

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

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MEETING MINUTES

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

Called to order: 6:32 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members: René Vidales (Chair), Salvador Aréchiga, Elizabeth Studebaker, Lynn Elliott (arrived 6:36), Ernie Bonn

Also in attendance: Amy Colony

Approve August 6, 2009 Agenda.

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

Chair's Comments. None

Approve June 4, 2009 Minutes. Aréchiga/Studebaker 4-0-0.

Announcements:

1. Stimulus hits home. San Diego County is receiving at least \$1.77Billion of federal stimulus money for roads, job programs and more. It includes Military, Transportation, Education and Research projects.
2. SANDAG to set aside \$70 Million set for Infrastructure projects. It includes the Coastal Rail Corridor, I-5 North Coast, and South Bay Bus Rapid Transit.
3. SANDAG Survey seeks info on gathering public input on major uses like transportation infrastructure, growth, energy, and sustainability
4. MTS named outstanding transportation system of the year. This was by the American Public Transportation Association for 2009.

Non-Agenda Public Comment:

1. NPCA Summer Concerts. Lynn Elliott stated that the last concert in the summer series will be on Saturday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bird Park.
2. Ernie Bonn mentioned that Gary Pence from the City of San Diego emailed her that the intersection of Madison Avenue and Florida Street qualified for an all-way stop sign, and solid white edge lines will be installed along Madison between Park Boulevard and Texas Street. Red curb will also be installed on Madison at Alabama to increase visibility of approaching traffic.
3. Ernie Bonn stated that this year the Taste of University Heights and the 4th Annual University Heights Arts Open for 2009 will be on September 20 from noon to 5. The UH open reception will be on September 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Swedenborg Hall at 1531 Tyler Avenue. For more information contact UHCDC at 619-297-3166 or at www.uhcdc.org
4. Ernie Bonn announced that Sue Palmer will be performing Friday, August 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Trolley Barn Park on Adams Avenue.

Information Items:

1. **Sewer Rehabilitation Phase J1-A 100% Design Phase.** Upcoming Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Construction of this project will begin in January 2010 with a six-month duration. Once the contract has been awarded, the field engineering division will take the lead on outreaching to the community and residents through notices and site meetings.

2. **Parking Meter Utilization Rate Update.** This item was not heard at the Budget and Finance committee in July, but will be taken up by the committee in September.
3. **North Park Post Office may close.** 10 Post offices in the County face chopping block. The U.S. Postal Service is considering consolidation/closing of 100 offices nationwide, including 10 in San Diego County, in response to record/breaking financial losses and failing mailing volumes. The San Diego North park location at 3791 Grim Avenue is on the list.

Old Business:

- A. **Potential for segments of 30th Street south of University Avenue to install 2-Hour Parking curb striping and signage.** Liz Studebaker stated that she thinks that is not necessary to conduct the survey at this time. She will request letters from business owners, requesting limited 2-hour parking. René will talk to Gary Pence at the City and request the criteria needed to apply for a 2-Hour limited parking along

New Business:

- A. None

Liaison Reports:

- **North Park Parking Garage Art Selection Committee.** Liz stated that the project is stalled at this moment. The entire process might have to be re-initiated from the beginning and the entire committee was disappointed with the City's Redevelopment Agency's decision. After further discussion, the committee members suggested to have René and Sal write a letter to the Redevelopment Agency requesting the status of the Public Art project. This letter will be brought to the subcommittee for discussion and once approved by the subcommittee, to be sent to the full board for approval.
- **North Park Parking Management Working Group.** Roger Lewis and René have been working on the draft North Parking Management Plan. Liz and Michele Brown-Graser from NPCA will continue the work on the draft. The draft will be presented to the PAC, NPPC, NPCA and NPMS boards for final input prior to be forwarded to the City.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 7:31 p.m.