

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

**CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, August 02, 2007, 6:30 p.m., North Park Main Street office  
3076 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Called to order: 6:35 p.m.

**Attendance:** Sal Aréchiga (Co-Chair), René Vidales (Co-Chair), Rob Steppke (Board Member) (arrived 6:50 p.m.), Jeffrey Wergeles (Community Voting Member),

**The following Community Members were also present:**

Scott Leonard, Rosemary Leonard, Mary Lou Ruane, Ernestine Bonn, Kitty Callen.

**Approve Agenda. Motion: To approve the Agenda with the following change: Add under old business as first Item the following: La Bohème Resurfacing and Striping. Vidales/Wergeles 3-0-0.**

**Approve Minutes. Motion: Approve Minutes from July 5, 2007 meeting. Vidales/Wergeles 3-0-0.**

**Non-Agenda Public Comments:** Ms. Bonn gave a brief comment about the following:

1. "Our Lady of Peace":
  - There was a hearing on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
  - There will be another hearing on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
  - The conditional use permit is currently in code violation because the number of students/staff is beyond what is currently allowed for an adequate number of parking spaces.
  - The School obtained another permit to expand the building.
  - There will be a presentation of the second Traffic Flow Study for "Our Lady of Peace" to be held on August, 9<sup>th</sup> 2007, at 7:00 p.m. The first study was performed without students being present.
  
2. Parking Workshop:
  - The major issues that concern North Park are: Tandem Parking, Transit Overlay, and Affordable Parking. This workshop was held on August 1<sup>st</sup>. 2007.

**Chair's Comments:** Sal mentioned that he was told by Liz Studebaker that due to North Park Main Street's involvement in the new Farmer's Market, there might be some disruptions to this meeting.

**Old Business:**

- A. La Bohème Resurfacing and striping. René was given a new contact person by the City to follow up on the resurfacing and striping of 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln Avenue and Ohio Street. The City has negotiated to have an asphalt concrete overlay instead of the slurry seal which is above the project's requirements. There is no schedule for the work yet.
  
- B. 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. Sal mentioned that there was a conference call with Mr. David DiPierro and René regarding the petition to reduce Mission Avenue from two lanes to one lane. Mr. DiPierro stated that we needed to make sure that this petition was agreeable with all the affected property owners along Mission Avenue.

It was discussed that the petition will not include angle parking and the property owners along Mission Avenue are in support of the reduction from two lanes to one lane. Sal and René will follow up on this petition with Mr. DiPierro and discuss with him if the City will perform a study for traffic calming and safety purposes along Mission Avenue from Park Boulevard to Madison Avenue.

- C. Re-Striping of the Median (Traffic Islands) at Mission Avenue, Monroe Avenue, and Florida Street. Ms. Ruane gave a brief background of the issues concerning these Islands:
- Parking around the Islands has been a problem in the community due to the fact that big vehicles park there indefinitely and block visibility.
  - The City was going to install no-parking signs but decided to paint the Islands red instead.
  - Neighbors have expressed a relief because of the added safety crossing a complicated intersection.

Mr. Leonard expressed discontent with the recent striping of the Islands because of the reduction of parking in the area. He shared with us a letter he received from Councilmember Toni Atkins dated on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in response to his contact to her office regarding this matter. The letter stated the standing policy of the City of San Diego which does not allow parking around medians. In an effort to appease all parties present, the following was moved:

**Motion: To contact the City to conduct a Traffic Safety Study for the islands; one bounded by Mission Avenue, Monroe Avenue and Florida Street; and the other island bounded by Mission Avenue, Monroe Avenue and Alabama Street; for the purposes of evaluating the desirability of parking around the islands. Wergeles /Steppe 4-0-0.**

**New Business:**

- A. Proposed stop sign on Meade Avenue at Illinois Street.

René presented a letter from the City stating that an evaluation was performed at the intersection of Meade Avenue at Illinois Street for all-way stops signs, and that the evaluation determined that this intersection met the criteria established in Council Policy 200-08 for an all-way stop.

- B. Request for Angle Parking on Illinois Street near Lincoln Avenue.

Constituent Michel Chu requested the necessary steps in order to obtain angle parking on Illinois Street near Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Chu was provided with the necessary paper work to start the process.

**Announcements:**

1. René presented the Traffic Engineering Issues Report dated June 30, 2007.
2. Sal presented the announcement of the Public Workshop on Draft General Plan – Park Equivalencies from the City of San Diego Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Board.

**Future Agenda Items:**

1. Rob requested to study the issue of Angle Parking for the 3900 block of Arizona Avenue.

**Next Meeting is Thursday, September 6, at the North Park Main Street office at 6:30 p.m.**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

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