



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE
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DRAFT MINUTES: Wednesday, April 8th, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center, 2719 Howard Avenue

I. Parliamentary Items - call to order 6:10PM

A. Attendance:

NPPC Board Members: Carlson, Hill, Gebreselassie, L. Morrison, R. Morrison (arrived 6:30)

Community Members: Bonn, Steppke, Vidales, Callen (arrived 6:25)

B. Modifications to & adoption of the April 8th, 2015 Agenda

MOTION to adopt April 8th Agenda: Gebreselassie/Steppke – 6/0/0

C. Chair's Comments: Welcomed all. Informed audience regarding public meeting protocol.

D. Approval of Previous Minutes: tabled to May meeting

E. Announcements

Jim Baross – Earth Fair, Balboa Park, April 19, 2015 – reminder to bike in as parking will be difficult.

Ginger Sermento – Laughter Yoga program – distributed flyers

Rob Steppke – NP MAD proposing changes to bylaws – Notice posted outside the room.

Luke Terpstra – Hillcrest Town Council meeting April 14, 6:30. Presenters: Vision Zero Project and Alpha Project

Rene Vidales – Sat. May 16 NP Festival of the Arts.

II. Non Agenda Public Comment (2 min. each). Raise your hand to comment on items NOT on today's agenda.

Don Leichtling – NP RID announcement – email distribution

III. Information Items: none

IV. New/Current Business: (*Action Items*) (*see page 2 for links/background info in action items*)

A. Proposal for Head-in Parking on Alabama Street between Polk and Lincoln:

Residents initiated the request for increased parking, circulated and signed the required petition in support. 81% support. 4 residents present at the meeting, all in support of Head-in Parking.

Gebreselassie: How were residents notified, who signed petition, who determined which side of street head in parking goes on?
Richard Yesh – residents notified door to door – Head in Parking on east side only – personally went door-to-door – gathered an additional 13 signatures after petition submitted to city, so support is actually higher than 81% shown in map on agenda. Presented additional petition with additional signatures.

Gebreselassie: Why east side? Chair: The city determines the most appropriate location to achieve maximum increase in spaces when they study the street.

Hill: Notification concerns, covered with prior comments.

L. Morrison: Do the green "X's" on map represent support? Yesh: Yes, and also got additional signatures at red "X's"

Bonn: Any contact with Mid-City Parking group? Possibly worth getting their support. Chair: City would have consulted with Mid-City Parking group. Bonn: Need to be sure everyone in each complex is notified..

Steppke: no comment

Vidales: no comment

Public comment:

Ron Olson: 15 year resident. Parking always a problem. Nearby head-in parking helped his block. In favor.

Tootie: ECB BIA – SANDAG presented at ECB, spoke of bike project. Chair advised wrong topic. Tootie will speak later.

Allison Moss: Bicycle pedestrian planner. Head in parking has consequences to pedestrians. Poor visibility.

Richard Yesh: Alabama St. resident, organizer of parking effort. Gave history of difficult parking.

Jim Baross: Considered back-in parking? Safer way to pull out into traffic, safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Paul Jamason: Supports back-in parking.

Adrian Granda: Commended Richard Yesh for taking the initiative and doing the work needed. City has pilot back-in parking program, and he will consult with traffic division to see whether back-in parking might be suitable in this location.

Ginger Sermento: Back-in parking not the same as head-in, provides fewer spaces.

Don Leichtling: Agree with back-in parking; safer. Also city should add additional street lighting in locations with head-in or back-in parking for safety.

Board:

L. Morrison: Has anyone checked sidewalk access for sidewalk appurtenances? Chair: City should review prior to implementation. They are a frequent barrier to parking access.

Bonn: Back-in parking can cause difficulties in parking enforcement (license plate on sidewalk). The UHCDC has received No complaints from the North Ave. Head-in parking project.

MOTION: To support the conversion of parallel parking to head in parking, going from 23 to 46 spaces on the east side of Alabama St. between Polk and Lincoln Aves., with the provision that the city explores the possibility of using back-in parking.

Vidales/Steppe 8/0/1 (R. Morrison – missed item discussion)

B. Presentation by SANDAG on the NORTH PARK segments of all 3 proposed alignments of the Mid-City Regional Bike Corridor; a) the Meade/Monroe alignment, b) the Howard/Orange alignment, c) the Robinson/Landis alignment:

Bridget Enderle of SANDAG will present the most recent design updates, along with details on proposed intersection treatments and traffic calming options for all 3 bike routes. Subcommittee will hear public comment and discuss preferred options for intersection & traffic calming treatments. Action: Possible Motion (s) to give SANDAG direction with regard to preferred treatments and intersections most in need of attention.

Chair introduced SANDAG speakers, Bridget Enderle and Danny Veeh. SANDAG gave Power Point presentation.

Round of Questions:

Jim Veross: Looking for separation from door zone for bike lane adjacent to parking.

Question: how are traffic calming options chosen for each location? Enderle: varies, depends on conditions at each location.

Rob Steppke: re: Maintenance funding from the North Park MAD for traffic circles. Guiding documents of MAD (engineers report) would need to be updated by vote of community; reminder that it is a very big step to get MAD funding for maintenance, and would take a long time.

Hill: Explain green box shown in front of stop sign on slide? SANDAG: Bike box: shows where bike should be. Safer for bikes.

Luke Terpstra: What about cars turning right from stop signs? Wouldn't the bike box impede?

Kimley Horn Consultant Matt: Bike boxes are located at signalized intersections.

L. Morrison: Possible to get list of existing examples in San Diego of features proposed for these bike lanes? Yes – will email. Are runners allowed in bike lanes? No.

Tootie (the Boulevard BID): Diversion proposed for 30th and Meade complicates access to business, will negatively impact businesses. Also: diversion shifts traffic to Ohio St., a residential area, which is potentially unsafe.

Hans: Diversions: Why not align bike lanes in a straight line through bulb-outs and diversions? (slide shows a curved route)

SANDAG: Will consider, still looking at different treatments. Chair: Note the slides & treatments presented are still options, not set in stone yet... but will be soon, so give feedback to SANDAG asap.

Name?: Resident along bike route, First I've heard of the project. Rides bike. Needs to be able to get out of driveway safely. Wants every household on routes to be notified much sooner in the process.

SANDAG: SANDAG has held and noticed many community meetings so far, but more specific outreach needed. Will door hangar each home along the bike routes before large upcoming June SANDAG meeting.

Chair: Called for breakout session to look at large boards presented by SANDAG, each with SANDAG Eng./consultant to answer specific questions about each segment.

Breakout small groups led by SANDAG. (SANDAG speaker will send presentation notes for the minutes)

7:35 return to board discussion.

Chair: Who present lives on the proposed bike corridors? Several responses.

Don Leichtling: We were promised that under Univ Mobility Plan, no extra traffic on Landis St. Landis already becoming replacement for University. Wants stop sign on every cross street. Will discourage traffic on Landis.

Chair: SANDAG has already met with Ray St. residents and will again – challenging area.

Chair: Request Budget/costs for Mini Roundabouts vs Neighborhood traffic circles. What are the cost/benefits of each, where are they ideally used and why? What financial tradeoff decisions will we need to make as a planning board to achieve the best and most beautiful possible bike corridor for the budget SANDAG will allow us? What are budgetary constraints?

Response: SANDAG designing with objective of safer environment; Budget constraints will not compromise project.

Mini-roundabout cost approx. \$350K /intersection; Neighborhood Traffic Circle approx. \$100K/ intersection.

The additional cost of mini-roundabouts conveys additional benefits to pedestrians: Curb extensions provide greater visibility, safer crossing. Mini roundabouts are appropriate for higher volume intersections. More discussion.

Dave Gatzke: Represents property owner on Howard. Many programs will work on Howard Ave. in next few years. Utility Undergrounding, Storm drain project, SANDAG, etc. How can we coordinate these efforts and reap economies?

Adrian Granda: coordinating through Todd Gloria's office.

SANDAG: coordinating with city.

Dave Gatzke: Has seen an amazing increase in pedestrian traffic down Texas St. to Mission Valley since implementation of the sidewalk and bike lane on the West side of Texas North of Madison. Would like to see similar treatment on the East side of Texas in the same area.

Time-constrained round of board comments (no time for SANDAG to respond):

Rob Steppke: in roundabouts and traffic circles: inevitable parking loss. How to mitigate? Also: seems to be no consistency on locations chosen for roundabouts. Reminder that for any Landscape component: MAD involvement requires a very lengthy process.

Bonn: Re: Georgia St. – UHCD is seeking increasing parking along street. Great need for parking by business in area of Park Boulevard. Also concerned about water use for any landscaping given drought. Preference for hardscape.

Gebreselassie: Too many traffic circles. Future bicycle bridge possibly a better use of money? Important: notification of people in the neighborhoods. Concern how pedestrians will be affected: low-mobility people, children, etc. Concerned traffic diversions are on major streets and will divert traffic into residential neighborhoods.

R. Morrison: Liked hardscape treatments shown, mosaic. On Landis St.: long stretch with no traffic calming. Response: deep cross-gutters: already act as traffic calmers. Chair: Same condition on Madison, cross gutter act as traffic calmers.

Hill: Interested to see public art opportunities in traffic circles, important to integrate with SD Bike Master Plan; Earlier noticing to residents along corridors.

Chair: Again – notice the theme! – Earlier-the-better door-to-door notification of residents along impacted corridors is critical, for this and future SANDAG projects: door hangers, etc. Excited about public art opportunity using hardscape mosaics (interesting low-maintenance cost-effective mosaic treatment shown in slide) Not excited about colored concrete.

Response: SANDAG has done mosaic work in Lemon Grove. Chair: Please email location so Board members can visit.

Chair: Request SANDAG email the powerpoint presentation for circulation to full NPPC board. Presentation Well done and informative on the details of the various treatments. Also request digital version of giant storyboards with design details for each segment be made available on SANDAG website as soon as possible. Will request new incoming subcommittee chair, Daniel, to agendize details along the route for smaller board discussions in future. Discussed follow up with SANDAG.

MOTION: none

V. Old/Ongoing Business: (*Updates & discussion - may/will be trailed to following month(s) if we run out of time*)

A. NP Community Plan Update – Remaining Elements & Discussion Draft: Mobility, Recreation, Public Facilities, Historic Preservation, Noise, Arts & Culture, etc. Update & Discussion.

B. Parking District Policy(s): Report/updates from Ernie Bonn,

VI. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items. (7:50 to 7:55)

VII. Next Meeting date: PF Subcommittee: Wednesday, May 13th, 2015, 6 p.m.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn: R Morrison/Steppke 6/0/0

Times listed are estimates only. Please speak only when recognized by the Chair. Be respectful of others and their ideas. Listen and be open-minded. No interruptions or side conversations. Stay focused on issues rather than personalities.

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