





**NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Draft Minutes: July 17, 2012– 6:30 PM**

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- I. **Call to order:** 6:32pm
- II. **Members in Attendance (11):** Rene Vidales, Cheryl Dye, Vicki Granowitz, Lucky Morrison, Brandon Hilpert, Peter Hill, Rick Pyles, Dionne Carlson, Robert Barry, Roger Lewis, Steven Williamson.  
**Absent (4):** Carl Moczydlowsky, David Cohen, Dang Nguyen, Omar Passons
- III. **Modifications to and Adoption of the 7/17/12 Agenda.**
  - Addition of Jack in the Box to action items (New V. e.)  
Motion to adopt: Vidales/Carlson 11/0/0
- IV. **Minutes of June:**
  - Change date from June 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Motion to approve June minutes Lewis/Pyles 11-0-0
- V. **Chair's Report/CPC**
  - Mayor's office discussed Civic San Diego (successor to redevelopment agency). Received support from many of the planning committees north of I-8.
  - Plan to add a power plan in open space. SDG&E plans to add peaker stations in various open spaces throughout the City.
  - July agenda, James Nagelvoort, Ass Director City Engineer Public Works Dept, will be at the CPC in July to discuss CIP process.
  - CPC is looking to set up a mayoral debate – of all debates held to date; none have discussed land use issues.
  - Jenny Hall, SDPD, Granowitz & Morrison to meet with Hall 7/25 to clarify crime trends & discuss issues with social cycles (bikes with 12+ people) being loaded/unloaded in residential areas
  - Residents/NPCA working on setting up a North Park Stonewall citizen's patrol. Main Street is in the process of creating a bike patrol for the BID (Is this effort coordinated with the SDPD bike patrol?). NP needs to be more proactive, but coordinate efforts to get maximum "bang for the buck."
  - Morrison works closely with the SDPD/Jenny Hall & is involved Stonewall Citizens Patrol...chair has asked him to provide us with a monthly update
  - State of CA has rescinded part of the open government rules (Brown Act), NPPC has not be notified how that may impact our group, but the City's guidelines still request we comply with the Brown Act.
  - Bylaw ad hoc committee being set up. Currently interested volunteers for committee: David Cohen, Robert Barry, Lucky Morrison, Dang Nguyen, Vicki Granowitz and Rene Vidales. Granowitz will Chair.

**Public Comments:**

- Michelle Krugg resident of Paradise Hills/Skyline discussed changes to Brown Act, working on Fiesta del Sol, a great outdoor festival Aug. 11-12, 11am to 7pm at Caesar Chavez Park and to support Ms Foster (speaking next).

- Marne Foster introduced herself as a candidate for the SD Unified School Board representing District E this November. Parent of 4 children, 2 of which still in the SDUSD.
- Steve Hon announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Historical Car Show Sept. 8 10am-2pm in parking lot in front of Balboa Tennis Club. Anyone interested in submitting a historic car can enter on their web site.
- Dionne Carlson public meeting regarding housing element update, Thursday July 26, 5-7pm 404 Euclid, 92114.
- Mini park GDP to be heard at P&R Board 7/19/12
- University Avenue Mobility Plan Draft EIR – meeting Thursday, 7/19 at Queen Bee.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Nights Out potluck -August 7, starting @5:30 Bird Park 28th & Morley Field
- C3 joint meeting with sustainable communities' breakfast meeting July 26<sup>th</sup> at 8am.
- North Park Main Street: Bike corral installed in next 20 days in front of Linkery holding up to 18 bikes. Courtesy patrol started a 2 month pilot program, funded by business partners (trial August and September). Introduced new assistant director, Kevin Clark.

#### VI. **Treasure's Report**

- None

#### VII. **Planner's Report** - Marlon Pangilinan, 619.235.5293; [mpangilinan@sandiego.gov](mailto:mpangilinan@sandiego.gov)

- None. Marlon is at special Uptown Planners meeting on their CPU Land Use map.

#### VIII. **Elected Official's Report**

- Katherine Fortner, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53: No report
- Lindsey Masukawa, Hon. Toni Atkins, State Assembly District 76: No report
- Anthony Bernal, Hon. Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3:

Budget passed on time, with some services restored due to the budget surplus (i.e. size of police and fire academy, graffiti team, rec center hours and library hours). Councilmember Gloria voted in favor of the Plaza de Panama project. Parking revenue utilization of reserves—looking at ways to address parking within D3 with the available budget.

#### IX. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Urban Design/Project Review:** no meeting last week. Next meeting Aug 6
- **Public Facilities/Art:** no meeting this month, being replaced by the special UAMP meeting. Some items coming up: traffic calming on Upas Street, lots of sewer and infrastructure plans coming up. Next meeting Aug 8
- **Utility Boxes:** Land use and housing heard the item last month regarding the formation of a task force. The utilities stated they wouldn't be willing to participate, but they suggested a workshop. City is already looking at revisiting the process, which the utilities said, "needs to happen". July 24th, there's a 1 hour workshop at the CPC meeting. Working on minimizing the negative impacts, public input, design and placement and graffiti removal/maintenance. LU&H committee consultant is more encouraged and involved, so we may get some more traction from Councilmember Zapf Chair LU&H.

#### X. **Liaisons Report**

- **Balboa Park Committee:** No meeting
- **MAD:** no meeting, next meeting 8/13
- **NPMS Sustainability:** waiting for news on a grant submitted to the office of historic preservation. Grant to take the document to the next level. Rene got certified for rating infrastructure projects (equivalent of LEED but for infrastructure).

#### XI. **Action Items**

##### • **NP Mini Park Streetscape**

Todd Schmidt, Project Manager & 'Mukul Malhotre, MIG Consultant presented the mini-park streetscape Master Plan. Seventeen community meetings, over 120 individuals, business owners etc. have been involved. Project broken out into short-term and longer term plans

based upon budget. Short term: no removal of parking spots. But long-term (only if the park is expanded), there would be a loss of 8 spots along 29th Street between alley and University on east side, and 13 parking spots along North Park Way (on north side). If restriping along Utah happens, an additional 3 spaces lost on the West side, and gain one on the East. (see Master Plan page 21)

**Board Comments:**

Concerns Regarding: funding not currently being identified, timing once funding is allocated, funding for maintenance (Deficit of \$950k). Special park fees (1.25 million; 125k has been spent) rest of funds is technically available once maintenance is identified but until maintenance money is identified, they can't start the project. Could we potentially take some of that money to create a maintenance endowment fund? \$950k is still needed in addition. Recommend people contact CD3 to promote and encourage the project. Cost whole project is estimated at \$4.1 million. Without redevelopment money, they'd need about \$4 million. Streetscape funds could be used (Roger), without pulling in the maintenance clause and perhaps have the MAD cover the maintenance. What could we do with the funds that are available? Haven't broken out based upon the phases until they know what funding is available. Can we build on redevelopment money? We don't have a seat at Civic San Diego (redevelopment successor agency) but are hoping to; need to ensure that we don't "lose" the funding source (former NPPAC allocation). There are benches proposed in the park, but not in the public right of way. Streets closest to the park would be highest priority. Support the separate bike lanes. If we have to sacrifice a few parking spots, parking structure is next to it. Large numbers of community members attended meeting and gave input. Board expressed concern over funding issues but enthusiastic support for design.

**Motion: To adopt the plan as presented to the Streets Division: Lewis/Vidales**

**Motion passes 11-0-0**

- **Georgia Street Bridge**

Mark Giandoni - Project manager for the Georgia Street improvement project introduced project facts to date. Ione Stiegler, Architect consultant for Historic Resource Technical Report & recommendations. She reviewed issues with the structure, alternatives studied & how arrived at decision to do rehab/restoration according to Secretary of the Interior Standards.

To date the City has made significant efforts to address a functional and structural deficiency and address the historical nature of the project which was built in 1914. Preferred alternative is technically a reconstruction of the bridge. Some of the existing bridge will be removed, some rehabilitated; and the goal of the whole project will look exactly the same as the original while increasing structural integrity for earthquakes and current vehicle collision standards.

Three main goals: seismic retrofit/safety; address the functional/structural deficiencies that make the project inefficient (vertical clearance in arches on shoulder of roadway); bridge deck doesn't have structural integrity for current load/weights.

**Public Comments:**

Katherine Hon – Supports direction the project has taken, rehabilitation not a replacement. Noted rehab chosen due to federal and state funds, and wouldn't have to go through the some of the hurdles for a brand new project.

Dilour – property owner, would like to keep it historic; but didn't see anything addressing bike lanes, walkability, no median etc. (Has added a class 2 bike lane. The sidewalk to nowhere is going to be removed.)

Board Comments:

Questions: relating to pedestrian access, what improvements will be made for pedestrian and bike safety. (Sidewalk on south side of road will be slightly wider, but due to historical nature, can't make adjustments with the width of the roadway. Roadway will be lowered 2 ½ feet from current roadway, a little less than 2 from historic height where the trolley tracks were.); width of the sidewalk – estimated to be about 6' wide (standard is 5').

Confusion about the bike route, shouldn't implement a bike lane that would be isolated, since when it gets to the other UAMP area, it wouldn't be there. Continue the consistency of the UAMP, including car lane width. Bike line is the space between the curb and the nearest lane. 2' shoulder between lane and curb. There is a buffer under the bridge that will look like a sidewalk but it's designed to prevent vehicles from hitting the arches; Earthquake standards; it was designed to handle a 1000 year event, but they assume it was maybe a quarter of that; estimated to withstand about a 7.0 quake). What were the original materials (concrete with a troweled on coating that we can use modern materials to replicate). Public Facilities Chair requested technical traffic reports. Is there any way the lanes will be reassigned to coordinate with the UAMP project? (City is working together to make sure they mesh as well as possible.) When lower University is lowered, will we get to the historical rail and will it be removed (yes, but it will be removed and salvaged). Asked if the impressions in the walls were going to be added back, (yes they'll be retained and enhanced.) Consider adding some kind of signage. Regarding scope of project on the retaining walls, are all being retrofitted? (Two drivers on projects, seismic and rehabilitation project...for about 30 feet on each side of the bridge, they can bring into the project, outside of that, it will be hard to get the funding...outside of the 30' it's being covered by the lowering of the roadway)

How long will the project take, and will there be closure to University Avenue. (Project will be phased, total project will take about a year, there are not currently planned closures, but there will be traffic controlling.)

Board expressed appreciation & support that we're moving forward with the historical rehab/restoration and requested regular updates on project process.

**MOTION: To adopt to approve the Georgia Street Bridge and retrofit, as presented tonight, to return to the NPPC for further discussion of multi-modal issues, coordination with UAMP, and have the principals of the design team return: Lewis/Barry Motion passes 11-0-0**

- **North Park Community Plan Update**

Vicki proposes a special meeting to go over the finer details of the Community Plan. We need to be ahead of the game and be aware of the elements coming forward, and address each element individually. Dionne would like at least 3 months to be able to properly hold the meetings needed to address the content/materials we will be presented.

- **University Avenue Mobility Plan EIR:**

Meeting Thursday, 7/19 at Queen Bee, 6 to 8 pm. Project Manager will be there to present. Meeting isn't about the merits of the project; but rather about the EIR, review of the scope of the project and Q&A. For optional NPPC Board Members comments on EIR, we would do the

same process as Plaza de Panama to write a letter and incorporate comments by the end of the month.

**MOTION: To write a cover letter on the UAMP EIR to include individual comments as provided by board members as attachments. (Deadline is July 31st, comments due by Sunday 7/29.) Vidales/Lewis Motion passes 11-0-0**

- **Jack in the Box:**

Neg Dec will be at the planning commission on the 8/26th. Rick is organizing the neighbors. If the neighbors come out in large numbers which usually has an impact on the commissionaires. Need to state the current JIB is better than the new option & emphasis that the NPPC approved the JIB on El Cajon Blvd, so it's not a JIB issue. Need to post hearing on social media. Need to have a good showing so there are enough people to cede time to organized presentations. Individuals, who don't want to speak, please cede time. Question if it will go to City Council (only if appealed). It may be too late to get things into the commissionaire's' packet, but it's not too late to get it on the record ie present doc's at meeting.

Robert and Roger will give an organized presentation on behalf of the NPPC position, Cheryl will help with a PowerPoint.

**XII. Unfinished & Future Agenda Items**

- SDPD
- Water Tower historical designation
- Community plan updates

**XIII. Next Meeting Date:** August 21, 2012

**XIV. Motion to Adjourn:** Carlson/Dye 11/0/0