



NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
4649 Hawley Boulevard San Diego, CA. 92116

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, June 4th, 2019, 6:00pm until approximately 8:00pm

Board Attendance (x means "present"):

X	Gary Weber (C)	X	Linda Case	X	Mark Lawler
	Gautam Dey	X	Richard Valentine	X	Scott Kessler
X	Jim Baross	X	Alison Flynn	X	Marty Graham
X	Caroline McKeown (T)	X	Nancy Lawler	X	Michael Chandler
X	Rose Kelly	X	Alberto Foglia		Adam Deutsch (S)

C=Chair; VC= Vice Chair; T= Treasurer; S=Secretary

6:00 Call to Order - Start of NHCPG Meeting

1. Introduction of planning group members and audience members
2. Agenda Modifications/Setting (*Note: items may be addressed out of listed order*). None!
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Adam Deutsch emailed those out and took M/S:**Jim/Alison**. All approved, except Jim who abstained because he wasn't here.
4. Treasurer's Report – Caroline McKeown reported out balance is \$2196.79.

6:10 Public Comment

5. Non-agenda public comment may be limited to two minutes per person
 - a. Planning commission meeting on Thursday (6/6/19) discussing 5G antenna boxes was discussed.
 - b. Mead Avenue bike lane plan status was discussed. Parking loss and aesthetic issues were highlighted as negative changes made since the 2016 plan was published. 83 parking spaces are currently set to be lost in Normal Heights. 30 additional sign posts are part of the new plan. Frontage for properties abutting the traffic circles will be changed to generic landscaping. Current plan with traffic circles forces bicycle traffic to frequently merge with traffic, as opposed to the original goal of safer bike lanes. When the street is completed it will only be slurry sealed. Fire department has objected to the changes because it will cause delays. Plan is currently out to bid. (Objection was raise that this item was taking too much time.)

6:20 Reports

6. Government Representatives
 - a. Brett Weise from Councilmember Chris Ward's office: Final recommendations for 2020 budget have been made- Money for phase 2 of Ward Canyon park has been included, 400k to 500k. A childcare coordinator position was also requested.

Inclusionary housing policy has been discussed at a recent council meeting, considering changing the amount allocated to 10% of units at 50% AMI or 15% of units

at 80% AMI and changing the in-lieu fee (maybe to eliminate it.) It has not been finalized.

A bus line has been proposed along El Cajon Blvd to reduce travel time to 20 minutes from SDSU area to the west end of El Cajon Blvd. Specific details were not available. Plaza de Panama funds that were approved, but not used on the project have been approved by the mayor to roll over to a maintenance fund for Balboa Park- which is \$9.8M. Mayor is also attempting to set up a fund to maintain Balboa Park similar to Mission Bay, where there is an annual revenue source that is exclusively for that purpose.

Gary emphasized that we would like to be involved early in the planning process for anything that is being planned for Normal Heights.

7. Community Groups

- a. Adams Avenue Business Association: Scott: New merchandise was on display at the meeting. \$800 worth of it was sold at Art around Adams.

CycloSDias is potentially going to come to Adams Ave, closing the street from Vista Dr in Kensington to Arizona St then turning south to El Cajon Blvd and following El Cajon east to 30th and turning North back to Adams Ave. 10/27/19

6/30/19 is Taste of Adams 11am-3pm. Cuts for Kids will be giving free haircuts to kids.

8/7/19 is the Adams Ave Business association mixer at The Rabbit Hole starting from 5- 7pm

9/21-9/22 are the dates for the Street Fair, earlier than normal to avoid conflict with other events.

Lamppost painting is approximately 2/5^{ths} completed (Normal Heights is complete)

The Community Parking District has \$80k to increase the sidewalk on one side of the Adams Ave Bridge over the 805 to a current specification 8 feet wide from its current 5 feet wide. Other funds will be acquired also. The metalwork on that bridge has been approved to be painted to match the current lampposts.

No tenant is signed to get into the theatre.

The bookstore has been purchased, and it will have an office on the second floor and a cider tasting room on the first.

There was a discussion about using the marquee on the theatre to announce local community events, but no permission has been obtained so far.

- b. Community Association and Urban Arts:

The San Diego Arts and Culture commission has blocked use of the wall in the little park for a mural; they are reserving it for one of their own projects in the future which has not been started yet. 6/11/19 will be a meeting at the Rec center for our planning group.

6:40 Chair Report

8. The Chair is not happy that projects are being planned and approved for our neighborhood without our input, such as the Meade Ave bike lane project.
9. SB50 and SB330 are an attempt to obliterate the current zoning scheme, and there will be a push back by the citizens.
10. During the next meeting we will discuss more information on how to make suggestions to the city for things we would like to do to improve our neighborhood, such as bike lanes, etc.
11. SB50 is potentially going to substantially change the character of neighborhoods. We need to identify who we are and what works- which blocks of Normal Heights need improvement, what are park deficiencies we would like to address, where we can site the Mid City Little league, etc. **We sent a communication about this in recent months, emphasizing our strong desire for high density mixed-use development along El Cajon Blvd, as our current Community Plan calls for, but that the city has not properly zoned for that development.**

7:00 Information Items

12. Permits generating age 45 review: 5033 Raymond Place: no comments were made about this.
13. Annual Report Status: it is not yet complete.

7:10 Action Items

14. Dog park – Response to concerns of adjacent residents: M/S:Jim/Alison: The NHCPG recommends that a permanent solution to the nuisance factors associated with the Ward Canyon dog park be immediately addressed and resolved, and that steps be taken to move it to the location identified in the GDP.
15. The survey was discussed, no action item was settled on- but using the street fair as an outreach event was suggested, using a satellite image map as a prop and stickers to register things (where people who visit the booth live, where the parks are desired, etc.)
16. Mural in Adams Ave. Park: M/S: Alison/Mark: The NHCPG supports community initiated public art projects, including murals, as long as they are tasteful and, preferably, but not necessarily, a reflection of some aspect of life in Normal Heights.
17. CIP Priorities have been submitted the city. No action was taken.

The following topics are candidates for further discussion:

History & Preservation

1. Archive responsibility and location
2. Content – please email photos and info to normalheightshistory@gmail.com
3. 70 year NH demographic trend lines

Intersection enhancements

1. Crosswalks: Alberto would like to talk about safety issues, and we'll explore those next month.
2. Crossing signals
3. Pop-outs
4. Bollards

Bicycle lanes and markings

1. Early action – painting lanes?
2. Storage issues

Schools

1. Joint Use agreements
2. Facility deficiencies
3. Community impacts & mitigation

Undergrounding

1. ID location & timing
2. Alley vs. Street process?
3. Public input strategies

Arts & Culture

1. Gateway structures design theme
2. Statuary, sculptures & murals

Adjournment

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