





**NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**Draft Minutes: October 16, 2012– 6:30 PM**

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I. **Call to order:** 6:32pm

II. **Attendance Report (11):**

Member	NPPC	UD/PR	City Council	Planning Commission	PF/PA	MAD	Social Media	CPC	Utility Boxes	Sustainable NPMS	Bylaws	Other
Robert Barry	X	X			X							McKinley
David Cohen	X											NPMS
Dionne Carlson		X			X							AABA
Cheryl Dye	X	X			X					X		NPMS, NPBDs
Vicki Granowitz	X		X		X			X				NPMS, AABA, NPBD,s McKinley, Panorama Historical District
Peter Hill	X	X			X			X		X		UH Library, AABA
Brandon Hilpert	X						X					
Roger Lewis												
Carl Moczydlowsky	X											
Lucky Morrison												
Dang Nguyen	X	X										
Omar Passons												
Rick Pyles	X	X										
Rene' Vidales	X	X			X			X		X		
Steven Williamson												

- a. Steven Williamson (3<sup>rd</sup> in row – forfeits seat),

III. **Modifications to and Adoption of the 9/18/12 Agenda.**

Motion to adopt: Vidales/Pyles 11-0-0

IV. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. (UDPR 10/1/12 In attendance: Barry, Dye, Carlson, Hill, Morrison, Nguyen, Vidales, Callen, Steppke)  
 (PFPA 10/10/12 In Attendance: Carlson, Vidales, Hill, Barry, Granowitz, Bonn, Callen, and Steppke-Easement Vacation & Adams & Idaho TM Waiver only)
- i. Easement Vacation, 4212 Texas St Project #291363 CHW. 2 unused sewer easements recorded on the deed in 1923. Currently there are no sewer lines on the site, none are needed by the City or a project, DSD has no objections. Possible affordable housing project, no project currently. Located northwest corner of Texas & Howard, formerly AT&T, site includes parking lots on both the east and west sides of Texas Street  
**MOTION: Support Sewer Easement Vacation at Texas St. and Howard Ave. Vidales/ Nguyen 9-0-0**
- ii. Traffic Calming at Upas Street and Granada Street (southbound). Request for Stop Sign/Median Chokers along Upas Street. **MOTION: To support the installation of a stop sign on Upas Street at Granada Street for traffic calming purposes based on information provided as long as the constituents of all corners have been contacted. Vidales/Granowitz 8-0-0**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: Pyles/(UDPR/PFPA) 11-0-0**

V. **Approval of Previous NPPC Minutes:** September 18, 2012

- a. Carlson/Dye 11-0-0

VI. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. David Cohen - \$621.87 is the current balance.

VII. **Chair's Report/CPC**

- a. **CPC:** 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm MOCII 9192 Topaz Way, Kearney Mesa
    - i. DSD Reorganization – Kelly Braughton & Cecilia Gallardo
    - ii. Housing Element – 10,000 more units to North Park via the mathematical formula.
    - iii. Canyonlands – at LUHC this month
    - iv. Mayoral Forum – 30 minutes from each candidate. Each candidate tailored the answers to the CPC board. Filner spoke on neighborhoods while Demaio spoke on reorganization of planning in general. On the issue of Council vote on boundary adjustments. Demaio would not support and Filner said he would consider.
  - b. Added Social Media to Agenda
  - c. Alcohol Policy Panel – interesting to hear about how ABC come about; related to the end of prohibition. Heard about some strategies might be helpful in dealing with problem bars.
  - d. U31's Cabaret License was suspended.
- VIII. **Social Media** – updated the Wikipedia page: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North\\_Park,\\_San\\_Diego](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Park,_San_Diego)
- IX. **Planner's Report** - Marlon Pangilinan, 619.235.5293; [mpangilinan@sandiego.gov](mailto:mpangilinan@sandiego.gov)
- a. Community Plan Update – See Agenda Item XIV.a.below
- X. **Announcements & Non Agenda Public Comment**
- a. **Junior Chef's** program starting at the YMCA
  - b. **Canyonlands Proposal for Dedication of Open Space** Oct 17, 2pm LU&H 202 C St 12th Flr
  - c. **SANDAG-Regional Transportation Plan, Sustainable Communities...** Oct 19, 11:30-2 4050 Taylor St Old Town, lunch is provided RSVP to: <http://www.sandag.org/flier> is below
  - d. **Toyland Parade December 1, 2012** needs financial assistance & sponsorship, for more info Debra Fuentes: [mkmtrust2@yahoo.com](mailto:mkmtrust2@yahoo.com). See letter included below. Coupon for NP Businesses supporting the parade available as well as special fundraising at Alexander's, Zensei Sushi, Bar Pink, The Office. More information at <http://vhcorp.org/>
- XI. **Elected Official's Report**
- a. **Katherine Fortner, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53**, [Katherine.Fortner@mail.house.gov](mailto:Katherine.Fortner@mail.house.gov) - Medicare enrollment and coverage forum on October 17, 10am. Working on improved voter access across the country. ESTOP Act to end the practice of dynamic pricing.
  - b. **Lindsey Masukawa, Hon. Toni Atkins, State Assembly District 76**, [Lindsey.Masukawa@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Lindsey.Masukawa@asm.ca.gov) - No Report
  - c. **Anthony Bernal, Hon. Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3**, [ABernal@sandiego.gov](mailto:ABernal@sandiego.gov) - No Report
- XII. **Subcommittee Reports:**
- a. **Urban Design/Project Review**, Robert Barry, Cheryl Dye - NP Adult Community Center, 6:00pm 1st Monday. Next meeting November 5, 2012
    - i. See consent agenda
    - ii. Draft land use map discussion in relation to the existing community plan. Looking at the density hierarchies.
  - b. **Public Facilities/Public Art**, Dionne Carlson, Rene Vidales – NP Adult Community Center, 6:00 pm, 2nd Wednesday. Next meeting, Wednesday November 14, 2012.
    - i. See Consent Agenda
    - ii. CIP Plan discussion
    - iii. Traffic calming best practices for North Park
  - c. **Utility Boxes**, Cheryl Dye, - September 24<sup>th</sup> workshop with Councilmember Gloria's office and local utility providers. Communities would like to be involved before engineering begins. Passionate discussion. SDGE will put together 2 information sheets on undergrounding costs, and the nature of the safety issues (according to the meeting facilitator's notes). No next steps identified.
  - d. **Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee**, Vicki Granowitz – send comments on provided materials
- XIII. **Liaisons Report**
- a. **Balboa Park Committee** - Rob Steppke via email.
    - i. Presentation by the 2015 celebration committee that has branded the term "edge" as part of their campaign.
    - ii. The second item dealt with the new monument sign for the San Diego Zoo. There are a number of design regulations etc. that apply in the Park. The Zoo chose to play arrogant and ignore all of them and just plunk down the new sign. After being alerted, they are falling all over themselves with apologies and now wanting everyone associated with the Park to approve the new sign and logo that has already been erected.
  - a. **Maintenance Assessment District** – No Report

- b. **NPMS Sustainability Committee** - Rene Vidales SHPO Grant to hire a Sustainability Manager and to implement the strategies. The committee has been working on RFPs and a job description. Additional work as far as scoping the website, etc.
- c. **Regional Bike Plan Proposed Initial Implementation** – Setting up meetings, appointed Vidales and Carlson to the Uptown and Mid-City Regional Bike Plans.
- d. **North Park Mainstreet** - Taste of North Park was a big success. Policy issue around entry monuments is potentially needed. NPMS board input on CIP issues.

**XIV. Action & Discussion Items**

- a. **Community Plan Update** – Consider adding an Arts Element to the Community Plan Update.
    - i. **Dye** – Arts and “Culture” element is the preferred language
    - ii. **Barry to Marlon**: Do other Community Plans have an element? Yes – Barrio Logan  
**MOTION: To add an Arts & Culture Element to the Community Plan Update Vidales/Dye 11-0-0**
  - b. **Adams & Idaho Tentative Map Waiver, 2767 Adams Ave Project# 291263**
    - i. Proposal to build 12 town homes, 1250 sf of retail, & the required 23 parking spaces. Currently the property is used for storing cars. The project was permitted previously for apartments. In order to sell the units as townhomes, developer requires a TM waiver. The project is consistent with the NP Community Plan. There are 2 second floor units, will include individual rear yards & 2 car garages. All but one unit is accessed through the alley. Contemporary architecture. Underground parking cost prohibited. Developer would be willing to pay fees into a fund for parking to help free up space, 4 jacaranda trees will be installed.
    - ii. Russ Hailey - City Mark Development – Mixed Use Residential Projects in urban areas
      - 1. Parking – over parked by 1 space. 1 ADA for the 1200 sq ft commercial space. Also generating 2 on-street spaces. Residence spaces are garaged. All but one of the units will be through a 36’ driveway courtyard via the alley.
      - 2. Concerns regarding utility boxes being vaulted – not adding requirements for additional structures. The proposed pole relocation in front of the violin shop has been eliminated. Also an additional pole will be removed.  
**MOTION: To approve the map waiver, conditional on no new above ground utility appurtenances installed in the public right-of-way. Carlson/Vidales 11-0-0**
  - c. **Capital Improvement Program**: To approve a North Park CIP Priority Recommendations List for submission to the CPC & the City of San Diego’s FY 14 CIP Budget. Recommendations by Nov 7, 2012. For more info see: FY14 Budget Development Process for CPC, <http://www.northparkplanning.org/cip.html> & <http://www.sandiego.gov/iba/pdf/cipguidefullversion.pdf>
    - i. \$2 Billion Program, with \$25 Million in undedicated funds. NPPC’s list will be aggregated with all CPG submittals.
    - ii. North Park should have an unfunded needs list. This will go to both the CPC list and a North Park Unfunded Needs List.
    - iii. Each CPG was provided a list. Sewer, water and cross community or city wide projects were removed. Financing plan projects were posted by Public Facilities.
    - iv. Outreach by face to face meeting, phone and email with: AABA, ECBIA, NPMS, WalkSanDiego, SD Bike Coalition, McKinley Joint Use Working Group
    - v. Public Facilities took the lead, held 2 public hearings. Projects ended up being identified based on
      - 1. What the public had been most recently reviewed
      - 2. Unserved or underserved areas of NP
      - 3. Safety issues
    - vi. **MOTION: To recommend a tentative priority list for CIP projects in the following order:**
      - 1. **McKinley Elementary School Joint Use Improvements (\$12001)**
      - 2. **North Park Mini Park and Streetscape Improvements (\$10050)**
      - 3. **University Avenue Mobility Plan (\$00915)**
      - 4. **North Park/University Heights Library (\$00809) - If the boundary between Uptown Planners and North Park Planning changes, then NPPC vote should be null and void on the NP/UH Library project.**
      - 5. **Five (5) projects for traffic calming & safety to be voted separately**
        - a. **Barry/Bonn. 8-0-0 (Members Present PF/PA October 10, 2012: Dionné Carlson, René Vidales, Vicki Granowitz, Robert Barry, Peter Hill, Ernie Bonn, Kitty Callen)**
- MOTION: To continue the priority list for CIP projects in the following order:**
- 6. **El Cajon Blvd. Acorn Lights [El Cajon Blvd. BIA]**

7. *I-805 Bridge Pedestrian & Bike Improvements [Adams Ave. BIA]*
8. *University Ave & 32<sup>nd</sup> St Traffic Signal Modification [Unfunded Needs List from 8/16/11 NPPC request]*
9. *Park Blvd. and Cypress Ave Concrete Pop-outs & Lighted Crosswalk (B00994)*
10. *30<sup>th</sup> & Adams Traffic Signal Modification [Adams Ave. BIA]*
  - a. *Granowitz/Barry. 7-0-0*

vii. **Public Comment**

1. Grant Merkel: President of the Burlingame Community Association on behalf of Switzer Canyon project. Application didn't get submitted because of some out of town issues. Have been working with the MAD on the project, a lot of activity in the last year. Would like it added to the list. Meets two of the major criteria for consideration. Preliminary review being provided by the city of architectural plans. Also a safety consideration.
  - a. James Nagelvoort via email: FYI, the Switzer Canyon/30th Street Bridge Enhancement Project (\$10054) is already in the FY2013 CIP Budget. The Public Works Department met with CD2 and Roger in the month of August and agreed to take on this project and initiate the preliminary engineering phase. We will be developing this preliminary scope-of-work, budget, and schedule for this project. Sorry that this project is not listed on the spreadsheets that we provide the community planning groups, there is a lag in getting new projects assigned to us into our systems. This project will remain in the CIP Budget. We will carry it forward from FY13 into FY14. However, only \$60K has been budgeted for this project out of the North Park MAD. If the community feels it is a high priority, they may want to push for more funding in the FY14 CIP Budget.
2. Daniel Gevreselassie: Glad that the University Heights Library made the list. But it doesn't make sense to build a new library based on the very limited hours. Would like to push for expanded hours.
3. Jennifer Spencer: Voice support for the McKinley Joint Use project. There is a lot of community support, especially since there is partial funding for the design phase. Submitted many signatures via petition. Helps with the park deficit and helps raise the values of the neighborhood. School field is in need of upgrade.
4. Julie Ashton-Grey, Principal of McKinley Elementary: In support of the project, there is tremendous community support. Access to the property would be great for the community.
5. Sandi Weiner: 60% of the students at the school are low-income without access to playing fields and yards. Would be beneficial to that community
6. Nick Pollard: Board member of Altadena Neighborhood Association, speaking on behalf of the Association and as an individual. Strong communities are built on strong relationships. Parks serve as a great resource for the community to meet neighbors and build community. Would be more likely to keep local kids in the community.
7. 8 supporters for McKinley present.

viii. **Board Comments:**

1. **Carlson** – Spreadsheet ranking corrections.
2. **Cohen** – would suggest moving Switzer Canyon up above the Library.
3. **Barry** – Description for McKinley is misleading. Pleased that people are supporting. Switzer Canyon is a major thoroughfare and a safety issue between North Park and South Park. Agrees that the Switzer Canyon project should be higher than the Library.
4. **Hilpert** – should add Switzer as a back-up for the Library.
5. **Moczydlowsky** – agrees to move up Switzer above the Library.
6. **Pyles** - agrees to move up Switzer above the Library.
7. **Granowitz** – Would like to remind that the goal was to focus on all of North Park and moving up Switzer Canyon continues the appearance of neglect to areas north of University. Would like 32<sup>nd</sup> and University traffic signal to #10 in the list.
8. **Dye** – agrees with Granowitz.

ix. **MOTION: to approve the order of the CIP list below.**

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8. Park Blvd. and Cypress Ave Concrete Pop-outs & Lighted Crosswalk (B00994)
9. Gateway to Adams Avenue from 805 at Madison
10. University Ave & 32<sup>nd</sup> St Traffic Signal Modification  
Dye/Vidales 11-0-0

d. Update changes to NPPC Social Media – Deferred to next month

**XV. Unfinished & Future Agenda Items**

- a. Steven Williamson has missed 4 meetings and 3 in a row. Will be replaced via a mid-term election vacancy in January.
- b. Monday article in the Union Tribune regarding the Zoo Paid Parking Plan.
  - i. Zoo has not voted on that issue. May address if the Zoo does vote on that plan.

**XVI. Next Meeting Date:** November 20, 2012

**XVII. Motion to Adjourn: Barry/Ngyuen 11-0-0 8:41PM**

- a. Minutes submitted by Carl Moczydlowsky