



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

### DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 6:00 p.m., North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center  
2719 Howard Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

#### Attendance:

**Seated Board Members:** Dionné Carlson (Chair), Roger Morrison, Vicki Granowitz, Peter Hill, Lucky Morrison, Daniel Gebreselassie, Rachel Levin (arrived 6:03),

**Community Voting Members:** Ernie Bonn, Kitty Callen (arrived 6:11), Rob Steppke (arrived 6:11)

**Board member not seated:** None

**Also present:** Kevin Clark, René Vidales, Lynn Elliott, Kathy Morrison, Adrian Granda, Don Leightling, William Schneider, Harold Bream, Joan Moore, John Shepard, Lina Shepard, Robert Foti, Joel Harrison, Tanya Ta, Paul Jamason, Steve Bossi, George Franck & others.

#### Parliamentary Items:

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

**Modification of agenda:** Motion to place item D first. Granowitz/R. Morrison 7-0-0

**Approval of March minutes:** tabled to next month

**Chair's Comments:** Chair welcomed Roger Morrison as new Vice Chair of the PF subcommittee and thanked termed-out former vice chair René Vidales for his many years of stellar public service.

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

- [Community Housing Work Open House](#) Thursday, April 10 - 4:00pm - 7:00pm in City Heights
- [Adams Ave Unplugged](#) April 26 & 27 – request contributions to Kickstarter fund
- [SOHO Home Tour weekend in North Park](#); June 6, 7, and 8
- Friday June 6 [People In Preservation Awards at Sunset temple](#)
- Affordable housing workshop on Friday, April 11, 8am-12pm
- 100 years of University Heights Library, April 12 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### Non-Agenda Public Comment.

Morrison: Requested 'Buffer-zone' update / expressed concerns. Granowitz clarified that item is on full board agenda, will discuss if time; wants Marlon Pangilinan (City planner) to discuss at full board.

**Information Items.** None

**New Business:**

- A. Proposed parking conversions from parallel to diagonal or head-in:** Following streets will be re-noticed by the City, and discussed individually at future meetings: Ohio, Louisiana, Idaho, Mississippi, Illinois and Iowa streets between University & Lincoln; Polk between Kansas & Ohio; 31st Street from University to South of North Park Way. Brief Follow-up discussion

Chair gave update on status of project. Projects will come back to subcommittee few at a time after noticing. No date set as yet.

Public comment:

Harold Bream: When will parking board meet? Bonn: 4<sup>th</sup> Weds 11:30 at El Cajon BIA offices. City traffic engineer attends this meeting. Bream: Question re voting on parking changes – per resident or per property?. Told by city rep that is per property. Granowitz: we need clarification on this –. Chair Carlson: agreed, need clarification. Adrian Granda, City Council Rep: will seek clarification and get back to board. Joan Moore: When will this be back to the board? Carlson: Unknown. Likely not for another month or two, depending on the City’s renoticing.

Bonn: Note that 50% of Parking District budget is being cut. City should do & pay for official noticing instead of Parking District. Carlson: Will there be discussion of this at next Parking District meeting?

Point of order: L. Morrison – off-agenda discussion. Chair concurred and cut further discussion.

- B. Community requests for letters of support.** For the Nomination of the North Park Historical Soc. & others for a SOHO People in Preservation award.

George Franck, President NP Historical Soc.: Parties being nominated: Alex Bevel; NPHS, UHHS, McKinley Elementary School (principal and 5<sup>th</sup> grade). NPHS asking for support from NPPC.

***Motion: The NPPC write a letter of support for a SOHO People in Preservation award for Alex Bevil, NPHS, University Heights Historical Society and the McKinley Elementary School principal and fifth grade for submitting the North Park Water Tower for National Historic status. Granowitz/Callen. 9-0-0***

Bonn: Deadline for submitting letter of support? No firm deadline, but need letter ASAP

- C. SANDAG Regional Bike Corridor, North Park-Mid City & Uptown:** Discussion and formulation of feedback on the most recently proposed routes.

Carlson: Suggest free-flowing informal discussion on how best to address and give feedback on SANDAG Regional Bike Corridor (RBC) plans. List questions needing answers. Will contact project chairs in other planning groups to invite them to coordinate and share their input in areas of overlap.

Project overview by Vidales: SANDAG is spending approx.. \$3.8M for two miles of bike lanes in Uptown. and approx.. \$2.9 million for three miles in North Park / Mid-city: Various types of cycle tracks / lanes. Project mostly east-west in North Park / Mid-city. Several major bridge projects over I-805 and between Florida and Alabama Streets.

Discussion:

Levin: How will this new bike infrastructure be maintained? Carlson: This question is Key to the success of the project. City and SANDAG have not figured this out yet.

Callen: With water shortages, why not hardscape instead of greenery? Levin: Discussed examples of successful water-wise planting, suggested shade and landscaping important to success of project.

L. Morrison: Current design looks generally well thought out. Question re: Removal of stop signs on Landis? Doesn't think it will work well. Concerned about faster traffic and commercial vehicles. Concerned Mini-roundabouts will not slow traffic sufficiently.

Carlson: According to previous SANDAG meetings, these bike corridors are designed to slow/calm traffic speed considerably to "Bike Boulevard" level (25mph and under)

Levin: Bird Rock roundabouts well designed with attractive landscaping.

Hill: clarified difference between mini-roundabouts and large ones.

Callen: knows roundabouts from living back East, and thinks they work well in appropriate locations.

Gebreselassie: Wants to know more about mini-roundabouts

Additional discussion on mini-roundabouts vs. full sized roundabouts. Ask SANDAG for clarification and data on mini-roundabouts vs full sized roundabouts and stop-signs.

Gebreselassie: Have residents/property owners on impacted streets been individually noticed on project plans? Or will they be? Carlson: Not so far as she is aware. SANDAG workshops were publically noticed via usual channels and via NPPC social media. There is approx.. 3 months left to give input to SANDAG. Will board members assist in placing notices on impacted streets for residents to come to PF/PA subcommittee meeting for input?

Callen: Expressed concerns about effectiveness of SANDAG noticing.

Hill: Request clarification of noticing timing

Public comment:

Xx: Beneficial to review each corridor separately. Suggested phased implementation of project by corridor.

Vidales: Comments on size of noticing area and difficulty & expense of placing door hangers for project.

Chair Carlson response : Clarified that NPPC notices will be the usual public meeting notices placed on poles, etc. in the North Park section of project only, and via social media. No budget or manpower for planning group to individually notice each property owner!

Board comment:

L. Morrison: Landis will have high impact on area; propose doing first.

Carlson: Does the board propose reviewing corridors south to north? 1:Landis/Robinson; 2: Howard; 3: Meade. Consensus affirmative.

Hill: Post notice at bicycle shops.

Callen: Has contact to distribute info.

Continued discussion:

New design features included. Back-in parking: very innovative.

Bonn: Will there be a clear striped line delineating vehicle size limit? Discussion of impacts and issues with oversized vehicles protruding into street/bike lane.

Carlson: is striped parking limit line a feature we want? The pilot head-in project at Kansas and El Cajon has such a striped line. If so, we should ask SANDAG to incorporate this. Can the bike lane go between the curb and the parking, safer.

Gebreselassie: Concerns about low-functioning drivers and difficulty in using spaces.

Public comment:

Xx: concerned about different interpretations of striped lines.

Gebreselassie: why back-in parking sites/locations chosen? Why some places and not others?

Carlson: not sure, will ask SANDAG.

Granowitz left 7:19PM

(Public): Why not leave roads wider and create separated bike lane, instead of back-in parking? Carlson: more broadly, how were the various features chosen for the various locations? Will ask SANDAG to clarify their decision process on this. Expect this might be open for community input. Various discussion.

Levin: Will there be a SANDAG rep at future meetings? Carlson: possible at some, but many meetings, few SANDAG reps, not always possible. Will request answers and clarification from SANDAG on questions asked at this meeting/ underlying study for project.

Bonn: Note that there is a new State traffic law: keep three feet away from bicyclist when passing. This new law may have effect on some streets in project, ask SANDAG if this is a consideration in the design. .

L. Morrison: had experience of this on 30<sup>th</sup> street.

R. Morrison: what is “diversion feature”? Carlson: will ask.

Hill: Have we asked SDPD Comm. Service Officer for input on project? & Fire dept. etc.? What is Mechanism for feedback to SANDAG? Vidales: will be City’s responsibility.

Bonn: Some of the proposed features will have an impact on Street sweeping. What is SANDAG’s solution for that? (another maintenance issue)

Vidales: In the latest EcoBike (rental bikes) station maps sent out the bike stations are NOT on the SANDAG bike routes. Only at University and 30<sup>th</sup> in North Park. Discussion. Alert City and SANDAG to this.

Carlson: Re: connectivity between districts and ensuring bike infrastructure functions for pedestrian friendliness as well: It is important that SANDAG’s East/West routes effectively tie into North-South City bike routes, and that each intersection be considered in terms of pedestrian access as well, as North Park is unlikely to receive another such opportunity for a long time.. This is a great opportunity to leverage SANDAG money for infrastructure compatible with other North Park bike/pedestrian/park design needs. Important to move quickly and send input to SANDAG. Also, NPPC Should give input on North Park’s proposed linear park on Oregon street and any other upcoming projects to SANDAG to be sure the proposed infrastructure is compatible with projects planned for the future. Questions for the board to consider for future meetings: Class one “bike track” vs traffic-calmed “bike boulevard”? On which corridor do we want what? Do we want each corridor to be consistent along its length? Is that even possible?

R. Morrison: what’s the path? Carlson: Could a) take mini-motions from PF/PA and send informally to SANDAG. And/Or b) send minutes and emails after every subcommittee meeting to project managers, and/or C) Make formal motions through the full board on large issues. Will discuss with SANDAG project managers and determine their needs and thoughts on most effective plan. .

Levin: how to make sure message is a strong one to SANDAG? Carlson: More than one way – perhaps early informal email to SANDAG and then full board motions? Vidales: WE can make small motions at each meeting – SANDAG study, etc. For Example. On the Texas St. project the subcommittee made many motions over many months, most of which went onto consent at the full board. As project design and conditions change, motions can be revised and revisited .

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

Morrison: buffer zone concerns in the area of Ray Street. Levin will follow up (is a neighbor). Carlson referred to Hill: UD/PR meeting.

**Ongoing Business**

**A. Angle Parking Policy:** No update

**B. Utility Box Task Force.** No update

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

**Next Meeting date:** Wednesday, May 14, 2014

**Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn meeting L. Morrison / R. Morrison. 8-0-0.** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.