

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 7, 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: René Vidales (Co-Chair), Sal Aréchiga (Co-Chair), Vicki Granowitz (Member), Rob Steppke (Member), Elaine Boyd (Member) (arrived 6:45 p.m., left 7:30 p.m.), Melissa Magee (Community Member), Paul Metcalf (Community Member), Jessica Porter (Community Member).

Approve Minutes. Motion: Approve Minutes from January 3, 2006 meeting. Granowitz/Aréchiga 4-0-0.

Reordering of Agenda. **Motion: Move New Business Items from Community Members before Old Business: a) Request for a Stop Sign at the intersection of Gregory and Thorn Streets, and b) Request for 15-minute Parking instead of Red Curb on east side of 32nd Street north of University Avenue. Steppke/Aréchiga 4-0-0.**

Non-Agenda Public Comments:

Vicki submitted the following handouts to the Subcommittee: a) Council Policy 600-24, dated April 26, 2006, Administrative Guidelines, Pages 36 and 37, and b) Council Policy 600-24, Draft Provisions related to the Brown Act, prepared by CPCI Staff, dated January 25, 2007.

Old Business:

- A. Future GNPCPC Website. Elaine presented a rough draft of the future web site, and the following items were included:
- Design Guidelines for Developers
 - Maps and Zoning
 - Meeting/Contact Information
 - Planning Committee's Vision
 - Link to the Development Services Department
- The following items were suggested to be included in the Web Site:
- Welcome Statement
 - Mission Statement
 - A written description of the boundaries of the GNPCPC, and a list of the neighborhoods that are part of the GNPCPC
- B. Installation of a 4-way Stop at the Intersection of Adams Avenue and Louisiana Street. Based on a conference call with David DiPierro on January 16, 2007, the Stop-Sign Ahead sign and the Street Striping were installed. Pictures were presented showing verification of the Stop-Ahead Sign on Adams Avenue westbound and Street striping installed. Sal brought up that the trimming of the

existing vegetation covering a portion of the Stop Sign going westbound has not been done by the City. René will contact David DiPierro to follow up.

- C. Jefferson Elementary School Joint Use project. Nothing to report.
- D. University Avenue Mobility Plan Update. Vicki Granowitz reported that the project is in the stage of an Environmental Study (CEQA).
- E. Tree removal project by SDG&E. Nothing to report.
- F. Signing & Striping for La Bohème. 30th Street, Lincoln Avenue and Ohio Street. René contacted David DiPierro, and he deferred the issue to the Development Services Department, Traffic Control Permits. The issue was brought up to Ty Paluski in that department, and the response was that they would try to go after the developer, and if not possible the City forces would do the striping. Ty Paluski said he would get back to us in about a week.

New Business:

- A. Request for a Stop Sign at the intersection of Gregory and Thorn Streets. Melissa Magee made a presentation with pictures, and reported the following
 - A traffic study has been performed by the City, with a total of 9 points awarded. Mrs. Magee mentioned that the report failed for a 4-way stop sign, because it was conducted during off-peak hours, the evaluation being based on a residential speed limit and not on a 85th percentile study. She reported that Thorn Street is a major school route because the neighborhood north of Thorn Street has many children. Sight visibility distance is impaired by parked cars close to the corners. Rob asked if there was a current safe zone school route, but Mrs. Magee reported that the requested intersection is not within the current safe zone school route. René explained to the constituent that based on the fact that the first point study failed, the next logical step is to request the City to perform another study, based on presented evidence. If the second study also fails, then the following step is to obtain signatures to present a petition to the City.

Motion: Request the City to re-evaluate the intersection during peak hours. Granowitz/Boyd 5-0-0.
- B. Request for 15-minute parking instead of red curb, on east side of 32nd Street, north of University Avenue. Jessica Porter explained that current customers for Starbucks tend to park in the red curb temporarily, and that she does not think the curb was painted red prior to construction of the buildings. René mentioned that there is a Fire Station one block away, as a possible reason for the red curb. Jessica also reported that some parking spaces within Walgreen's are currently striped reserved for the San Diego National Bank building, but they are intended to be used for Starbuck also. René to contact David DiPierro to find out the procedure for removing red curb and adding 15-minute parking signs.
- C. Jacaranda and Pershing Drive intersection. René received an email from Beth Swersie, where a neighbor close to the intersection received a letter in her mailbox (not posted) from an attorney's firm, requesting feedback on the intersection. René and Sal pointed out that this intersection is outside of the limits of the GNPCPC. Vicki mentioned that this is a very problematic intersection, and that a Grant has been

written by Laura Gates for a study of this area. Sal to contact Monica Pelaez from Council District 3 to request information about the grant.

- D. Request for a Stop Sign on 30th Street at Laurel Street. A request for an evaluation of a stop sign at 30th & Laurel was received by Council District 3, and was forwarded to Engineering and Capital Projects department. Sal went to look at the intersection and took pictures, which were presented at the meeting. Sal reported that visibility is limited on Laurel Street going eastbound at 30th Street. Sal to contact Council District 3 to find out additional information. This item was tabled for next month's meeting.
- E. Excessive trash at the southeast corner of North Park Way and Boundary Street. René reported that there is currently no trash at that intersection.
- F. Display of Paper Signs within the windows of the Walgreen's Store along University Avenue. Vicki to talk to Liz Studebaker at North Park Main Street.
- G. Report on Traffic Engineering issues by the City. René presented the copy on the Traffic Engineering issues dated December 11, 2006, obtained from Council District 3.
- H. General Plan Update: Mobility Element and Public Facilities Element. This item was tabled for next month's meeting.

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

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Submitted,

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