

**GREATER NORTH PARK COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
POLICY, HOUSING, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: Aug. 8, 2007**

Called to order: 6:32 p.m.

Attendance: Sal Arechiga, Vicki Granowitz, Judi O'Boyle Rob Steppke, Lynn Elliott (6:34), Rene Vidales (6:42), Beth Swersie, Elaine Boyd.

Non-Agenda Public Comment: Sal requested information on measures that could be invoked in the event of disruptive and/or disorderly conduct in public meetings.

Approval of July 11, 2007 meeting minutes: Approved 3-0- Granowitz/Elliott

Discussion Items:

1. **Discussion/recommendation of Fair Banking (payday advance/check cashing).** Ravin was not present for an update but Judi questioned why the city's Ethics Commission doesn't require banks to disclosure if they have payday advance/check cashing subsidiaries.
2. **Discussion/recommendation of Ron Robert's grant request letter.** Rob provided an edited copy of Elaine's letter and the board suggested a few minor edits. **MOTION: To approve the letter to Ron Robert's office with changes as indicated. Granowitz/Vidales 6-0.**
3. **Discussion/recommendation of mini-dorms and proposed ordinance.** Rob led a discussion of key points of the City's proposed "rooming-house" ordinance going to city council in September. **MOTION: Support the rooming house ordinance in concept. O'Boyle/Arechiga 6-0.**
4. **Discussion/recommendation of website content/format.** Rob presented some ideas/sample topics for FAQ's that had been submitted by community members and were discussed as well as the mechanics of how and where topics should appear on the site. Rob will develop FAQ's with answers and will work with Elaine on finalizing links, maps, and general details prior to presenting to full NPPC board in Sept or Oct. Beth indicated that she had recently learned that NPCA was also requesting a grant from Ron Roberts' office for website purposes. Staff from Ron Roberts' office indicated that only one application would be funded for North Park. Staff's recommendation was to combine the two applications into one that splits the funding between the two organizations. Beth also reported that having already secured a fiscal receiver, NPCA was planning on submitting their application within the next several days, prior to the next meeting of the NPPC. She was also awaiting word from the President of NPCA if the organization would be willing to have a co-applicant. (Unlike NPPC, NPCA is not subject to Brown Act or Council Policy 600-24 operating guidelines). Immediate action was required of the

subcommittee to move forward with the co-application process with NPCA. [The NPPC Chair has since learned that NPCA has agreed to have NPPC as co-applicant] **MOTION: Support the grant application with NPCA to Ron Roberts' office for website development.**
O'Boyle/Elliott 5-0.

New Business.

Information Items: A discussion at the August Urban Design/ Project Review (UD/PR) subcommittee meeting was held regarding the establishment of a "town hall" meeting to discuss alcohol permitting to gain a greater understanding of the issues as they relate to land-use. The Chair of UD/PR felt that alcohol permitting relates more directly to Policy and suggested that alcohol permitting issues be heard at the Policy subcommittee.

Future Agenda Items: Alcohol "town hall" meeting

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:24 p.m. 5-0-0 O'Boyle/Elliott

Submitted,
Rob Steppke, Chair and Acting Secretary