



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
Draft Minutes: July 19, 2011 – 6:30 PM
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2901 NORTH PARK WAY, 2ND FLOOR

I. Called to order: 6:34 p.m.

II. Members in attendance (14): Robert Barry, Dionne Carlson (7:11), David Cohen, Cheryl Dye, Vicki Granowitz, Roger Lewis, Carl Moczydlowsky, Lucky Morrison, Dang Nguyen, Judi O’Boyle, Brandon Hilpert, Liz Studebaker (left at 9:00), Peter Hill, Rene Vidales. Absent – Christy Scannell

III. Modifications to & Adoption of the 7/19/11 Agenda. MOTION: To adopt agenda. Cohen/Lewis. (13-0-0)

IV. Chair’s Report/CPC

1. Dryden Historic District Approved at HRB – 3rd historic district within North Park. Thanks to the historical society. Original two districts were formed by the city, first community driven district.
2. Meeting with SDPD Mid City Capitan & Acting Captain – Chair met with Cpt McKinney (will be gone for 5 weeks), Acting Cpt Lt Todd Jarvis, Lt Hoffman – Mid City has more resources than Western. McKinney has history of committed to community policing. He was apologetic to not knowing all the community issues. It was acknowledged that there are issues related to entertainment industry, and made it clear there are mostly good bar owners, a few not as responsible. High crime rate in North Park is mostly due to enforcement.
3. Checking account still needs to be updated
4. North Park Clean and Safe Failed, detailed report to come
5. Mid-City Rapid Bus Council Action – Anthony Bernal to address
6. CPC Report
 - a. DSD Kelly Broughton – Working slowly and carefully to integrating planning to development services but keeping them separate.
 - b. NPPC & Uptown Planner’s Demo Letter Approved at CPC

V. Approval of Previous Minutes: May 17, 2011. MOTION: To approve with modifications. Dye/Barry. (11-0-1, Vidales abstaining for non-attendance)

VI. Treasurer’s Report. Cohen said the account balance is \$609.22, same balance as last month, signature card needs to be changed

VII. Planner’s Report - Marlon Pangilinan. Analysis of Parks and Recreation element in August.

VIII. Announcements & Non Agenda Public Comment

1. **Steve Hon** – Follow up to the Dryden District, Bryans added as a master builder. September 10th is the 2nd historical car show. Approval by the PAC for free parking in the garage. 50 cars is the goal. Facilities provided, free attendance.
2. **Liz Studebaker** – the new new NPMS director Angela Landsberg has been hired. She grew up in North Park and has worked for Chris Kehoe.

IX. Elected Official Reports

- 1) **Katherine Fortner, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53:** Free grant writing workshop hosted by HUD Tuesday July 26th. Hosting a Medicare forum on Friday. Focus on foreign policy and impacts/positions on recent votes.
- 2) **Lindsey Masukawa** - absent
- 3) **Anthony Bernal, Hon. Todd Gloria, Councilmember District 3.** July is a new fiscal year for Council, Gloria reinstated Fire budget so there will be brown outs, restore Parks and Rec and Library hours. Community gardens are now easier to be installed due to no requirement of water meter, and fencing is at discretion of the community. Council approved \$50 million dollars in street overlays in District 3 – boundary in a couple weeks. Mid-City Rapid Bus Council Action angle parking was approved (Demaio & Faulkner). The MOU passed 7-1 for Plaza de Panama in Balboa Park (Lightner voting against). Redevelopment “ransom” will be paid to the state to keep redevelopment agency. Georgia Street Bridge accepted \$900,000 money for alternative designs to restore the façade. Sides vs. top of the bridge on historic status still in debate but the sides are included.

X. Consent Agenda – no items this month.

XI. Action Items

- 1) **NPPC Election to Fill one Board Vacancy** - Per NPPC Bylaws this seat will be filled by a vote of the Board – Rick Pyles, only candidate – Pyles elected 13 votes in favor 1 against and elected to the board, seated in August.
- 2) **Park & Recreation Needs Assessment Survey, Howard Greenstein, City of San Diego & Josh Williams, BW Research Partnership** – The City of San Diego partnered with BW Research to conduct a parks and recreation needs assessment of the Greater Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown community planning areas. The main research objectives of the study were to understand residents in each of the three community planning areas as follows: 1) Overall parks and recreation usage; 2) Priorities as they relate to current and potential parks and recreation facilities; 3) Attitudes and opinions regarding parks and recreation preferences.
Visitation is high: Within the past 12 months, close to nine out of ten residents in each community planning area lived in a household that had visited a park or outdoor recreational area in their neighborhood. Overall satisfaction with neighborhood parks and outdoor recreational areas was high, exceeding or at the 84 percent level in each of the three communities. Residents in Greater Golden Hill and Uptown rated the improvement and enhancement of existing parks and recreation facilities as the most important. North Park residents placed a comparable level of overall importance on expanding and improving the trails, paths, and walkways.
Community & Board comments:
 - Was use of the top of the parking garage considered? - No.
 - Were skate parks mentioned? –Yes, respondents placed the priority level in the bottom tier.
 - Moczydlowsky – If the purpose was to guide the planning process for the community plan update the Board would like input into the questions in the future.
 - O’Boyle - How was open space addressed? – A few questions on open space but the survey was targeted towards developed parks. Interest in trails was high.
 - Lewis – wondering what the outreach was to younger generations? - Cost to call cell phones was limiting factor, lower acceptance rates with mobile phones.
 - Carlson – How was the survey notified? -made announcements but did not notice the planning community groups specifically.
 - Dye – new amenities – hard to get a clean read on theoretical new facilities. Regional vs community question can have the same contextual bias. Soccer facility – how is it being used?

- Hilpert – no crime related questions?
 - Barry – north or south of Juniper, parts of south of Juniper of North Park. Specific issues to the communities were not captured.
 - Vidales – question number 7 with neighbor 1 and neighbor 2 pushes for equivalencies – if you understand the \$, shouldn't be considered.
 - Granowitz – Balboa Park is well used. West Mesa is packed. #7 is Potentially disingenuous. Expedient but not the correct thing – Only one tool, wanted a different perspective.
- 3) **Sustainable North Park Main Street, Stephen Russell, Platt/Whitlaw Architects** – Goal is for North Park to have the first sustainable Main Street in the U.S. – how do we take a historic business district and show leadership to a sustainable community? Want to house a sustainable resource to implement a program. Started with volunteers by bringing graduates from the New School of Architecture to create a team of 6 that surveyed North Park for opportunities. Resulted in case studies on typical structures (specific properties that were representative). Presenting at Art Produce (Herman and University) at upcoming on August 18 Ray at Night. Grant from SHPO to pursue the project framework based process - not a project. Enhance the environment in numerous small interventions. Environmental protection and historic preservation is the main goal but NPMS wants to recruit and brand NP as a destination for sustainable businesses. Streetcar would be a nice addition.
 - 4) **Backyard Chickens (Hens) and the Mini Code, Kaya de Barbaro** - current code allows 50 feet of space from neighboring homes allows up to 25 chickens, doesn't work for most homes in the city. Looking to create an exemption for 20 feet of space between neighbors and 5 chickens (hens, no roosters). Many cities in California allow backyard chickens – all allow hens.
 - Barry – process requesting is creating a parallel process through the exemption rather than going after the code. Puts the onus on City Code Enforcement, which has very limited staff to provide enforcement.
 - Carlson – does this address the manure issue? - 5 chickens creates as much waste as a medium size dog, thus not an issue.
 - 5) **South Park Business Group, Matt Thomas & Howard Blackson** - Presenting South Park Business Group has a subcommittee to the Greater Golden Hill Community Plan Update. Community presentation on community plan update advisory committee. Committee has addressed many issues including granny flats and garden spaces that may be advantageous for North Park to utilize.
 - 6) **City Council District Redistricting Proposed Maps** - Final draft redistricting map is released. Stephen Whitburn indicated this is very close to being the final map. Major concern with being included with downtown. Major loss of diversity in District 3. Hill – 144K people. 68% non-Hispanic white. Shift of population densities required downtown. Downtown population is young and progressive despite power bases. Golden Hill is trending younger and more towards North Park demographics. City Heights was included in the Latino empowerment district.
 - 7) **Balboa Park Plaza de Panama, Circulation and Parking Structure Update** - Report City Council Action on MOU July 19 meeting. Vote to approve the MOU was 7-1, Sherri Lightner was the only no vote. SOHO will file suit tomorrow. The legal guidance from the City was based on a lower court hearing. The Supreme Court of California has a higher ruling that most likely applies and can be the bases for a successful lawsuit.

XII. Subcommittee Reports

- 1) **Urban Design/Project Review, Barry/Dye.** NP Adult Community Center, 6 p.m., 1st Monday. Next meeting: 8/1/11. No meeting, CUP for an alcohol license for Fat Boys, Wireless Facilities on next meeting.

- 2) **Public Facilities/Public Art**, Carlson/Vidales. NP Adult Community Center, 6 p.m., 2ND Wednesday. Next meeting 8/10/11. Next agenda - Intersection of University and 32 for a traffic light modification, no vote. Continue to address Plaza de Panama.
- 3) **Utility Boxes**, Dye/Barry. Nothing to report.

XIV. Liaisons Reports

- 1) **Balboa Park – Rob Steppke** – no meeting
- 2) **Project Area Committee/O’Boyle**. Possible increase funding and scope changes to the Woolworth building. Funded an additional \$100K for sidewalk improvements – did not allow change of scope with sustainability.
- 3) **Maintenance Assessment District/Morrison** – No Meeting
- 4) **North Park Parking Management Working Group/Lewis**. No Report
- 5) **Mini Park & Streetscape** – No Report

XV. NPPC Board Member Reports

- 1) **Alcohol and Entertainment/Morrison**: Email from the Clada on moving forward. No decision on the Urban Pizza hearing. North Park 76 has applied for a type 20. North Park action team will have a meeting with Lt. Jarvis. DUI checkpoint on the 16th – 16 DUIs/arrests.
- 2) **OLP Council Reconsideration/Carlson**. Removed aluminum windows and replaced with period style windows.
- 3) **North Park Main Street/Cohen** – New Executive Director, Sustainable Main Street (see above), NP Clean and Safe failed. More voted for than against but weighted average caused the failure, residents voted for it but two property large commercial owners caused failure. Taste of North Park was October 8th.
- 4) **Jack in the Box** - Applicant have not resubmitted to DSD,

XVI. Unfinished & Future Agenda Items

- A. UAMP – Mobility Plan for next agenda

XVII. Next Meeting Date: August 16, 2011

XVIII. MOTION: To adjourn. Carlson/Vidales. (13-0-0) Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Submitted by: Carl Moczydlowsky