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

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 12, 2013, 6:00 p.m., North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center  
2719 Howard Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

#### Attendance:

**Seated Board Members:** Dionné Carlson (Chair), René Vidales (Vice-Chair), Vicki Granowitz, Peter Hill, Lucky Morrison, Daniel Gebreselassie,

**Community Voting Members:** Ernie Bonn, Rob Steppke, Kitty Callen (arrived 6:13)

**Board member not seated:** None

**Also present:** Myra Pelowski, Ken Green

#### Parliamentary Items:

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

**Approve February 12, 2014 Agenda.** *Motion: To modify Agenda by adding Balboa Park Municipal Golfcourse Revised Clubhouse Master Plan GDP at the end of the Agenda Hill/Steppke. 8-0-0*

*Motion: To adopt the Agenda as modified. Steppke/Granowitz. 8-0-0*

**Chair's Comments:** None

#### Approval of Previous Minutes, January 8, 2014

The January 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes will be reviewed at the March meeting.

#### Announcements & Non-Agenda Public Comment:

- Tuesday, February 21 will be the last opportunity to qualify to run for the North Park Planning Committee, which will have 3 vacancies to fill.
- Wednesday, February 19, SANDAG [North Park-Mid City Bike Corridor](#) meeting.
- Volunteers have been upgrading the landscaping in front of the University Heights Library
- Polk Avenue at Park Boulevard will be closed to vehicles from February 18<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup> for construction as part of the [SANDAG Mid-City Rapid Bus project](#)

#### Non-Agenda Public Comment:

- None

#### Information Items:

- A. **PSA Flight 182 Memorial Proposal for triangle median at Boundary and Felton.** Presentation by Myra Pelowski (Chair, [PSA 182 Memorial Committee](#)).

Myra Pelowski, who lost a relative to the tragedy, presented a proposal for a memorial to the victims of PSA flight 182, which crashed in 1978, claimed 144 lives, and is still the largest air disaster in California's history. After 35+ years, the only memorial is a small plaque on the ground at the North Park Library, about 1.5 miles away from the crash site. Every anniversary, people gather at Dwight/Nile which is the point of impact.

The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ceremony on September 25, 2013 did not have a memorial, but rather just chalk figures on the sidewalk of the crash site.

Ms. Pelowski met recently with Anthony Bernal and Adrian Granda of Council District 3 and they suggested gathering community support via the planning committee. **A public meeting will be held at St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday, March 26 at 3585 30<sup>th</sup> Street at 7:00 pm.** Hutton Marshall, editor of the San Diego Uptown News will be involved in spreading the word about the meeting.

The location selected for the proposed memorial is the intersection of Boundary, Felton, and Dwight. The proposal is considering widening the island. Funds will be raised for construction and maintenance for 30 years; the website is <http://psaflight182memorial.com> where donations can be made.

Board discussion:

Steppe: The North Park Redevelopment Project Area Committee (NPPAC) looked at this project at the surrounding location and fully supported it. There is no reason for not having a memorial. Suggests having buy-in from the City. Suggests contacting the company who inherited PSA.

Gebresaleessie: Fully supports it. Suggests talking to the neighbors. Suggests making it a multi-purpose site.

Bonn: Suggests pursue grants, including the County (Ron Roberts), and possibly other grants like the neighborhood reinvestment grant.

Hill: Suggests putting together a map showing locations of signature support. Suggests obtaining feedback from the North Park Maintenance Assessment District (NPMAD), since there are very specific items that are currently covered

Granowitz: A few years back the neighbors did not want a memorial. Suggests a public process. Suggests to contact group of neighbors who meet regularly on the topic.

Callen: Neighbors currently maintain the island. If the island is made wider, then there will be more work for the neighbors; suggests hardscape for ease of maintenance

Morrison: Fully supports proposed memorial.

Vidales: Fully supports it; suggests adding mention of the 2<sup>nd</sup> crash site (Cessna) at 32<sup>nd</sup> & Polk in the memorial.

Carlson: City Transportation Division will need to be contacted with regard to widening the island.

This item will come back to this sub-committee once more information is available for possible action

**New Business:**

**A. Request to Cancel Proposed Installation of Streetlights on Juniper Street- Project # B11147 Citywide Streetlights FY2011.** Ken Green & Juniper Street residents.

A street light project was initiated at the time Toni Atkins was City Councilmember for District 3 and the project is only now being implemented. The proposed street lights are on Juniper Street at 31<sup>st</sup> St, 32<sup>nd</sup> St., Bancroft St., and 33<sup>rd</sup> St.

Chair's Notes from phone conversation with City Engineers:

- Project # B11147 Citywide Streetlights FY2011 resulted from a 2003 city-wide survey study to identify and improve lighting in areas that do not meet the city's standards and guidelines for street lighting.
- The city standard calls for 2 lights (diagonally across from one another) on the corners of intersections where the street is more than 52 feet wide. Juniper Street is 64 feet wide in the area in question.
- Juniper Street currently has 7 streetlights on the South side of the street between 30<sup>th</sup> and Felton, and two lights on the North side (at the west end close to 30<sup>th</sup> Street).
- 4 additional streetlights are proposed on the north side of the street, each one diagonally across from an existing streetlight at an intersection.
- Cost & Savings: Streetlights cost an average of \$8,000 each to install. Approximately 30% of this cost will have already been spent in the design phase of this project, so cancelling the lights at this stage would result in the loss of that money already spent. Should the lights be cancelled, the balance of the unused funds would return to the General Fund to be used for the City-wide unfunded needs list. The monies saved by cancelling the street lights would not remain in North Park for use in another project.

Ken Green was referred to NPPC by Adrian Granda from Council District 3. Mr. Green proposed deleting some streetlights on Juniper from the proposed project as unneeded but would support the installation of others only where they are needed. Mr. Green measured the street and is 50' wide. He was told that the new street lights were proposed by SDG&E in anticipation of utility undergrounding which would happen around 2050. The city has not looked at what the community wants. He obtained 59 support signatures of neighbors and found nobody who supported the proposed lights, and only 2 people who needed additional information. He suggested turning the bracket around on the street light at 31<sup>st</sup> street during installation in order to give better lighting on Juniper, instead of installing an additional light at that location. Lighting design for the Juniper St. dip was done concurrently with the sidewalk project but the requested dark sky lights were never installed. (Possibly due to lack of funds or issues with the MSCP?) Could the savings from not installing the un-needed lights be used to implement that lighting project? Mr. Green noted that Change orders to deduct work appear to be more expensive than change orders to add street lights. The street light at the Juniper dip is high intensity sodium but there is only one light at that location.

Board discussion:

Hill: Asked if the sub-committee is limited to a 'yes' or 'no' for the lights. (Chair Carlson responded that the board can elect to recommend keeping all, some or none of the lights – see Chair's notes above) Mentioned MSCP and sensitive species as possible reason for not installing the lights with the recent sidewalk project on the Juniper St. dip. Suggests modifying the 31<sup>st</sup> St. light to by moving it to another location and does not support the other 3 proposed lights.

Morrison: Would agree with recommendation from Hill

Bonn: Would like to encourage walkability day and night. Would like an additional street light between 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Steppke: Disclosed he chairs the NPMAD, and would agree with the consensus about the light on 31<sup>st</sup> St.
- Gebreselassie: Asked if keeping the old lights is a possibility. (The existing lights will remain in place. The recommendation from the board only pertains to New lights being suggested)
- Vidales: Requested clarification on which lights were low-sodium-vapor and which lights were high-sodium-vapor. Also requested clarification on cobra lights vs. pedestrian lighting. It was clarified that induction lights (white) were installed except for the Juniper dip where a high intensity light is existing. The proposed cobra lights are on new poles; old lights have brackets with an angle

After further discussion the following motion was made.

***Motion: To support the community request to cancel proposed installation of street lights on Juniper St. at 33<sup>rd</sup> St., Bancroft St., and 32<sup>nd</sup> St. and to first explore repositioning the existing street light at 31<sup>st</sup> St. to provide better illumination. Hill/Granowitz 9-0-0***

**B. North Park Community Plan Update – Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)**

**January 9<sup>th</sup> Scoping Meeting:** The City held a scoping meeting for the preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) on January 9, 2014

- Following a meeting between NPPC Chair Vicki Granowitz with DSD Deputy Director Nancy Bragado about the lack of proper notice for the EIR Scoping Meeting for the North Park-Uptown-Golden Hill Community Plan Update, there will be some very small meetings with staff and people who did the primary work on the individual Plan Elements:
  - 1) Sustainability and Conservation Element: Meeting on February 25 (René Vidales, Peter Hill, Steve Russell, Steve Codraro, Jay Corrales)
  - 2) Historic Preservation Element: George Franck is assisting with this element and will meet with staff.
  - 3) Meetings on other Elements have yet to be scheduled

**C. North Park Community Plan Update – Remaining Elements & Discussion Draft: Mobility, Recreation, Public Facilities, Historic Preservation, Noise, Arts & Culture Elements. Update & Discussion.**

Covered under Item B above

**D. Balboa Park Municipal Golfcourse Revised Clubhouse Master Plan General Development Plan (GDP).**

The Golfcourse GDP calls for the expansion and enhancement of the Balboa Park Golfcourse amenities, including a new and much expanded restaurant and hospitality facility. The only access to the expanded facility is Golfcourse Dr. The City chose to exclude this approach roadway from the project area, and is therefore providing no mitigation for the projected increased use of this roadway.

The GDP came to the Balboa Park Committee and the Park & Recreation Board. Golden Hill residents showed up to protest the GDP because Golfcourse Dr. is a standard 2-lane road that has no bike lane and no sidewalk, and is insufficient to support the increased traffic that will be generated by the new project. Golden Hill residents are asking that mitigation for project impacts include a proper sidewalk to access the Rec. center and multi-modal roadway & public safety improvements. It was explained by City staff that Golfcourse funds are revenue funds that can only be used for golfcourse improvements. A note in the GDP

staff report stated that the City attorney determined that golfcourse funds could not be used to improve the road (Golfcourse Dr.)  
Golden Hill CPG has requested support on this matter.

Board discussion:

Hill: Has had a terrifying experience while walking the road in question. Narrow and already very busy, with no sidewalk.

Steppe: CEQA document has not been released for comment

Bonn: Would like to see an accidents report on the roadway

Link to staff report will be sent to the sub-committee in order to read the language with the determination from the City attorney on the use of golfcourse funds.

***Motion: To recommend denial of the Balboa Park Municipal Golfcourse Revised Clubhouse Master Plan GDP until such time that a parking and circulation plan is put in place to mitigate the projected increased use of the substandard road (Golfcourse Dr.) due to the impacts created by the new facility and to expedite improvements as part of the project to the substandard road. Vidales/Hill 8-0-1 (Granowitz abstained due to her involvement in the Park and Recreation Board)***

(Granowitz left at 7:39)

#### **Ongoing Business**

- A. Angle Parking Policy:** Report/Update from Ernie Bonn.  
Parking board is proposing changes to policy on converting parking from parallel to angle/head-in. Any change in parking policy has to go to City Council. Need support from Planning Committee and Parking District.
- B. Utility Box Task Force.** No update
- C. Madison Avenue and Mississippi Street.** NPPC Motions are on record supporting community desired changes. No further board action is required.

#### **Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items.**

- 1) Madison Avenue median chokers removal. Petition will circulate soon.

**Next Meeting date:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014

**Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn meeting Steppe/Callen. 8-0-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.