install in 60-90 days. Construction expected to start in October. Will use North Park-style grates. Joint-use space will be available to public after project is finished, likely October 2011. Goes to City Council in September.

XIV. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Urban Design/Project Review**, Barry/Dye. NP Adult Community Center, 6 p.m. 1st Monday. Next meeting: Aug. 30, 2010. Discussed Jack in the Box at Upas & 30th, wants 24-hour restaurant. Design on mixed-use project at 30th and North Park Way.
- B. Public Facilities/Public Art**, Carlson/Vidales. NPMS, 3076 Univ. Ave, 6:30 pm, 2ND Wednesday. Next meeting: Sept. 8, 2010. SANDAG gave presentation. Texas Street lighting issues. Started documentation of types of existing streetlights; e-mail pictures to Carlson.
- C. Utility Boxes**, Barry/Dye. See above.

XV. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items: In September, Mid-City Rapid Bus, Pershing/Redwood, CalTrans repairs to Laurel Street bridge over I-163.

Next Meeting Date: September 21, 2010

MOTION: To adjourn. Carlson/Vidales. 11-0-0.