



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

**PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, October 1 2009, 6:30 p.m., North Park Main Street office  
3076 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Called to order: 6:35 p.m.

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:** René Vidales (Chair), Salvador Aréchiga (Vice-Chair), Elizabeth Studebaker, Lynn Elliott (arrived 6:40)

**Community**

**Voting Members:** Dionné Carlson (arrived 6:37), Ernie Bonn (arrived 7:17)

**Also in attendance:** Amy Colony, Roger Lewis, Kathleen Ferrier, Parke Troutman, Sara Blahaskee, Mike Arnold, George Franck.

**Approve October 1, 2009 Agenda.**

**Motion: Approve agenda with the following change: Move Information Item IIIA after the last New Business Item. Studebaker/Aréchiga 3-0-0**

**Chair's Comments.** None

**Approve September 3, 2009 Minutes.**

**Motion: Approve minutes. Aréchiga/Elliott 4-0-1 (Studebaker abstained)**

**Announcements:**

1. QuickPark arrives at select Coaster Parking Lots. For more information visit [www.511sd.com/QuickPark](http://www.511sd.com/QuickPark)
2. Rideshare week 2009 set for October 5-9. This program encourages the use of alternative transportation methods. For more information visit [www.ridelink.org](http://www.ridelink.org)
3. Stimulus Funds set aside for Public Transit for both NTCD and MTS for new equipment.
4. Federal Government sets up a web site to track stimulus funds. Easy access to data related to recovery act spending. For more information visit [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov)
5. Taste of North Park to be held on Saturday, October 3 from 1 to 5 p.m.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:**

1. North Park Residential Historic Walking Tour on October 3.  
For more information, visit [www.northparkhistory.org](http://www.northparkhistory.org)

**Information Item:**

1. **Proposed changes in the permitting process for Community Gardens.** Kathleen Ferrier made a presentation seeking community support to simplify the permitting process for community gardens in the City of San Diego. The intention is to request the Development Services Department to require a Ministerial Permit in lieu of a Neighborhood Use Permit. NOTE: subcommittee members are supportive of the concept but community input in the permitting process is strongly suggested.

**Old Business:**

- A. Pershing Drive & Redwood Street intersection project update.** Mike Arnold presented the project with a conceptual signing and striping plan with improvements.
- The update incorporates comments from the community, the Balboa Park Committee, and the Council office, and provides a more comprehensive plan to address concerns on Pershing Drive from the Frisbee Golf Course to Jacaranda.
  - This update also incorporates recommendations from the East Mesa Precise Plan for Balboa Park
  - The workshop results from April 13 were mixed in regards to the turnaround option
  - The Grant has expired, but there are funds left with the consultant for public relations work.

Subcommittee members expressed the following:

- A 2-way T-intersection improvement at Jacaranda and Pershing Drive would appear to function better
- The plan is more pedestrian friendly
- Street trees were suggested for the medians
- The driveway access to the Frisbee Golf parking lot can be improved

After further discussion, it was suggested that a second workshop be conducted with the additional improvements incorporated as previously stated by subcommittee members, possibly including only two options.

(Sal Aréchiga left at 7:30)

- B. Request for Stop Sign on Madison Avenue at Alabama Street.** A letter from the City Transportation Division stated the following:
- An evaluation was performed for Madison Avenue between Park Boulevard and Texas Street for all-way stop signs
  - Police report revealed that there has been a number of accidents involving hitting parked vehicles
  - Red zones are needed at the corners of the intersection of Madison and Alabama
  - The installation of solid white edge lines was also recommended to separate the travel lane from the parking lane along Madison between Park and Texas
- René stated that the red curbs and white edge lines are already installed, and a stop sign will be installed on Madison Avenue at Florida Street, which is one block away from Alabama Street.

**New Business:**

- A. Installation of Stop Sign on Madison Avenue at Florida Street.** At the request of a member of the community, the City evaluated this intersection for an all-way stop. The evaluation determined that the intersection met the criteria established in Council Policy 200- 08.

This effort was the result of the evaluation of Madison Avenue between Park Boulevard and Texas Street for all-way stop signs. After subcommittee discussion the following motion was drawn:

**Motion: To support the installation of a Stop Sign on Madison Avenue at Florida Street. Studebaker/Bonn 5-0-0.**

**B. Request for consolidation of Bus Stops along 30<sup>th</sup> Street south of University Avenue.** George Franck presented this item. The NPMS Board of Directors seeks concurrence with the North Planning Committee and the Project Area Committee in order to:

- Relocate the southbound bus stop on 30<sup>th</sup> Street from the northwest corner of University and 30<sup>th</sup> to the southwest corner of University and 30<sup>th</sup>. A pop-out would protect the relocated bus stop and it can be incorporated as an alternative in the EIR for the University Avenue Mobility Plan.
- Reduce the number of bus stops by two (2) stops along 30<sup>th</sup> Street between Upas Street and North Park Way. The proposal is for four (4) northbound and four (4) southbound bus stops. This includes:
  - Existing stops in both directions at North Park Way
  - Southbound at Landis, in front of a vacant bungalow
  - Southbound at Capps, at the north end of the Family Health Center
  - Northbound at Capps, at St. Patrick's School administration building
  - Existing northbound at Landis, in front of an auto shop
  - Existing stops in both directions on Upas Street.
- Eliminate the bus stops at Thorn Street if proposed by MTS staff, as long as the stops at Redwood Street and Upas Street are retained.
- Address the bus stops between University Avenue and Howard Avenue at a future time, possibly as part of the Community Plan Update.

MTS staff supports the consolidation of bus stops in the area south of University Avenue. Union Bank and Family Health Center have been notified since they will be heavily impacted. Subcommittee discussion followed and the following motion was drawn:

**Motion: To support the recommendations from North Park Main Street on the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Bus Stops between Howard and Thorn Streets dated September 9, 2009. Vidales/Elliott 4-0-1 (Studebaker abstained).**

**Information Item:**

**2. Formation of Wireless Communication Facilities Committee for the purpose of regulating utility boxes in the public right-of-way.** Ernie Bonn stated the committee will be formed by the following:

- 8 community representatives, one from each Council District to be appointed by each Council Member
- 8 Wireless industry and related business representatives, appointed by the Mayor
- 1 representative from the Design Community, appointed by the Mayor
- 1 Chairperson, appointed by the Mayor
- City staff, including Development Services and Public Safety Departments (non-voting)

René will email Travis Knowles to include this as a separate Agenda Item in the next North Planning Committee meeting.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 8:34 p.m.