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PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 14th, 2015 – 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, Sarah McAlear, Peter Hill, Daniel Gebreselassie (6:12)

Community Voting Members: Ernie Bonn, Rob Steppke, René Vidales, Kitty Callen (6:20)

I. Parliamentary Items:

A. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

B. Motion: To adopt agenda as corrected (per email to correct date of the North Park Historical Society Car Show to September 12, 2015): Vidales/ Steppke 7-0-0

C. Chair's Comments: Chair explained to the audience the order of business and how the meeting will proceed. Chair noted that minutes of the previous meeting will not be available until next month.

D. Approval of Previous Minutes: Tabled.

E. Announcements

- o Ernie Bonn noted that the University Heights Library Task Force, which is working to acquire the historic Teachers Training Building at the San Diego Unified School District Education Center for use as the new University Heights Library, will be meeting with Misty Jones, San Diego Public Library Director, on January 21, 2015, at 6:30 pm in the University Heights Library at 4191 Park Boulevard. The meeting will be to discuss the progress of the task force.

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

René Vidales stated that in 2013 the NPPC approved a project for senior housing on Iowa Street. The project's proponents are now working on construction drawings, and construction will begin soon. The neighbors want to know when the head-in parking that was approved on Iowa Street will be installed. René indicated that it should be before construction starts.

III. Information Items. None.

IV. New/Current Business:

A. Request for Letter of Support from North Park Historical Society for Vintage Car Show:

Motion: To approve a letter of support for the North Park Historical Society Vintage Car Show on September 12, 2015, with typographical corrections. McAlear/Gebreselassie 7/0/0

B. Request for Bike Corral at Cantina Mayahuel - 2934 Adams Ave, San Diego, CA 92116

The Chair noted that an email was sent to the businesses in the area. One email response was received from Don Leichtling, stating a concern that there was insufficient noticing.

Liz Studebaker presented the project, which consists of a bike corral to be located near the requesting business, out of the way of the bus stop, with no loss of parking meters.

Ron Peyton, the property owner, indicated that he is willing to give up the driveway area for a bike corral, because driveway is no longer used. He understands he would be vacating the curb cut.

Liz Studebaker noted that the City of San Diego requires a cleaning agreement between the Adams Avenue Business Association and the Business Improvement District. The Adams Avenue Business Association will take formal responsibility for the corral.

Daniel Gebreselassie expressed concerns regarding the loss of two parking spaces. It was clarified that only one space would be lost.

René Vidales liked the parking space as a buffer between the bus stop and the corral but noted that the bus stop is not at the intersection, and wondered how to divide the uses. The maps and diagrams were looked at to answer the query, and it was seen that there was sufficient red curb area for maneuvering.

Ernie Bonn also wanted to be sure that there was adequate space for the bus.

Liz Studebaker noted that cars already park in front of the driveway, and there would be no decrease in the space available for the bus.

Ernie Bonn asked who will move the parking meter. Liz Studebaker believed it was the city, but said she would check.

Peter Hill noted that Don's email made a statement about cumulative activity, not just this project. He asked whether this project will require installation of a curb. Liz Studebaker said she would check.

Ron stated that he petitioned for this bike corral so that people will stop locking bikes to the trees in front of the bus stop. He stated that it would be nice to have a bike corral to put the bikes in.

Motion: To support the installation of the requested bike corral at 2934 Adams Avenue as proposed. McAlear/Gebreselassie 8/0/1 (Callen abstained due to arriving too late to hear the entire item)

C. Discussion/Update on Decobikes

The Chair stated that it does not appear that community input resulted in any changes in the

Decobike station locations. Community input was conveyed in the form of a motion by the Subcommittee, as well as letters from North Park Main Street and the Adams Avenue Business Association.

Liz Studebaker stated that the requested locations on El Cajon Boulevard and Adams Avenue are still being considered as part of the second wave of stations. The Normal Heights Planning Committee also supported locations on Adams Avenue. The Upas and 30th location is not on the map, but there are others fairly near there.

The Chair pointed out that the area around 30th and Upas is still being looked at for a variety of mobility improvement options. Liz said she will follow up with additional information including whether the Family Health Center location has replaced the 30th and Upas location.

Peter Hill noted that at the Golden Hill Planning Group, someone had issues with the public process and delays in installation. There are perception issues.

The Chair noted that the relatively high cost of use (compared to some other cities) is an issue of some concern being discussed on social media. She expressed concern that a problematic roll-out for Decobike could cause perception problems for other bike efforts underway in this area.

Daniel Gebreselassie stated that he had heard social media chatter that the program may fail but then might be taken over by a co-op.

The Subcommittee did not take any action on this item.

V. Old/Ongoing Business.

A. NP Community Plan Update – Remaining Elements & Discussion Draft: No action.

B. Parking District Policy(s): The Parking District Policy draft has been released. It will require a 51% vote instead of a 75% vote. The Subcommittee will read it and see if there are any issues. If there are, it will be agendaized for a future meeting.

Ernie Bonn stated that she, Elizabeth Hannon, and Gary Smith have been pushing for a draft. It will be a policy, instead of an ordinance, because that is more flexible. The emphasis is on taking the City Council out and giving the Planning Committee the final say, but with the possibility to appeal to Council.

Daniel Gebreselassie noted that these parking changes currently must go to City Council. The Chair stated that the intent of the policy is to change that. Ernie Bonn noted that the noticing requirement remains, with the Parking District to send out the notices. Daniel Gebreselassie pointed out that the policy draft doesn't say to notice residents, just owners.

René Vidales asked whether the policy was geared toward the wider streets only, or all streets. Ernie Bonn answered that the intent was for it to be citywide.

This item will be on the agenda of the Parking Advisory Board meeting on January 15, 2015. Ernie Bonn will bring forward the questions raised at this Subcommittee meeting.

Daniel Gebreselassie stated that existing disabled parking should be exempted from being tampered with.

C. Utility Box Task Force & Utility box intrusion in PROW: No report.

VI. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items.

A. The Chair noted that this initially proposed SANDAG total budget for MidCity bike corridors has been reduced from approx. \$600M to \$200M . She hoped to bring the bike corridor item to the Subcommittee in February, as well as an update on the pedestrian park program (“parklets”). Liz Studebaker noted that the city staff on the pedestrian park program has changed.

B. Dionné Carlson announced that she will be stepping down as Chair of the Public Facilities Subcommittee after the next NPPC election (April will be the last subcommittee meeting she will chair) , but will remain a member of the Subcommittee to assist the new chair with the transition.

VII. Next Meeting date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 6 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn meeting. Vidales/Steppe 7-0-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.