



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES: November 16, 2010
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2901 NORTH PARK WAY, 2ND FLOOR
Mailing address: 3939 ARIZONA ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92104

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

II. Members in attendance (14): Robert Barry, 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, Rene Vidales.

III. Report on NPPC Board Attendance: Steve Chipp has resigned. His position will be filled at the regular election in March.

IV. Addition of urgent non-agenda items. MOTION: Add Bodhi Animal hospital item to agenda. Granowitz/Carlson (14-0-0).

V. Modifications to & Adoption of the 11/16/10 Agenda. MOTION: Adopt the amended agenda. Vidales/Carlson (14-0-0).

VI. Chair's Report/CPC

VII. Approval of Previous Minutes: 10/19/10. MOTION: To approve. O'Boyle/Dye (12-0-2; Chipp abstained)

VIII. Treasurer's Report. Chipp reports \$566.22 in the bank account as of 10/31/10.

IX. Announcements

The North Park Toyland Parade will be Dec. 4.

X. Elected Official Reports

A. Katherine Fortner, Hon. Susan Davis/US Congressional District 53. In lame duck session.

B. Anthony Bernal, Hon. Todd Gloria/City Councilmember District 3. City Council approved equal benefits ordinance and small business ordinance (requires stores over 90,000 square feet to provide economic impact report).

XI. Planner's Report/Marlon Pangilinan.

There will be no more advisory committee meetings for the Community Plan Update in 2010. Will restart in January 2011.

XII. Liaisons Reports

A. Alcohol and Entertainment Working Group/Granowitz. Did not attend last meeting.

B. Balboa Park Committee/Steppke. Did not attend last meeting.

- C. Maintenance Assessment District/Morrison. Met on 11/8 to discuss tree trimming and set schedule.
- D. North Park Main Street/Studebaker. Working to increase assessments and planning Toyland Parade.
- E. North Park Parking Management Working Group/Vidales. No update.
- F. Project Area Committee/O'Boyle. Agreed to have a consultant advise the redevelopment area on public art. The contract was issued at up to \$50,000.

XIII. Non Agenda Public Comment

- A. Joyce Summers/CCDC. Winter homeless shelter is on Newton Ave. Westfield wants to rehabilitate park at Horton Plaza by destroying old Robinsons-May building. Westfield will maintain the space and hold events there.
- B. Christian Chaffee. Wants to bring historic streetcars back to Uptown and connect them to Downtown. For more: sandieghistoricstreetcars.org.
- C. Don Leichtling. If Alcohol and Entertainment Working Group gives a report at NPPC meetings, all North Park committees should be on the NPPC agenda.

XIV. Consent Agenda

Bodhi Animal Hospital, 2200 University Avenue. Applicant Chris Chandler asked for a facade design change and a request for a variance of the required 6-foot setback to a 4-foot setback for the construction of a solar carport shade overhang. UD/PR subcommittee approved at 11/1/10 meeting. MOTION: To approve. Carlson (14-0-0).

XV. Action Items

Bluefoot Bar & Lounge, Project #221723, Type 48 ABC License, Applicant Adam Cook, Process 2 Neighborhood Use Permit (NUP) & ABC License modifications &/or removals.

A. Request to amend the NUP:

- Condition No. 12, request hours of operation to be extended until 2 a.m. Sunday-Thursday
- Condition No 22, request extension of sidewalk café hours until 12 a.m. midnight Sunday-Thursday
- Condition No 20, request creation of permanent NUP with no further expiration dates.

B. ABC License Condition Modification Request/Conditional Removal Request:

- Condition 4 modification would allow “Sales, service and consumption of alcohol beverages in the patio area of the premises to be permitted between 8 a.m. and 12 a.m. each day of the week.”
- Condition 8 Removal would allow sales, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages anytime between 6 a.m. and 2 a.m. each day of the week.

Pangilinan explained that this is a discretionary permit processed by city staff, and he explained NUP requirements. Leo Wilson, chair of CPC and Uptown Planners, spoke to NPPC about legalities and timing impacts involved in the committee’s decision. Granowitz read the motion passed in January 2008, said NPPC is indemnified, and reiterated if NPPC does not make a recommendation the city can move forward without it and suggested if the NPPC does not want to make a recommendation it could make a motion that shows the direction it wants the item to go based on community goals and needs.

Each side was given 15 minutes for presentation. Adam Cook and Cuong Nguyen, Bluefoot owners, gave a presentation in support of the NUP amendment and license modifications. Dana Hosseini, who lives near Bluefoot, gave a presentation against the changes. Questions from board included: How many meetings have there been between the bar and neighbors? (neighbors said none; owners disputed) Was litter control plan implemented? (owners said they extended it beyond what they’re required to do. Are any adjacent businesses present? (several indicated support; one was against) Why do you need to stay open until 2 a.m.? (owners said they are the only bar in NP required to close at midnight five nights a week) Can police calls affect a liquor

license? (Officer Surrillo said yes) How do police handle noise complaints? (Surrillo said calls are prioritized for response) Why have there been no administrative citations? (Surrillo said there are too many variables involved – staffing, timing, etc). Why has the bar's noise patrol effort been more effective in the last month? (owners said walking the area wasn't as effective so they stationed people instead) Asked owners: Do you feel you could be more effective? (owners said they have three guards on weekends and one during the week because no patrol is required on weekdays) Can you increase litter pick-up? (owners said current effort is effective but if there were a need they would try to) Would it be good enough to add Thursday 2 a.m.? (owners said they are open to options) Asked Surrillo: Does Bluefoot stand out as "bad"? (Surrillo said they don't support the requested changes but that this isn't a bar that has narcotics, gangs or other issues) When was previously confirmed use abandoned? (1987) What time do adjacent restaurants close? (midnight)

- 39 people registered support but declined the opportunity to speak
- 17 spoke in support
- 8 spoke in opposition

MOTION: To deny requests to amend condition 12 (request hours of operation to be extended until 2 a.m. Sunday-Thursday), deny condition 22 (request extension of sidewalk café hours until midnight Sunday-Thursday) and deny condition 20 (request creation of permanent NUP) and instead recommend a five-year NUP. Granowitz/Callen (10-4-0 Steppke, Morrison, Scannell, Elliott).

MOTION: To deny the proposed condition #4 modification request and proposed condition removal #8. Steppke/Barry (10-1-3 Scannell).

Abstainers:

Studebaker (not sure it is appropriate action for NPPC)

Chipp (agrees with Studebaker on conflict)

O'Boyle (agrees with Studebaker on conflict)

MOTION: To further restrict hours on Friday and Saturday till 12 a.m. in accordance with other businesses in the neighborhood. Cohen/Morrison. 4-9-1 (Granowitz abstained as undecided)

XVI. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Urban Design/Project Review, Barry/Dye, NP Adult Community Center, 6:00 p.m. 1st Monday. Next meeting: 1/11.
- B. Public Facilities/Public Art, Carlson/Vidales, NPMS, 3076 Univ. Ave, 6:30 p.m. Second Wed in Jan.
- C. Utility Boxes, Barry/Dye. Next meeting TBD.

XVII. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items

NPPC does not meet in December.

XVIII. Next Meeting Date: January 18, 2011.

XIX. MOTION: To adjourn. (Steppke/Carlson 14-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.