

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, July 3, 2008, 6:30 p.m., North Park Main Street office  
3076 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Called to order: 6:31 p.m.

**Attendance:** Sal Aréchiga (Co-Chair), René Vidales (Co-Chair), Rob Steppke (Board Member), Jeffrey Wergeles (Community Voting Member)

Also in attendance: Bill Schwarz, Brian Rittko, Joseph Lopez, Mary Lou Ruane, Fred Ruane, Todd Gloria.

**Approve July 3, 2008 Agenda. Motion:** Approve agenda with the following change: Move item "I. C. 1" to "New Business F". **Aréchiga/Vidales 4-0-0**

**Chair's Comments. None**

**Approve June 5, 2008 Minutes. Motion:** **Aréchiga/Vidales 2-0-2** (Steppke, Wergeles abstained)

**Announcement:**

- Sal announced that the University Heights Community Association meets the last Thursday of the month to discuss an update to their corresponding portion of the Community Plan.
- René announced that there will be an NPCA mixer at Alexander's Restaurant on the third Tuesday of this month.

**Non-Agenda Public Comments:**

Brian Rittko stated a concern from neighbors regarding the intersection of Myrtle Avenue and Florida Street. He mentioned that traffic on Florida Street speeds above the 25 MPH limit and there is limited visibility on Myrtle onto Florida Street; therefore he would like to bring this item as a new business item to the next Sub-Committee meeting.

**Information Items: None**

**Old Business:**

- **Request painting curb at 30<sup>th</sup> Street and North Park Way for commercial loading zone (yellow curb).** René stated that a City Official had contacted Jay Porter with paperwork and a fee to be paid, but at the time of the conversation the fee had not been paid. Liz Studebaker is to contact Jay Porter with this information.
- **V-Calm sign on Mission Avenue at Mississippi update.** Mary Lou Ruane stated that the V-Calm sign is under construction. Mary Lou also mentioned that the "Lane merging signs" were changed to indicate to merge to the right instead of the left.

**New Business:**

**A. Request for a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Florida Street and Cypress Avenue.** Brian Rittko stated the following:

- There is a concern from the neighbors regarding this dangerously blind intersection.
- Neighbors meet with City Officials earlier this year at the site. They thought that a 4-way stop sign at this intersection made sense.
- In a separate conversation with another City Official it was stated that the neighbors could wait until the Arbor Crest South project has been completed and then request a traffic study on the matter or contact the NPPC Transportation Sub-Committee for recommendation.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Sub-Committee will contact planner Marlon Pangilinan to find out if there was a Traffic Study done for both the Arbor Crest North and South projects. Based on this information this item will be continued in the next Sub-Committee meeting.

**B. Request for extension of alley from Cypress to Robinson for the alley located between Florida and Alabama Streets.** Mr. Rittko stated the following:

- There is a concern with the inadequacy of the alley behind the Arbor Crest South project to service the anticipated traffic.
- Extending the alley to Robinson was not brought up during the project approval process. This would have given the residents of this development two ways to enter into and exit from their parking area.
- Since this project is currently under construction, now it would be a good time to resolve this issue.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Sub-Committee will contact Marlon Pangilinan to find out if there was a Traffic Study done for both the Arbor Crest North and South projects. Based on this information this item will be continued in the next Sub-Committee meeting.

**C. Request for additional “No Parking” and “ 15 mph Speed Limit” signs on alley located between Florida and Alabama Streets and between Cypress and Myrtle Avenues:** Mr. Rittko stated the following:

- There is a concern by neighbors who have Florida and Alabama Street address who access their parking areas by the alley.
- A number of residents from the future Arbor Crest South development would tend to use this portion of the alley to access Florida Street.
- The neighbors wish to minimize traffic impacts by adding more definitive signage with regards of parking of speed limit in the alley.
- There is a sign reading “No Parking in Alley” at the Cypress Ave. end of the alley
- There is a sign reading “No Parking at Any Time” at the Myrtle Ave. end of the alley.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Sub-Committee will contact Marlon Pangilinan to find out if there was a Traffic Study done for both the Arbor Crest North and South projects. Based on this information this item will be continued in the next Sub-Committee meeting.

**D. Request for a stop sign on Mission Avenue at Georgia Street.** Sal stated the following:

- This stop sign was requested last year but it was pulled from the agenda because at that time Mary Lou Ruane was working with City officials on re-striping Mission Avenue from two lanes to one lane.
- Mission Avenue is a “cut-through” between Park Boulevard and Texas Street.
- Traffic speeds above the posted signs of 25 mph especially during peak evening hours.
- There is no stop sign between Park Boulevard and Florida Street and traffic is going downhill.

After further discussion the following motion was made: **To request the City to install a Stop Sign on Mission Avenue at the intersection with Georgia Street. Steppke/Aréchiga 4-0-0.**

**E. Request for Stop Sign on Meade Avenue at Georgia Street.** Sal stated the following:

- This intersection is in conjunction with the previous request due to the same above-mentioned traffic that cuts through between Park Boulevard and Texas Street to use this route in the peak mornings hours.
- Traffic speeds above the posted signs of 25 mph.
- There is a concern of safety for pedestrian due to the lack of visibility from oncoming traffic going uphill on Meade Avenue.

After further discussion the following motion was made: **To request the City to install a Stop Sign on Meade Avenue at the intersection with Georgia Street to address pedestrian safety due to poor visibility and speeding traffic. Vidales/Wergeles 4-0-0**

**F. Discussion about the possibility to change the day of the PF/PA Sub-Committee meeting.** Rob Steppke stated that this item should be on the agenda as an “old business item” and not as Chair’s comments so we can have a public discussion on the subject.

**Liaison Reports:** No update

**Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items:** None

**Next Meeting tentative date is Thursday, August 7, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 7:49 p.m.

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