

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

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 5, 2007, 6:30 p.m., North Park Main Street
3076 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Called to order: 6:40 p.m.

Attendance: Sal Aréchiga (Co-Chair), René Vidales (Co-Chair), Dean Peterson (Board Member), Katherine Calvin (Community Voting Member),

The following Community Members were also present:

Jeffrey Wergeles, Mike Burrows, Jaime Mathews, Judy Cross, Amy Caldwell, Todd Flynn, Julie Braden.

Approve Agenda. Motion: To approve the Agenda with the following change: to move New Business Item “D” before Old Business. Peterson/Vidales 4-0-0.

Approve Minutes. Motion: Approve Minutes from June, 7, 2007 meeting. Aréchiga/Peterson 4-0-0.

Non-Agenda Public Comments: It was announced that the North Park Farmers Market will begin on Thursday July 19 at the CVS parking lot.

Chair’s Comments: None.

New Business D, (per re-ordering of Agenda):

Request to remove Angle Parking on the east side of Louisiana Street between Meade Avenue and Monroe Avenue. The original petition to install Angle Parking was generated by Julie Braden, and it was installed on June 13, 2006. René was informed by the City that the original measurement of the street width was recorded incorrectly, and the striping of the diagonal parking was performed on this incurred measurement. The current petition, which was generated by Todd Flynn, is to eliminate the previously installed angle parking.

Judy Braden stated the following:

- The current configuration with angle parking allows people who live in that block to park in that block, including senior people and disabled people.
- The streets nearby have a higher vehicular theft. Ms. Braden provided a copy of the San Diego County regional crime map, from 03-24-07 thru 06-24-07 for this area, with a crime map incident report. The results show all of the vehicle break-ins and vehicle thefts.

Todd Flynn stated the following:

- Limited sight visibility
- The driving lanes are currently very narrow
- Negative impact in property values

Mr. Flynn presented a handout with a breakdown list of the signatures for the east side of the 4400 block of Louisiana Street, supporting, partially supporting or not supporting the new petition.

Present community members who reside in that block stated the following:

- Cars parked on the east side present an inconvenience to mowing lawns.
- Lack of visibility when exiting from driveways, and also when approaching the block.
- The driving lanes become extremely narrow when large vehicles are parked diagonally.
- Residents believe that Angle Parking will decrease the value of the property.
- Some Community Members did not receive the first petition to install angle parking.

Discussion between voting members followed. Since street width measurement performed by the City was not correct, and the current width of this street will not allow diagonal parking according to the City standards, the following motion was drawn.

Motion: To support petition to remove Angle Parking on east side of Louisiana Street, between Meade Avenue and Monroe Avenue, with the recommendation that marked parking be instituted on the east side of Louisiana Street for parallel parking. Peterson /Aréchiga 4-0-0.

Old Business:

- A. Signing & Striping for La Bohème. Nothing to report.
- B. Request for Traffic Calming along the 2500-2900 blocks of Boundary Street.

Sal and René had a conference call with David DiPierro at the City to discuss this item. A petition from the McKinley Elementary School Safety Officer was sent to the City, although it had not been received by the time of the conversation. The petition states the following: “I request a crosswalk and two stop signs be installed on 2700 Boundary Street at the intersection with Cooper Street, exceptionally heavy and fast moving traffic creates unsafe conditions for pedestrians attempting to cross Boundary Street. McKinley Elementary School is located a few blocks west of this location”. A sketch for that intersection was included in the petition. Since the intersection of Boundary and Cooper was not found to satisfy the criteria established by Council Policy 200-08, Mr. DiPierro recommended the alternative process.

The community members discussed this conversation, and the following motion was drawn.

Motion: To recommend the City to install a Stop Sign on both northbound and southbound Boundary Street at the intersection with Cooper Street, and a Crosswalk at its intersection with Cooper Street. Peterson /Aréchiga 3-0-1 (Calvin abstained)

- C. Request for stop sign at for Thorn Street at Gregory Street. Constituent was not present. This item will be tabled for the next meeting.
- D. Grant for Pershing/Redwood/Upas intersection. Mr. Mike Arnold made a

presentation to the full board on June 19, 2007, and this subcommittee will contact him to discuss progress at a later date.

- E. Mission Avenue (University Heights): Possible installation of Angle Parking for the northwest side of the street, and reduction of the travel width from two lanes to one lane. The original constituent who generated this petition was not present, and requested to table this item for the next meeting.
- F. Request for stop sign for 29th Street at North Park Way. René presented the following information obtained from Mark Stauffer at the City of San Diego:
- This intersection was evaluated on 4/26/07 and it received 11 points.
 - There have been no accidents neither at 29th Street and North Park Way, nor at Granada Avenue and North Park Way in the last three years

René will inform Liz Studebaker of North Park Main Street, with the above information, since she forwarded the petition from the constituent.

- G. Research for Safe Zone School Route for William McKinley Elementary School. Nothing to report.

New Business:

- A. Request to install Angle Parking on west side of Oregon Street, from University Avenue to Lincoln Avenue.

René mentioned that this petition is in conformance with the University Avenue Mobility Plan, and the following motion was drawn:

Motion: To support petition to install Angle Parking on the west side of Oregon Street, between University Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, due to conformance with the University Avenue Mobility Plan. Vidales /Aréchiga 3-0-0 (Calvin not present).

- B. Request to include 32nd Street undergrounding of power lines in the 3rd District list. René presented a map that shows the City's plan to underground utilities in the 3rd District, and it includes 32nd Street. Discussion followed and it was mentioned that the City already has a formula in place to establish how the funding and resources are to be implemented in order to prioritize the underground of utilities for District 3.
- C. Re-Striping of the Median (Traffic Island) at Mission Avenue, Monroe Avenue, and Florida Street. Since Sal was not able to contact "Fix-It" to get the contact information of the constituent complaining about this issue, it was decided to table this item for next month's meeting.

Announcements: None

Next Meeting is Thursday, August 2, at the North Park Main Street office.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
René Vidales (Co-Chair) and Sal Aréchiga (Co-Chair)