



**NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**Draft Minutes: October 20, 2015 – 6:30 PM**

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- I. Call to order: 6:32 pm  
NPPC Election coming up March 15, 2016
- II. Attendance Report:

Member	Robert Barry	Howard Blackson	Dionne Carlson	Steve Codraro	Daniel Gebreselassie	Vicki Granowitz	Peter Hill	Brandon Hilpert	Rachel Levin	Sarah McAlear	Lucky Morrison	Roger Morrison	Dang Nguyen	Rick Pyles	Rene Vidales
Attendance	1		12	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		13
Late															6:50 p
Absences	1	3	1	3					2			2	2	1	1

III. Modifications to and Adoption of the 10/20/15 Agenda

- a. 10/20/15 agenda not modified, no motion to approve

IV. Consent Agenda Items:

- a. **MOTION:** Approve the Letter of Support for the 2016 Annual NPCA Bird Park Summer Concerts, Gebreselassie/PF&T 12-0-0 (On Consent)
- b. **MOTION:** Approve Parking Conversion from Angle to Head-In Parking, on the North Side of Polk Ave Between Illinois & Ohio St's, for a Gain of Three Parking Spaces. Resident & applicant Nicholas Bozzio submitted a petition with support from surrounding neighbors at PF&T. Parking that has been a problem & has gotten worse since the church has started doing concerts. Gebreselassie/PF&T 12-0-0 (On Consent)
- c. **MOTION:** Support a North Park Donation Day (in November 2015 day TBD) to Collect Items for the Homeless. This effort being organized by the NPCA, Plymouth Congregational Church, & NP Residents with assistance from CD3, the SDPD & existing homeless service providers. Gebreselassie/PF&T 12-0-0 (On Consent)
- d. **MOTION:** Approve consent agenda Gebreselassie/PF&T 12-0-0

V. Approval of Previous Minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Approve September 15, 2015 minutes with no modifications. Hilpert/Levin 11-0-1 (Nguyen abstain)

VI. Treasurer's Report, Brandon Hilpert

- a. Current balance \$821.18

VII. Non Agenda Public Comment:

- a. Matthew Lyons, new business owner 3077 North Park Way Tribute Pizza introducing himself to neighborhood. Ran pop-ups out of other local organizations, and has a charitable element that has a history of giving back to the community. Is interested in a beer and wine liquor license.

- b. Lynn Elliot. Concerns about music last year. Trying new process to select bands that will involve community feedback for final selection. If you have bands, please check the Concerts at Bird Park website to submit suggestions.

VIII. **Announcements & Event Notices:**

- a. **University Heights/North Park Water Tower (Steve Hon) - Plaque Dedication from the American Society of Civil Engineers San Diego Section Proclaiming the Water Tower to be a Local Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.** Thursday November 5 1:30 to 2:00 pm North Park Community Park, corner of Idaho St. & Howard Ave. For more info: [info@northparkhistory.org](mailto:info@northparkhistory.org) or 619-294-8990

IX. **Elected Official's Report**

- a. **Jason Weisz, Hon. Toni Atkins, State Assembly District 76**, 619-645-3090 [jason.weisz@asm.ca.gov](mailto:jason.weisz@asm.ca.gov)
  - i. Legislature out of session. Toni toured Hotel Churchill remodel (affordable housing with veterans focus) with Julian Castro. Discussing how homeless resources are funded. San Diego is second in homeless population and 23<sup>rd</sup> in receiving federal assistance funds.
- b. **Adrian Granda, Hon. Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3**, [AGranda@sandiego.gov](mailto:AGranda@sandiego.gov)
  - i. City Council poised to vote on water rate increase, five year phased (going up about 40%). San Diego County has reduced about 26%. Todd staunchly opposes this increase, and would like to revise the Mayor's proposal. Residents have received a mailer, if you send it back and express displeasure, with 51% of residents opposed the Council cannot approve.
  - ii. Community Plan update deadline for resident feedback is December 1st, and via the Community Planning Group is December 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Our own Dang Nguyen was appointed to the Balboa Park Committee!

X. **Chairs Report/CPC:**

- a. **CPC – Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 7-9 pm.** 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa Auditorium. (For more info: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpc/agendas/index.shtml>)
- b. Previous meeting discussed short term vacation rentals issues. Recommended City enforce the existing zoning, and the main concern appeared to be non-owner whole house rentals.
- c. An Appeal of the CEQA Document for the Indiana St Apartments was turned down by City Council.

XI. **Social Media Report, Brandon Hilpert. Nothing new**

XII. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- a. **Urban Design/Project Review (UD/PR), Peter Hill-Rachel Levin – NP Adult Community Center, 6:00pm 1st Monday. Next meeting Oct 5, 2015.**
  - i. Howard Blackson gave presentation, we're seeing neighborhood distinctions with individual design recommendations. Very pleased with progress.
- b. **Public Facilities & Transportation, Daniel Gebreselassie-- NP Adult Community Center, 6:00 pm, 2nd Wednesday. Next meeting October 14th, 2015**
  - i. In addition to the three consent Agenda Items; Reviewed the Sustainability Conservation Element & Public Facilities Services & Safety Element.

XIII. **Liaisons Reports**

- a. **Balboa Park Committee, Rob Steppe – not in attendance, no report**
- b. **Maintenance Assessment District, Peter Hill.** Glenn's Market trashcans were moved. Red sidewalk project delayed and may miss deadline to use State funds. Per Granda they've moved the project to January and funds will be available.
- c. **North Park Main Street, Dang Nguyen.** Also talked about red sidewalks, mitigations for businesses affected by construction. Had elections and have a few new board members. Taste of North Park sold out in advance.
- d. **NP Mid-City Regional Bike Corridors, Dionne Carlson.** SANDAG planning smaller, focused workshops in November/December.
- e. **Adams Ave BIA, Dionne Carlson.** Confusion in business district about the impact of new Community Plan Update. Spirit of Adams Avenue event on Nov 28th.
- f. **El Cajon BIA, Vicki Granowitz. Celebrated 1 year anniversary of their BLVD market. Bike the Blvd on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**XV. Action Items:**

- a. **Approval of Updated NPPC Bylaws, Vicki Granowitz**
  - i. Have been reviewed by City staff and City attorney. They simplified our voting requirements, while maintaining desired procedures/rules. Some on board are not satisfied with final result. Aside from election procedures, subcommittees also have many changes (i.e., quorum with list of people appointed, attendees who establish their third attendance must be voted on to become voting members).
  - ii. We'll produce standing rules to clarify for subcommittee, instead of having additional edits submitted back to the City for further review.
  - iii. **MOTION: Approve the NPPC Bylaws as presented, and to create standing rules to clarify issues related to subcommittees. Codraro/Carlson 11-2-0 (Barry, L. Morrison against)**
- b. **Community Plan Elements for Review, Comment & Approval**
  - i. **Sustainability Conservation Element**
    1. Toolbox still needs to be clarified, is in the CPU draft under Implementation.
    2. Latest draft takes all previous comments into consideration and removes redundancies.
    3. Kathleen Keehan with Air Pollution Control District in audience with Q: "SE 4.5 policy" is so broad that it may be ignored, what does it mean? Consolidation of a list of 20 items on a wish list distilled to a single overarching point.
    4. **MOTION: Approve the Sustainability Conservation Element with the following**
      - a. **Add Energy Efficient Water Heaters to Policy List under SE-1.28;**
      - b. **Clarify where Table 8.2(The toolbox) belongs & what it should it be called. It is currently in the Implementation Element, consider adding it in the SCE. If it stays in Implementation needs to be mention in the introduction.**  
**Codraro/Hilpert 13-0-0**
  - ii. **Mobility Element.** PowerPoint presentation from Vidales.
    1. There is overlap between Sustainability and Mobility. Original element heard twice and Public Facilities and edited heavily, in part because of this overlap.
    2. Reviewed walkability and bike corridor maps, which include SANDAG projects and City Master Plan projects. Maps will be improved to be more readable. Reducing number of categories on bike map, and will be trimmed to the boundaries of the North Park community.
    3. Public comments:
      - a. Matt Thompson. Utah and Landis St. Resident. Parking section is impactful to the whole North Park community. The occupancy level of the parking structure doesn't exceed 50% aside from large Observatory show. That should be utilized before adding further on-street parking. Restricting curb cuts to increase parking density?
      - b. Kathleen Keehan with Air Pollution Control District. We'd like to encourage modes of transportation other than single-occupancy vehicles. Overall the group is very supportive of this Element's focus on active transportation. Are interested in seeing finalized maps and implementation plans. ME 5.6 discusses avoiding conflict between bikes and cars, and says we'll have a buffer, but at some point there will be a time there is a tough choice due to physical constraints, and there is no clear indication of how we are choosing to priorities our desires. Parking strategies are changing so much with technology.
    4. Board comments:
      - a. Levin. Agree with Matt Thompson that additional parking will not help residents and will only cause further issue with late night noise issues. Clarified that there is employee space made in the public parking structure.
      - b. Carlson. Do we have the implementation section in the CPU? Marlon says it doesn't go into a lot of detail for Mobility – the language is general until we see

more information about financing facilities perhaps next month. Per Vidales, there will be a toolbox for these policies.

- c. L. Morrison formerly item ME 5.23 about residential parking permits? That topic came out entirely because it never gained traction.
- d. Codraro. Is there an index where terms like “Complete Streets” and “Passive Parks” are defined? We don’t currently have a glossary or appendices. Typical linear on-street parking is not as safe for pedestrians. Vidales says limiting curb cuts increase pedestrian safety.

5. **MOTION: Approve Mobility Element plan with the addition of a policy that “Encourages the formation and enforcement of residential parking districts in high impact parking areas”. L. Morrison/Levin 13-0-0**

6. **MOTION: To include a glossary of terms for the entire Community Plan Update document, to include the definition of terms and jargon like “Complete Streets” and “Passive Parks”. Carlson/R. Morrison 13-0-0**

iii. **Arts & Culture Element**

1. Presented some time ago, with ad hoc committee work from many people.
2. Board comments:
  - a. Historic buildings correct to mention here? Yes, it is an important part of our arts and culture in the neighborhood.
  - b. Carlson. Want to add to language regarding hiring of local artists (Included in motion below).
3. **MOTION: Approve Arts & Culture Element with the addition of the following language: (a) “Work with public agencies to include art consistent with the community”, (b) 11.1c, (to include the underlined phrase) “Encourage businesses to hire artists, with an emphasis on local resources, to enhance their property through storefront improvements, landscaping and site development”. Carlson/Nguyen 13-0-0**

XVI. **Unfinished and Future Agenda Items:**

a. **Status of all Elements:**

- i. Noise and Light
- ii. Public Facilities
- iii. Economic Prosperity
- iv. Recreation

**^^These four elements will be available for review from the City by the end of this week.**

**No dates on the following**

- v. Historic Preservation
- vi. Urban Design
- vii. Land Use
- viii. Implementation
- ix. Tool Box
- x. Mobility Maps
- xi. Public Facilitates Financing Plan
- xii. Struggling to find time to review the last elements, especially as holidays are approaching.

XVII. **Next Meeting Date:** November 17, 2015, 6:30pm

XVIII. **Adjourn: 8:28pm**

Minutes submitted by Sarah McAlear