



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

Draft Minutes: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

North Park Recreation Center / Adult Center, 2719 Howard Avenue

I. Parliamentary Items

(6:00 p.m.)

- a) Call to Order: Bonn, Callen, Campbell, Carlson (arrived 6:14pm), Gebreselassie, Hill, Steppke (arrived at 6:04pm), Velasquez, Vidales
- b) Agenda: No Modifications, (Campbell/Vidales, 7-0-0)
- c) Approval of Minutes, May 10: (Velasquez/Vidales, 7-0-0)
- d) Announcements:
 - The Summer Concert series at Trolley Barn Park will run July 7th through August 4th, 6-8pm
 - Taste of Adams Avenue is June 26th from 11am-3pm with 45 establishments participating
 - San Diego Canyonlands will hold a Jupiter Canyon Enhancement Planning Stakeholder Workshop June 17th from 9-11:30 am, meet at the corner of Juniper and Felton
 - San Diego Bike Coalition will hold its Tour de Fat sponsored by Fat Tire Brewery July 8th downtown at the County Waterfront Park 4-9pm

II. Non Agenda Public Comment

- The city's Parking Advisory Board passed a plan for angle parking unanimously.
- Mayor Faulconer removed \$350,000 from District 3 discretionary funding as retribution for Councilmember Chris Ward's decision to withhold support for a special election in November 2017. Mayor Faulconer is further penalizing District 3 by defunding a subcommittee on the Homeless that Councilman Ward will chair.

III. Action Items

A. Montclair Park Pedestrian Bridge Project

Request to be added to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Prioritization List. The project was presented as an information item at the May 11, 2016 PF/T Meeting. Robert Barry, County of San Diego and former NPPC member.

Barry, joined by Mauricio Ahumada and Eric Domeier, requested that PF/T recommend to the full NPPC that this project be put on the upcoming CIP list. The bridge would span the canyon between Montclair Street and Boundary Street at the Quince Street juncture. The goal is to increase neighborhood walkability and provide greater access to McKinley Elementary School and its Joint Use Park (JUP) and Montclair Park. The second stage of project design has focused on streamlining and utilitarian aspects. Additional funding may be available from SANDAG and from the Safe Routes to Schools and Capital Improvement programs. Handouts of the design were not provided, but are attached to these minutes.

Questions and comments included:

- Two residents who couldn't attend emailed their questions and concerns about placement, safety, design, and usage (attached to these minutes).
- Subcommittee members suggested that the design team look at the Vermont Street Bridge and consider incorporating solar panels and public art.

- The design team does not yet have a cost projection (CIP projects are prioritized on the basis of need not cost).
- Several residents who live close to the proposed site expressed concern that they received very late notice about this PF/T presentation and have not been approached for input. Other residential concerns touched on safety issues related to homeless persons and nighttime revelers, and impacts of increased noise, lighting, trash, and maintenance needs. Of the Montclair/Boundary residents in attendance, nine support the project and seven oppose it.
- The North Park Recreation Council would like to be kept informed about this project.
- Motion for discussion of this project to resume during the July PF/T Subcommittee meeting to allow the design team to conduct more vigorous outreach to residents (Campbell/Callen, 9-0-0)

B. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – Prioritization of Projects

Community Planning Groups are tasked to do outreach in June and July 2017 and submit a list of prioritized projects to the Community Planners Committee in August and then to the City in September in order to be included in the 5-year plan.

Vidales reported that 90 projects covering a range of departments on this 2017 list are ranked according to various factors; 25 of the 90 projects are already in a top-tier section. NPPC needs to review the list to streamline it, set priorities, and fill out/submit an online form for each project we want to recommend for funding, which can come from different sources. Coordination with such community groups as the North Park Recreation Council and the North Park Historical Society is underway. Vidales will have the list available for the full board's consideration in the July full board meeting. Discussion of the prioritization list will continue in the July PF/T meeting.

Initial changes and recommendations included:

- #2 McKinley Elementary Joint Use Park, completed
- #8 El Cajon Blvd. Acorn Lighting from Louisiana to Boundary, already funded
- #11 Montclair Park Comfort Station, remove
- #15 Adams Ave. Flood Control Improvements, make small change in wording: "from Kansas to Texas Street" rather than to the 805 (based on feedback from Adams Ave. Business Association)
- #16 30th & Adams Traffic Signal Modification, make small change in wording to eliminate the last sentence that refers to the 30th Street pedestrian refuge and planted median (based on feedback from Adams Ave. Business Association)
- #18 University Avenue Mobility Plan (UAMP), under design
- #19 Traffic signal modification for University & 32nd, included in the UAMP
- #22 Trolley Barn Park Comfort Station, remove
- #25 El Cajon Blvd./Park Blvd./Normal St. Pedestrian Improvements, replaced by traffic circle in community plan update

C. Proposed Parking Improvements on 4100 Block of Utah St., Polk Ave., to Howard Ave.

Resident inquiry regarding potential for removal of bicycle lanes on routes that are shown on the City and the Region adopted Bicycle Master Plans. Derek Zimmermann, Neighborhood Resident. Discussion and possible action.

Zimmermann shared concerns about a shortage of parking, and safety concerns around late night arrivals for residents whom cannot park near their homes. Zimmerman seeks input and guidance regarding increasing parking along his Utah Street block, such as removing the bike lane he believes to be rarely-used to allow angled parking on both sides; make Utah a permitted parking zone; and installing a four-way stop sign at Utah and Polk to stop speeding.

Questions and comments included:

- Impacts of new housing developments with parking exceptions, increased density, increased commercial/retail activity contribute to parking shortages and resulting parking violations.
- PF/T and NPPC has never before received a request like this. A consultation with a Bike Coalition advocate indicated that there is no precedent or procedure for removing bike lanes shown on adopted Bicycle Master Plans.
- Neighborhood residents could initiate a petition drive to put in angled parking. Factors that are considered include traffic volume and street width. PF/T could help the residents with this.
- Residential permit parking requires the formation of a Residential Permit Parking District, as well as an individual to lead the effort.
- One option for increasing parking spaces is to turn existing two-way streets into one-way streets.
- PF/T can ask the City to collect traffic and parking data.
- Suggested to contact Councilman Chris Ward's office.
- Recommendation of collection of verifiable data on actual usage (traffic volume and patterns) of the two Utah Street bike lanes.

V. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items

D. Future Agenda Items:

- Montclair Park Pedestrian Bridge Project
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – Prioritization of Projects

VI. Adjournment (7:40 pm)

Next PF&T Subcommittee meeting date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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