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Draft Minutes: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center, 2719 Howard Avenue

I. Parliamentary Items

(6:00 pm)

- A. Call to Order : Gebreselassie, Hill, Steppke, Vidales, Bonn, Campbell, Barry
- B. Modifications to & adoption of the February 8th, 2017 Agenda
- C. Chair's Comments
New stop signs have been installed at Mission & Monroe, Lincoln & Kansas.
Signs coming at Felton & Palm, Myrtle and Arizona
Chair Gebreselassie will step down after this meeting; new Chair and PF&T activity to be determined.
- D. Approval of Previous Minutes: May 11th, 2016 – Tabled: minutes not ready
- E. Announcements: none

II. Non Agenda Public Comment - none

III. Information Items:

- A. **Explore the possibility of adding a pedestrian bridge on Quince St. over a canyon stretching from Nile to Boundary.** This new bridge would facilitate access to Montclair Park for residents on western side of Nile St. and access to the new McKinley Park to residents on the eastern side of Nile St **(6:10 to 6:50)**

Project presenters: Robert Barry and Mauricio Ahumada

Barry:

Distributed project handout with map showing location, renderings and basic info on a conceptual bridge for the site.

The bridge would link Quince St. between Boundary Ave. and Nile St. with a pedestrian / bike bridge.

Benefits:

- Encourages walking to Montclair Park
- Reduces vehicle miles traveled to Montclair Park

The project fits the updated North Park Community Plan and the San Diego General Plan goals and policies.

The bridge would be 350-400 ft. long, and have a 10 ft. elevation change between the ends.

Possible grants: SANDAG Active Transportation; Safe Routes to School

Next steps: Identify as project; start process for grant applications; get in queue for CIP; community outreach

Councilmember Ward supports the concept.

Grant funding application process by Fall 2017

Public questions & comments

Jennifer Spencer: public in support; reiterated Barry's points
Ed Cronan: supports; would like subtler design. Cost? (Barry) Still unknown
Jennifer Manion: Effect on houses next to bridge? Wants input from neighbors to project. Wants to make sure people are noticed and give input.
Will Dumke: project is precedent to future San Diego sustainable work. Is part of a green corridor along Quince.

Board Comments and questions:

Steppeke: 1) Supports concept – supports walkability, community amenity, gives community character. 2) Concern – adjacent neighbors having problems with traffic from cars parking on street in order to use bridge.

Vidales: 1) Supports in concept – supports NP CPU policies, opportunity for local awards. 2) lighting and signage important. 3) Questions (all responses by Barry): Which grants? A. SANDAG active transportation & Safe Routes to School. SD must advocate for; works on matching funds basis; City must tee up first. Existing lighting at Nile & Quince, is part of plan.

Hill (responses by Barry): cost? Not available. MAD involvement / future responsibility for maintenance? Unknown. Pedestrian traffic study to be done? No. Hill: NPPC support is key.

Bonn: Worked on Vermont St. bridge and art project. After construction needed bollards to no motorcycles. Added “walk your bike” sign. Suggested checking Vermont Bridge background with City. Volunteers do art maintenance. Definitely wants solar lights. Needs protection at street crossings leading to bridge. Consider transient activity.

Steppeke, to Bonn: Vermont St. has lighting? Yes.

(Public) Mauricio Ahumada, to Bonn: Length of Vermont St. project? Approx 1 year, possibly longer. Not clear.

Barry: Engaging with neighbors critical; no formal meeting yet.

Bonn: has commemorative booklet on Vermont St. project, will forward.

Barry: Auto bridge would delay and complicate; regular patrols for Montclair Park gate can check the bridge. Brings more eyes on street.

Campbell: width is important – not encourage motorcycles. Concern about neighbors at ends of bridge, lighting impacts, skateboard noise. Mainly exempt from EIR requirement. Engage every homeowner. Road is a bad idea.

Hill: MSCP? Barry: will be part of review anyway.

Gebreselassie: Thanks – great info. Good to have identified funding. 1) CIP list already approved; talk with Chris Ward / Vicki Granowitz on alternatives. 2) Get involved with neighbors now. 3) School students involvement with bridge art. Question (Barry response): Parking / bridge attracting cars? People closer to park will not drive. Will activate area west of bridge. Time frame? Now: reach out to immediate neighbors; return to planning committee ASAP. Restated Chris Ward support.

Campbell comment: the more beautiful, the less graffiti.

IV. Action Items: none

V. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items. (6:50 to 7:10)

VI. Next Meeting date: PF Subcommittee: Wednesday, March 8th, 2017, 6 p.m.

VII. Adjournment (7:15 pm)

Times listed are estimate only.

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Links and Background for NPPC PF Agenda (05/11/2016)

SANDAG Regional Bike Projects:

- Mid-City Regional Bike Corridor (Includes **North Park**):
http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/NorthParkMidCity_intro.aspx

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San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), 401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101

- Uptown Regional Bike Corridor: Beth Robrahn, Project Manager
http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/uptown_intro.aspx

Links to SANDAG staff Reports regarding reduced budget for Regional bike corridor from proposed \$650M to current \$200M:

April 6, 2012 http://www.sandag.org/uploads/meetingid/meetingid_3220_14226.pdf

July 19, 2013 http://www.sandag.org/uploads/meetingid/meetingid_3503_16335.pdf

Links to City of San Diego Planning Documents:

City of San Diego Street Design Manual: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/pdf/peddesign.pdf>

Facilities Financing Plan for North Park: <http://www.sandiego.gov/facilitiesfinancing/pdf/plans/gnppffpfv.pdf>

City of San Diego's "Open DSD" Site: <http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/opendsd/>

Includes permit information dating back to 2003, Includes Code Enforcement case activity

Search by Map: This data is for current or recent activity. [See related map tips. \(PDF\)](#)

[Discretionary Approvals Map](#) * [Ministerial Approvals Map](#) * [Code Enforcement Case Map](#)

Contact Information for:

- **San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG):** <http://sandag.org/>
- **University Heights Community Association (UHCA):** <http://uhsd.org/>
- **North Park Community Association (NPCA):**
 - See the NPCA's home page <http://northparksd.org/> and their community calendar at <http://northparksd.org/meetings-calendar>.
 - Contact news@northparksd.org to have your event/meeting added to the calendar
- **Adams Ave Business Association (AABA):** <http://www.adamsavenuebusiness.com/>
- **El Cajon Boulevard Business District:** www.theboulevard.org
- **North Park Main Street:** <http://northparkmainstreet.com/>
- **University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC):** www.uhcdc.org
- **South Park Business Group** - <http://www.southparkscene.com/>

Upcoming Events:

- Open House, The water pipeline replacing project on 30th street from Polk Ave to Commercial. May 18th from 5:30-7:30 at the Golden Holl Recreation Center 2600 Golf Course Dr. San Diego, CA 92102
- San Diego Free Landscape design Seminars and Lawn Be Gone Hands on Workshops
<http://www.watershedwisetraining.com/san-diego-sustainable-landscapes-program/>
- Open House meeting on May 10th 6-8 pm at the Lafayette Hotel for the Georgia and Meade Bikeway project by SANDAG.