



# NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)

## Draft Meeting Minutes

**January 21, 2020; 6:30 pm**

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### I. Parliamentary Items

#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Attendance Report

Member	Steve Billings	Steve Doster	Daniel Gebreselassie	Arash Kahvazadeh	Marc Gould	Sarah McAlear	Aria Pounaki	Jen Spencer	Melissa Stayner	Matt Stucky	Tim Taylor	Marissa Tucker	Eduardo Velasquez	René Vidales	Randy Wilde
Attendance			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Late															
Absences	1	3	1	2	3	2			3	1	2		2		1

- Agenda.** Adoption of the January 21, 2020 NPPC Agenda, if necessary. **MOTION: To adopt January 21, 2020 Agenda as modified to remove the Community Plan Amendment item. Velasquez/ Wilde 13-0-0**
- Minutes.** Approval of the November 19, 2019 Minutes. **MOTION: To approve November 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Taylor/Stucky 12-0-1 (Gould abstained as he did not attend November meeting)**
- Treasurer's Report.** Sarah McAlear. Balance is \$819.47 **MOTION: To approve reimbursement of \$147.22 to Brandon Hilpert for NPPC website hosting and domain name. McAlear/Gebreselassie 13-0-0**

### II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- Alan Bennett.** The City was awarded \$100 million for new sidewalks, North Park should be first in line. The schools in our community should be first for pedestrian safety. All our crosswalks should be updated and made ADA compliant
- Stephen Hon, North Park Historical Society.** North Park history books. Would like to make people aware of the historic books that are based on North Park. They are available through links on the North Park historical society website. Also available at Verbatim Books. There is a new walking tour that NPHS have started. Dates and times are available on the website [www.northparkhistory.org](http://www.northparkhistory.org)
- Stephen Whitburn.** Candidate, City Council District 3. Stephen has lived in District 3 for over 20 years now and has previously served on the NPPC. He aware of the issues that we are facing and would like to work with the community and the City to help solve those issues. [www.whitburnforcouncil.com](http://www.whitburnforcouncil.com)
- Bob Ryan.** Has lived in San Diego for 70 years, is an avid bicyclist, and is against taking the parking away from 30<sup>th</sup> Street. Spoke about what bicyclists do not like and does not think it is a good idea to take the parking away. They do not like riding behind buses or waiting at stop lights. Presented an alternative map.

### III. **Announcements & Event Notices**

1. **North Park Thursday Market (Farmers Market).** Every Thursday 3pm-7:30pm year-round. More info at: <https://northparkmainstreet.com/events/farmers-market/>
2. **Boulevard Court.** A new community event space on El Cajon Blvd. Every First Friday of the month at 2104 El Cajon Blvd. from 6 to 10 pm. Next event is on Friday, February 7, 2020. More info at: <https://theboulevard.org/the-boulevards-new-blvd-court/>

### IV. **Elected Officials & Planning Department Reports**

1. **Robert (Bobby) Case, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congress Dist. 53,** 619-208-5353, [robert.case@mail.house.gov](mailto:robert.case@mail.house.gov). No Report
2. **Mathew Gordon, Hon. Todd Gloria, State Assembly Dist. 78,** 619-645-3090, [Mathew.Gordon@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Mathew.Gordon@asm.ca.gov). They are back in session and are soliciting new ideas for this year. They always welcome new ideas for bill proposals.
3. **Chevelle Newell-Tate, Hon. Toni Atkins, State Senate Dist. 39,** 619-645-3133, [Chevelle.Tate@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Chevelle.Tate@sen.ca.gov). 1) She covers City Council Districts 3 and 4 for Senator Atkins and been with her office 5.5 years. Her policy areas are housing, homelessness, K-12, higher education, Census 2020, and social services. 2) The Senator's priorities will be focused on the budget, especially in the areas of housing and homelessness, education, and wildfire prevention. Housing affordability and homelessness continue to be the top issue discussed in my communities. The state is continuing to invest in these services and this budget has nearly \$2.5 billion for housing and homelessness. Over the next few months we'll see more on what these programs will be. 3) The Senator will be participating in the point in time this Thursday, January 23rd at 4am downtown. The importance of the count is that the US Department of Housing and Urban Development uses the count to determine homelessness funding for the region. The Senator is invested in making sure we have as close to an accurate minimum count as possible and participates in the count each year. Contact the regional task force on the homeless if you are interested in volunteering.
4. **Brett Weise, Hon. Chris Ward, City Council Dist. 3,** 619-236-6633 [BWeise@sandiego.gov](mailto:BWeise@sandiego.gov). 1) Councilmember Ward has been working for the past three years on homelessness initiatives, including but not limited to: Family Reunification Program, the Four Bridge Shelters, two Transitional Storage Centers, three Safe Parking Opportunities, a Flexible Spending Pool, and a homeless outreach coordinator with PATH serving North Park. 2) The Mayor's current 30<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Lanes plan was discussed at Mobility Board and approved in mid-December. This plan allows for floating parking on one side of the street, switching sides at University Avenue. This plan also incorporates commercial loading zones and ADA spaces along 30<sup>th</sup>. Brett will send the map so NPPC can post on the website. 3) A major pipeline project will be starting in North Park very soon – the Otay Mesa 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> PPL. This project will replace several of the large water distribution mains connecting to the water pipeline network in North Park. This will also help prevent further water main breaks that have been frequently occurring within a mile radius of the North Park Community Park. 4) The North Park Mini-Park will be breaking ground mid-February, and a groundbreaking ceremony will take place earlier in the month. 5) Councilmember Ward will be hosting a community coffee event in North Park at Tiger! Tiger! At 6:00pm on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. 6) The Point in Time Count will be taking place January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00am. Please visit the RTFH website to find the volunteer portal hosted by United Way to help. 6) Budget discussions for Fiscal Year 2021 have taken place, and our office has submitted our budget memorandum. This includes all of the requests for capital improvement projects, and funding needs that our office is requesting. This is a malleable document, and we welcome any recommendations from the public.
5. **Bernie Turgeon, Planning Department,** 619-533-6575, [BTurgeon@sandiego.gov](mailto:BTurgeon@sandiego.gov). No Update

### V. **Action Items**

1. **Climate Action Campaign (CAC) Letter of Support.** CAC requests support to ensure for a transparent, fair and consumer and climate friendly outcome in securing a fair and strong Franchise Agreement with SDG&E. The City's Franchise Agreement with SDG&E is up for renewal for the first time in 50 years. This is the contract that allows SDG&E to use the City's public right of way to deliver power. The terms of this agreement, whether with SDGE or another provider, will determine whether there is the possibility to create an energy system that is safe, secure, and climate resilient.

This contract will determine how much that system costs. Matthew Vasilakis, Climate Action Campaign, 760-805-6608 [matthew@climateactioncampaign.org](mailto:matthew@climateactioncampaign.org)

Matthew Vasilakis made a presentation.

*Public comment:*

- They should add repercussions for not taking the public voice into account.
- Some of the public is concerned that five years is too short to have a contract in place due to how long things take to get done.
- If they do not ink a contract by the end of 2021, will they cut our power? A: No, they will extend the current contract a year to complete the contract.
- Will the new contractor have to buy out the current infrastructure from SDG&E?

*Board comment:*

- How can we make sure there is a provision in the agreement that protects from faulty equipment causing damage and putting cost on the customer? A: Included in the specific provisions will be protections to address just that.
- How did you come up with the five-year contract? A: The landscape changes so quickly, that they figured five years is a good check in time
- Not sure that this is a topic that would be inside our North Park purview. Would like to make sure that anything that we support is directly associated with North Park. A: This has to do with our public right of ways and will absolutely affect us in North park
- Is there a first amendment issue with the “Cooperation Requirement”? A: No
- Are there other providers that could step up other than SDG&E? A: Yes, an outside consultant was hired to look into the potential providers. An RFP (Request for Proposal) was put out to others.
- There are high fees associated with new development and wait times for infrastructure. What will this do for that process?
- Does this need to be complete before the city goes out for an RFP?

After further discussion the board decided to send this item back to the Public Facilities Subcommittee for further discussion. That meeting is scheduled for February 12 at 6pm.

VI. **Information Item**

1. **NPPC Bylaws Status Discussion.** Bylaws as approved by NPPC in January 2018 were not able to proceed through the City Attorney’s office, and NPPC has continued to implement the previously approved February 23, 2017 Bylaws.

This item was requested by NPPC board member Daniel Gebreselassie.

Chair Vidales gave a brief summary of the history of the 2018 Bylaws that were originally approved by NPPC but never approved by the City Attorney’s office.

NPPC is at an impasse with the City Attorney’s office on the January 2018 Bylaws for several reasons:

- a. The composition of board members in the MAD is based on neighborhoods, organizations and residents within the boundaries of the MAD, whereas the NPPC has no specific requirements other than being residents, business owners, or non-resident property owners within the NPPC boundaries. This would mean that the composition of NPPC members would need to change in order to accommodate the MAD.
- b. The City Attorney’s office will not consider any bylaws amendments from any CPG until the outcome of Community Planning Group Reform is complete and the following City documents are updated:
  - i. Council Policy 600-24
  - ii. Administrative Guidelines to CP 600-24
  - iii. Bylaws Shell

Gebreselassie: Are we are going to receive in writing that the NPPC bylaws from 2018 that were voted by the NPPC are not applicable? Would like to request for the board to vote at a future meeting that we are reverting to the 2017 Bylaws in order to close the loop.

## VII. NPPC Reports

### 1. Chair's Report

- a. Community Planners Committee (CPC). Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 7-9 pm. 9485 Aero Drive  
For more info: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpc/agendas/index.shtml>
  - i. 12<sup>th</sup> Land Development Code Update. Committee approved an action item on the “12th Update to the Land Development Code, Phase II”. The CPC recommended making the distance requirement between sensitive receptors and cannabis outlets 1,000 feet line of travel and 1,000 linear feet from property line to property line. The CPC recommended approval of a proposed amendment for the same distance to be measured in a horizontal straight line between two closest points of property lines without taking barriers into account. And an amendment to further extension of permits beyond five years; allow expansion within premises; allow facilities approved as medical marijuana consumer cooperatives to convert to cannabis outlets.
  - ii. Community Planning Group Reform. The CPC made several recommendations on the “Community Planning Group Reform Task Force Recommendations on Revisions to Council Policy 600-24” in November. The Committee agreed with most of the task force recommendation, disagreed with several and had comments on several them.
  - iii. Update of Housing Element of the General Plan. Committee heard a presentation in December by the Planning Department, of the General Plan Housing Element Update for the period of 2021-2029. The committee recommended approval of the update, with some modifications.
  - iv. The Committee heard a presentation in December by the Planning Department, of two initiatives Subitem (a): Housing Initiative focused on stimulating housing construction including affordable housing. Subitem (b): Mobility Initiative focused on providing more mobility options. Both are available on the Planning Dept. website. The EIR public comment period for both closes January 27th. The committee recommended approval of the initiatives.
- b. Passing of Judi O’Boyle. Judi O’Boyle passed away on December 31, 2019. Judi served on the NPPC board from 2004 to 2012. She always advocated for historic preservation and was Chair of the Urban Design/Project Review Subcommittee for many years. She also made many early contributions to the North Park Community Plan update. She will be missed.
- c. Mission Valley SDSU Campus Final EIR posted at the following link:  
<http://missionvalley.sdsu.edu>
- d. Election Reminder. Chair Vidales reminded the audience about meeting the deadline to qualify to vote and/or run for a seat on the NPPC board in the March 17, 2020 Election.

2. **Social Media.** Sarah McAlear/Randy Wilde. No update

3. **NPPC Website.** Sarah McAlear/Randy Wilde. No Update

### 4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Urban Design/Project Review (UDPR). Melissa Stayner Chair, Aria Pounaki Vice Chair – NP Adult Center, 6:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Monday. Heard the agenda item that was supposed to be heard tonight. No action was taken because they need more info from the city. Next meeting February 3, 2020
- b. Public Facilities & Transportation (PF&T). Steve Doster Chair, Arash Kahvazadeh Vice Chair – NP Adult Center, 6:00 pm, 2nd Wednesday. Some people needed guidance on how to replace a lamp post with SDG&E. They also discussed guidelines for how to implement the new 5G stations and how they will fit into the historic districts. Next meeting February 12, 2020

### 5. Liaisons Reports. Limited to 1 Min. Max per Report

- a. Balboa Park Committee. Vicki Granowitz. From January 9, 2020 meeting. 1) On February 6, 2020, 6:30 pm at the Balboa Park Club, the BPC, the Planning and Park & Recreation Departments, with the support of the Office of the Mayor & Councilmember Ward, will be

starting a year-long planning effort that will start with a meeting to gather public input to be utilized in developing a 10-year plan based on a shared vision. Public input and \$300,000 in this year's budget will be used to conduct a comprehensive maintenance, repair and projects need list for the park based on current plans & updated data. The process will also address operations, governance and decision making. 2) The BPC approved the "Patrons of the Prado" Permanent Recognition Plaque located in the West Arcade (north side of El Prado, west of Plaza de Panama). It is 24" wide by 40" tall in bronze. 3) The BPC approved the Draft Bylaws - The BPC has never had Bylaws; they are in the City for review

- b. Maintenance Assessment District. Matt Stucky. Discussed changing the meeting schedule to meet less because of the lack of agenda items. Next meeting is March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- c. North Park Main Street. Steve Billings was not present. Chair Vidales reported that NPMS has started working on the Festival of Arts. They are also restructuring their standing committees
- d. Adams Avenue Business Association. No update
- e. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Assoc. Randy Wilde. Did not meet this past month. In past months they discussed the bus only lanes
- f. North Park Community Association. Peter Hill. No update. Their social mixer coincides with this meeting this month
- g. University Heights Community Association. Randy Wilde. No Update

II. **Future NPPC Meeting Dates & Agenda Items.** Next meeting is Tuesday, February 18, 2020

III. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.