



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
Draft Minutes: December 14, 2011 – 6:00 PM
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2901 NORTH PARK WAY, 2ND FLOOR

I. Called to order: 6:26 p.m.

II. Members in attendance (13): Robert Barry, Rene Vidales , Dionne Carlson, Cheryl Dye, Vicki Granowitz, Carl Moczydlowsky, Lucky Morrison, Dang Nguyen, Brandon Hilpert, , Rick Pyles, Christy Scannell, David Cohen, Roger Lewis, Judi O’Boyle (absent), Peter Hill (absent).

III. Modifications to & Adoption of the 12/14/11 Agenda. MOTION: To adopt agenda. Carlson/Nguyen. (13-0-0)

VI. Announcements & Non Agenda Public Comment

- **Tonight’s special meeting** - Granowitz: Chair to run meeting but not vote due to Parks and Recreation Committee perceived conflict of interest.
- **Glenn’s Market Neon Art Deco Sign** - Robert Barry: sign will be moved to new location from old location. Would like letter of support to the City for permit purposes.
- **Wings of Controversy** – Rene Vidales: Sunday’s San Diego Union Tribune has an article entitled “Wings of Controversy” about Port of San Diego and public comment and input issues.

V. Action Items

1. Plaza de Panama, Circulation & Parking Structure Proposed Amendments to Balboa Park’s Master Plan, Robert Barry, Chair Urban Design Project Review, & Rene Vidales

- **BPMP.1** – Modify to include: “Elimination of central plaza drop off location inhibits ADA access.”
- **BPMP.2** – Modify to include: “reducing the spaces in the parking garage eliminates the ability to recover the Palisades parking.”
 - *Bruce Coons*: 74 should be 54
- **BPMP.3** – Reduction of parking is inconsistent with design objective.
- **BPMP.4** – Modify to include:
 - “Amendment removes flexibility to manage traffic as well as eliminating dedicated lane for bicycles, pedestrians, and shuttle traffic. Eliminates nine years of public input. Prioritizes vehicular traffic over other transportation alternatives and cements vehicular traffic in the park.”

- Move sentence 4 to the beginning of the comment.
- As the major focus for entry into the parking structure is predicated upon the bypass road, closure of the bridge may be rendered impossible for various reasons including emergency planning issues. Parking structures of the size proposed require two ingress and egress points.
- **BPMP.5** – Change “one individual” to “private entity”. Add comments to the cover letter regarding the President’s Way strikethrough.
- **BPMP.6** – Modify to include:
 - This addition is represents complete overhaul of the intention of the Master Plan and in direct conflict with the objectives of the Master Plan. This change should require a comprehensive plan update and not an amendment.
 - Move sentence 4 to the beginning of the comments
 - *Kitty Callen*: projected figures from the convention center are suspect too.
 - *Bruce Coons*: comprehensive plan update process should be undertaken.

MOTION: Adopt the comments to the BPMP with the changes discussed above by the committee at large. Vidales/Pyles – 11-1 (Cohen) -1 (Granowitz)

2. Plaza de Panama, Circulation & Parking Structure Proposed Amendments to Balboa Park’s Central Mesa Precise Plan, Robert Barry, Chair Urban Design Project Review, & Rene Vidales

- **BPCMPP.1** – No changes
- **BPCMPP.2** – Modify to include:
 - Change “will not meet” to “decreases the likelihood of meeting” regarding the projected demand.
 - Strike “in the central mesa”.
 - *Bruce Coons* – precludes the ability to remove the parking from the Palisades and return it to a pedestrian area.
- **BPCMPP.3** – Add the language from BPMP.1 and BPMP.4 above.
- **BPCMPP.4** – Modify to include:
 - Change accessible to oriented in sentence 1 and 2.
 - Change explained to expanded.

- Remove sentences 3 and 4 and replace with: “Through traffic has always been accommodated through the Plaza de Panama.”
- **BPCMPP.5** – Modify to include:
 - “Land use table does not accurately reflect all the land use changes associated.”
 - *Bruce Coons* – adding land doesn’t include actual changes in the precise plan.
- **BPCMPP.6** – Move further before the quotes.
- **BPCMPP.7** – Modify to include:
 - Change “scene” to “seen”.
 - Move sentence #2 to the beginning and change “needs” to “projected demands”.
- **BPCMPP.8** – Modify to include:
 - Change “takes off” to “limits”.
 - New first sentence: “The proposed changes do not comply with the objective of simplifying traffic through the park because it changes the traffic burden to the bypass rather than eliminating the traffic.”
 - Village Place is outside of the project area and should only be address as part of a full plan update.
- **BPCMPP.9** – Revise to: “The proposed recommendations are in conflict with the stated objective. The North Park Planning Committee does not endorse, implied or otherwise, adding any increased parking in the Central Mesa.”
- **BPCMPP.10** – Modify to include:
 - Remove comment except for last sentence.
 - Add “The proposed recommendations are in conflict with the stated objective. The North Park Planning Committee does not endorse, implied or otherwise, adding any increased parking in the Central Mesa.”
 - Change “one individual” to “private entity”.
- **BPCMPP.11** – Revise to: “The proposed amendment deviates from the historical plant palate without appropriate public comment and oversight.”
 - *Bruce Coons* – idea is to allow a separate plant palette.
- **BPCMPP.12** – Revise to: “The proposed amendment deviates from the historical plant

palate without appropriate public comment and oversight.”

- **BPCMPP.13** – Revise to: “This portion of the amendment is beneficial to Balboa park and is supported by NPPC.”
- **BPCMPP.14** – Modify to include:
 - Additional wordsmithing.
 - The tram stop should not be removed.
Bruce Coons – note that the intent is to strike the tram stop.
- **BPCMPP.15** – Modify to include:
 - “The change to the design objective is significant and conflicts with the pedestrian oriented goals of the master plan while changes it to a pedestrian only orientation.”
 - The last sentence needs to be incorporated into the previous sentence (semi-colon?)
- **BPCMPP.16** – Revise to: “Elimination of the vehicular circulation through the plaza is a significant design objective conflicts with the pedestrian oriented goals of the master plan by changing it to a pedestrian only orientation.”
- **BPCMPP.17** – Modify to include:
 - “Elimination of the vehicular circulation through the plaza is a significant design objective conflicts with the pedestrian oriented goals of the master plan by changing it to a pedestrian only orientation.”
 - Add support for the last bullet addition.
 - Leave existing comments.
- **BPCMPP.18** – Revise to: “Adding additional water features is inconsistent with City water policy and water conservation objectives in the General Plan.” Add specificity to cover letter.
- **BPCMPP.19** – Modify to include:
 - The proposed changes to the recommendations conflict with the design objective to restore pedestrian access and allow for vehicle circulation because the separation of vehicles and pedestrians is being removed in the 8th bullet.
 - The proposed amendment deviates from the historical plant palate without appropriate public comment and oversight.

- **BPCMPP.20** – reword
- **BPCMPP.21** – Modify to include:
 - The addition of these design objectives is in direct conflict with the objectives of the Master Plan and the Precise Plan. This change should require a comprehensive plan update.
 - End sentence 2 after “manage traffic”, strike the rest of the sentence.
- **BPCMPP.22** – combine with 21.
- **BPCMPP.23** – Ignore – don’t comment.
- **BPCMPP.24** – Modify to include:
 - The change to the design objective is significant and conflicts with the pedestrian oriented goals of the master plan while changes it to a pedestrian only orientation.
 - Leave remainder of comment.
- **BPCMPP.25** – Modify to include:
 - **Make comment consistent with BPMP comment on design competition.**
 - The addition of the Elevation bullet #6 is inconsistent with the existing language of the Precise Plan with respect to matching grades. Existing grade needs to be specifically defined.
 - The visitor information kiosks and restroom facilities proposed are in fact buildings and should be defined as such. Changes to the land use acreage table should be defined within the context of these recommendations.
- **BPCMPP.26** – Modify to include:
 - Conversion of the Pan American Road East into a promenade is a significant and substantial change that should be addressed in a Comprehensive Plan Update and not in a Plan Amendment.
 - In addition, changes are inconsistent with the historic objectives.
 - Leave the last sentence (wordsmith).

MOTION: Adopt the comments to the BPCMPP with the changes discussed above by the committee at large. Vidales/Pyles – 11-1 (Cohen) -1 (Granowitz)

3. Plaza de Panama, Circulation & Parking Structure Proposed Amendments to Balboa Park's Central Mesa Precise Plan – Cover Letter to Mayor Sanders, Cheryl Dye Vice Chair Urban Design Project Review

- Comments:
 - Split letter into 2 documents – first page plus “In-closing and below [page 7 and after]”.
 - Further concerns should be included as numerated attachments. Language should be simplified as appropriate.
 - Include language about preferred project instead of overall park plan.
 - Add language regarding precludes future flexibility of transportation alternatives.

MOTION: To approve cover letter subject to the following revisions: 1) create summary cover letter 2) inset balance of language into an attachment 3) revise to make more concise 4) insure consistency with plan amendment comments. Dye/Carlson – 11-1 (Cohen) -1 (Granowitz)

XVI. Next Meeting Date: January 17, 2012

XVIII. MOTION: To adjourn. Vidales/Ngyuen 13-0-0 Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Submitted by: Carl Moczydlowsky