

**GREATER NORTH PARK COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART
SUBCOMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 3, 2007, 6:30 p.m., Baton Rouge Room, Lafayette Hotel,
2223 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego, CA 92104

Called to order: 6:35 p.m.

Attendance: Sal Aréchiga (Co-Chair), René Vidales (Co-Chair) (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Vicki Granowitz (Member), Rob Steppke (member), Elaine Boyd (Member) (arrived 6:55 p.m.).

Approve Agenda and Minutes. Motion: Approve agenda only with the addition of the University Avenue Mobility Plan Update. Steppke/Granowitz 3-0-0. Minutes for November meeting were not approved because a hard copy was not available; the minutes will be approved in the following meeting.

Old Business:

Future GNPCPC Website. It was suggested to use nothparkplanners.org for the URL name, and it was suggested also, if feasible, to change the name of GNPCPC to North Park Planners, to be discussed at a future full board meeting.

Following are suggestions discussed for the Website:

- Use the services of Amy Stanco (to see her work go to www.pixellava.com)
- Add Minutes of Meetings from the GNPCPC and Subcommittees
- Include FAQ section
- René to take photos of North Park Landmarks
- Include information about University Heights
- Include a map to better illustrate GNPCP's boundaries
- Use as a recruiting tool for future board members
- Include an application for "Orchids and Onions"
- Include a link to the City of San Diego Website to see other planning groups.

Vicki donated \$400, \$100 of which are to secure the URL name, and the rest to build the Website. Vicki to contact Mike Petrogeorge for possible monthly updates of the Website. A maintenance amount of \$30 to \$35 might be required for maintenance of the Website.

New Business:

- A. Structure of subcommittee. Dan Holsenback (former chair of this Subcommittee) has resigned from the GNPCPC. The Subcommittee will now be co-chaired by René Vidales and Sal Aréchiga, alternating monthly.
- B. Location of subcommittee meeting. Tina Colmenero at the LaFayette Hotel informed René that they would start charging \$25 for a meeting room each time; but later the Hotel management decided to waive the charges for a meeting room to the GNPCPC for 2007. **Motion: To have the GNPCPC award a "Certificate**

of Appreciation” to the LaFayette Hotel for letting us have a place to meet every month free of charge. Vidales /Boyd 5-0-0.

- C. Request for a two-way stop sign on Myrtle Avenue at 28th Street. City of San Diego Transportation Engineering Division has determined that this intersection meets the criteria established in Council Policy 200-08 for a two-way stop. René drove by the intersection, reported that Myrtle currently has yield signs and 28th Street has no stop signs. There is not enough traffic to grant a 2-way stop sign, and the stop signs, if placed, would only replace the yield signs. Vicki stated that there is purely local traffic at that intersection. Rob would have liked to have a presentation made by the constituent stating the reasons of the request. **Motion: To deny the request for the installation of a Two-Way Stop Sign on Myrtle Avenue at 28th Street. Granowitz /Boyd 5-0-0.**

- D. Installation of a four-way stop sign at Adams Avenue and Louisiana Street. Installation occurred without temporary “stop ahead” signs and an accident has already taken place. René drove by the intersection and the recently installed stop signs feel “abrupt” without any warnings. **Motion: To have the GNPCPC write a letter of complaint to the City and request that “Stop Ahead” signs be installed on Adams Avenue at Louisiana Street. Vidales /Aréchiga 5-0-0.**

- E. Jefferson Elementary School Joint Use project. The Joint use project consists of public use of the school’s green areas during non-school hours, as well as the street vacation of Gunn Street between 28th and Utah. Vicki stated that she read the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project, and does not see anything unusual with it. Vicki suggests to wait until further documentation arrives, in order for any future involvement by this Subcommittee.

- F. Public Art Selection Committee for North Park Parking Garage. The next meeting for the Public Art/North Park Parking Garage Selection Committee is on Monday, January 8 at 5 p.m. at North Park Main Street. Since Dan Holsenback has resigned from the GNPCPC, Elaine has volunteered to attend the meeting in his place, along with Vernon Franck (member), In case Elaine is not able to attend, she will notify René and Sal prior to the meeting. **Motion: To have Elaine Boyd become the representative from the PF/T/P/PA Subcommittee to the Public Art/North Park Parking Garage Selection Committee. Granowitz /Vidales 5-0-0.**

- G. University Avenue Mobility Plan Update. According to Andy Hamilton of the City of San Diego, there are funds available and funds being held for this project. Vicki agreed to talk to Andy Hamilton and Monica Pelaez at Toni Atkins’ office, in order to find out what is holding out the funds, as well as what the GNPCPC can do to accelerate the process, and report back to the Subcommittee.

- H. Tree removal project by SDG&E. Project within CALTRANS right-of-way south of University Avenue. René stated that according to an email forwarded by Monica Pelaez sent by CALTRANS, a total of 70 trees would be removed and replaced by new trees. Vicki stated that when the guard rail was placed along Hwy 163 within Balboa Park a few years ago, a number of trees were removed by CALTRANS and new trees were promised but never planted. Based on this

reference, Vicki agreed to talk to Monica to see what we can do to prevent the same from happening again in North Park, and report to the Subcommittee.

- I. Signing & Striping for La Bohème. 30th Street, Lincoln Avenue and Ohio Street. René presented the current striping configuration of the adjacent streets to the La Bohème project. Protected walkways were built, a lane of traffic was closed in each street, and the three streets were re-striped during the construction of the buildings. When the buildings were completed, the temporary protected walkways were removed, and the new sidewalks were opened to the public, the streets striping were left the same as in the construction stage. It has been at least two months since the sidewalks were opened to the public, and the striping has not been put back to its original configuration. René agreed to contact City officials to find out status of work.

Announcements:

- Elaine would like the Subcommittee to address the problem of excessive trash accumulated at the southeast corner of North Park Way and Boundary Street.
- Vicki would like the Subcommittee to discuss the display of Paper Signs within the windows of the Walgreens Store along University Avenue.
- René announced that developments from this Subcommittee sometimes are published in the North Park News; such is the case of the installation of the 4-way Stop Sign at Polk and Illinois, and the construction of the North Park Torch as public art which is part of the Walgreens project.

Next Meeting is February 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:33 p.m.

Submitted,

René Vidales (Co-Chair) and Sal Aréchiga (Co-Chair)