

NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE  
**PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE**  
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**CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 2, 2009, 6:30 p.m., North Park Main Street office  
3076 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Called to order: 6:33 p.m.

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Sal Aréchiga (Co-Chair), René Vidales (Co-Chair), Elizabeth Studebaker, Lynn Elliott

**Also in attendance:** Robert Barry, Jim Symons, Dionné Carlson

**Approve April 2, 2009 Agenda.**

**Motion: Approve agenda. Aréchiga/Studebaker 4-0-0**

**Chair's Comments.**

René stated that the tentative day for the Community Plan Update subcommittee meetings will be during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month. More information to come at the full board meeting of the Planning Committee.

**Approve March 5, 2009 Minutes.**

**Motion: Approve minutes. Elliott/Studebaker 4-0-0**

**Announcements:**

1. **FasTrak initiates new I-15 Tolling System.** The toll rate will vary depending on the length of travel
2. **511 celebrates 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.** 511 gives information about real time reports on traffic conditions on incidents, driving times, roadside assistance, public transit schedules, and route and fare information, as well as car pool and van pool referrals, bicycling information, compass card, and more. Visit [www.511sd.com](http://www.511sd.com) or dial 511
3. **MTS public hearing scheduled on proposed fare changes.**  
The public hearings will be held: Wednesday, April 15, 2009, NCTD Board Room (Basement) at 810 Mission Ave., Oceanside at 9 a.m. another hearing is scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2009, SANDAG 7<sup>th</sup> Flr Boardroom, 401 B St. San Diego at 9 a.m.
4. **Public Hearing on proposed changes to MTS Services.** Public testimony at the public hearing: Thursday, March 12, 2009, 9 a.m., at 1255 Imperial Ave., 10<sup>th</sup> Flr. San Diego, CA 92101

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:**

- Elizabeth Studebaker stated that the red curb zone was completed at The Linkery, located at North Park Way west of 30<sup>th</sup> Street. It is not considered a loading zone.
- Elizabeth Studebaker also mentioned that businesses along 30<sup>th</sup> Street between University Avenue and Upas Street have a concern about the traffic speed and pedestrian safety along the corridor.
- Lynn Elliott stated that the annual meeting for the North Park Community Association will be held on April 26 at 6 p.m.

**Information Items:**

1. Update on the University Avenue Mobility Plan. René presented the following schedule obtained from the City project manager.

2009

- March 30, item on City Council regarding consultant contract
- 10 days after, the item will go to Mayor's office
- April, Notice to Proceed to Consultant
- End of May, Scoping Meeting
- June, begin Environmental Process

2010

- Spring, begin design process (10 months)
- End of summer (September/October), end of environmental process

2011

- Early 2011, finish design and beginning of construction
- Summer or Fall, end of construction

Elizabeth Studebaker also added that early construction work may begin on construction of a median on the western portion of the project.

2. René stated that he received a copy of Council Policy 200-07, titled Comprehensive Pedestrian Policy from Travis Knowles of the District 3 Office.
3. Monica Firsht is the new contact for the Greater North Park Planning area, but we can still contact Gary Pence, who is Monica's boss.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

- A. **Proposal for Vacation of Gunn Street between Utah Street and 28<sup>th</sup> Street.** Jim Symons stated the following:
  - The current parking along Gunn Street between Utah and 28<sup>th</sup> is being used as overflow parking from his apartment complex, since it was built with insufficient parking.
  - He is concerned about the parking loss on Gunn Street once the vacation process is complete
  - In his experience, the City did not properly notify the adjacent neighbors. He stated that none of the tenants in his complex were notified.

Elizabeth Studebaker was notified about this project by the City, and she referred them to the Urban Design/Project Review subcommittee.

After further discussion, the subcommittee members mentioned the following:

- The vacation of Gunn Street will be a beneficial for the school
- Since there is a lack of park/recreational facilities, this vacation will be a good candidate for a future joint use agreement
- It was suggested that after this project goes to the Urban Design/Project Review subcommittee, this subcommittee would like review the vacation of Gunn Street with information on the whole project

- It was suggested by the subcommittee, that once additional information with the extent of the project is received, some areas can be regained as parking areas. The parking can be accommodated by providing either head-on parking or diagonal parking along Utah Street and 28<sup>th</sup> Street within portions of Gunn Street by extending the right-of-way and meandering the sidewalk around the new parking spaces.

**Liaison Reports:**

- **North Park Parking Garage Art Selection Committee.** No update
- **North Park Parking Management Working Group.** No update.

**Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items:**

- Potential for small sections of 30<sup>th</sup> Street south of University Avenue to have 2-Hour Parking curb striping and signage.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 7, 2009

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 7:36 p.m.

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