

**GREATER NORTH PARK COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
POLICY, HOUSING, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: May 9, 2007**

Called to order: 6:40 p.m.

**Attendance:** Rob Steppke, Lynn Elliott, Ravin Armelin, Dean Petersen, Judi O'Boyle (6:45)

**Approval of April 11, 2007 meeting minutes:** Approved 3-0-2 Elliott/Armelin

**Discussion Items:**

1. **Indemnification/Bylaws/600-24 Update.** Rob gave a brief update on the progress of indemnification, bylaws, and 600-24 drafts currently being discussed. Approved documents are expected by the June 23 COW.
2. **Discussion/recommendation of standing rules.** The subcommittee reviewed the proposed standing rule regarding subcommittees and discussed some "what if" scenarios. **Motion: In the event there are more eligible subcommittee members for Board or General Member seats, then open seats will be filled first by seniority and second, by straw vote".** 5-0-0 Elliott/Armelin.
3. **Discussion/recommendation of Fair Banking (payday advance/check cashing).** Ravin gave an update efforts to combat "predatory" lending by groups representing the local communities, government, banks, and the education community. There is reluctance by undocumented residents to use mainstream banks and instead rely on "check cashing" businesses. Three banks (Washington Mutual, San Diego National, Citibank) currently make accounts available to low-income residents.
4. **Discussion of City of San Diego General Plan.** Rob reported that CPC discussion of the remaining elements have been pushed back at least 30 days due to the discussions of indemnification, bylaws, and 600-24.
5. **Discussion of community awareness of GNPCPC.** Dean will inquire if the Union-Tribune prints community calendars without charge.
6. **Discussion/recommendation of Goals/Objectives for Year-End Report.** Rob reviewed the goals and objectives contained in the Year-End Report applicable to P/CR and monitoring the maintenance/management of city/housing authority administered units. Judi suggested a goal addressing payday lending. **Motion: Continue to support and explore issues with the Fair Banking group.** 5-0-0 Elliott/Armelin

**New Business:**

7. **Discussion/recommendation of GNPCPC website and organization name change.** Rob reported Elaine has been involved in changing residences and consequently has made minimal progress on the suggested inclusions to the website. There was discussion about the site's potential audience (community residents as opposed to potential developers). Rob explained that every page of information incurs a financial cost and providing links to information that already exists will save us money. It was agreed that some information for the "Mom and Pop" developer seeking to improve their property be available to provide guidance.
  
8. **Discussion of time and meeting location.** Rob discussed efforts to move Public Facilities and Policy subcommittees to another meeting location to avoid to a potential conflict-of-interest issue regarding the Lafayette. Rob has made some phone calls and has learned NPMS has space available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed and Thurs but not on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. The Public Facilities subcommittee is flexible about meeting on a different day. Rob expressed interest in attending the University Heights Historical group that meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. It would also be a way to become more familiar with historical property procedures ahead of the North Park Historic Survey. Dean will contact St. Augustine's regarding its availability. Future meeting date/time/location TBD.

**Information Items:** The COW is scheduled for June 23. Rob suggested an informal GNPCPC "retreat" could be held in conjunction with a "Bird Park" concert.

**Future Agenda Items:** Creating a separate Urban Design subcommittee (O'Boyle), Union Tribune Calendar of Meetings (Petersen)

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m. 5-0 Petersen/Armelin

Submitted,  
Rob Steppke, Chair and Acting Secretary