



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

**Minutes for Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:00pm until approximately 8:00pm**  
Board Attendance (X means “present”):

X	Gary Weber (C)	X	Linda Case	X	Mark Lawler
	Gautam Dey (in at	X	Richard Valentine	X	Scott Kessler
X	Jim Baross	X	Alison Flynn	X	Marty Graham
X	Caroline McKeown (T) (in at 6:19)	X	Nancy Lawler		Vacancy
X	Rose Newberry (VC)	X	Alberto Foglia	X	Adam Deutsch (S)

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

**5:30 Project Review Committee**

1. Interior and exterior upgrades proposed for 7-11 store at Hawley & Adams
  - a. Reviewed a plan to update the facades of the 7-11 at Adams and Hawley
  - b. Also included was a larger planter area between the parking lot and the sidewalk.
  - c. Potential for a mural on the west side.

**6:00 Call to Order - Start of regular NHCPG Meeting**

2. Introduction of planning group members and audience.
3. *Agenda Setting/modifications (Note: items may be addressed out of listed order)*
4. Approval of September meeting minutes – Adam Deutsch & Richard Valentine. Richard prepared the Minutes in January, and Adam distributed them to the board prior to the meeting. M/S:Rose/Alberto. All who weren’t there abstained.
5. Treasurer’s Report including use of City’s annual allocation – Caroline McKeown: current budget is at \$1996.61

**6:10 Public Comment**

6. Non-agenda public comment may be limited to two minutes per person
  - a. Mark Roland for the Mid-City Little League. They have 150 kids who play, and the field they play on at Adams Elementary joint use land, which is now inaccessible, and smaller than it used to be. The lack of joint use agreement and open gates is a problem for them.

- b. John Hartley talked about “Safe Neighborhood,” and a resident conflated the pipe replacement and utility undergrounding. Construction fatigue and lack of communication from the city is the concern. Also mentioned 32<sup>nd</sup> St. and that it’s narrow.
  - c. Another resident wanted to collect signatures for people interested in the idog park
  - d. Jim talked about the Meade Ave. Bike Project, and how construction has started on a traffic circle down near Florida, if anyone wants to see it. Additionally, there’s been some construction on underground at his house.
  - e. Charles, who lives near the idog park, has an issue with dogs of all sizes sharing one enclosure at the idog park, and explained the dog who belongs to the residents of the white house on the corner.
7. Social Media & other communications – Adam & Caroline: People are speeding on Adams Ave, and packages are getting stolen from people’s porches.

## 6:20 Reports

8. Government Representatives
- a. Brett arrived a little late: Council is adjourned for February, but they met with the school district recently about mitigating loss of our joint use spaces. Now is the time to start asking for money for construction, so we should ask for it. Craft beer with the councilmember event tomorrow at 6pm at Tiger!Tiger! Similar event in Normal Heights at Dos Palmas on Saturday at 9am.

Questions were asked about the school joint use agreements. And Charles reported damage to the road barriers on 40<sup>th</sup>. Alberto reported crumbing curbs. Funny story: the crew that paves the street is *different* from those who do the sidewalks.

There was also discussion about the meeting regarding Joint-Use fields, and our view on that is in a document below.

- b. Nate from the Planning Department: Development Services is doing more approval of projects than the Planning Department, and Adam would like a rep from that department here.

Caroline and Linda asked Nate about enforcement of companion unit regulations.

9. Candidates for Public Office
- a. Toni Duran is running for D3. State Senator Atkins has endorsed her, along with a number of other local politicians. She spoke about moving from a rep in the community to representing the community in office. She wants to represent us on the City Council, and the primary is on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
10. Community Groups

- a. Adams Avenue Business Association: Scott has the annual report for distribution. They just has their annual meeting, and it was well attended.
- b. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association
- c. NH Community Association and NH Urban Arts
- d. Adams Rec. Advisory Group: Bob reported that the area manager missed their meeting, so they had an informal discussion about the idog park. There was supposed to be an appeal to the new joint use agreement at Normal Heights Elementary, due to an environmental review issue, and we don't know when it'll come up again.

11. Candidates for public office may address the group

### **6:40 Chair Report**

11. CPC Meeting Report - Changes to Council Policy 600-24 – Jim Baross (insert stuff from Jim)
12. Nominating Committee report – March 10<sup>th</sup> Board election – Caroline. Those who are eligible to run for a seat where notified via email. Those interested in running in March are: Gary Weber, DJ Taylor, John Hartley, Eric Tamayo, Jim Baross, Alison Flynn, Marty Graham, Dan Soderberg, DJ Taylor, and Linda Case.

### **6:50 Action Items**

13. 7/11 at Hawley & Adams - Exterior remodel including graphics package. See details above. Jim asked for the installation of bike racks near the front door.  
Motion to support the facelift of the 7-11, with enhanced landscape, alley fencing at the back, and bike rack improvements: M/S:Jim/Linda. All approved.
14. Undergrounding – Survey results, options and costs, alleys - Gerald Schoelen: 60% of people were in favor of a MAD, according to the survey. Motion to move forward with the MAD with the Park & Rec Department for the installation of Acorn & Cobra lights as proposed earlier in 3DD, and for a committee to facilitate this. M/S:Jim/Adam. All approved, but Scott, Rose abstained.

### **7:20 Discussion Items**

15. Safety on Adams Avenue - Alberto Foglia gave a comprehensive report on pedestrian and cyclist deaths in the area. That report is below.

### **7:40 Information Items**

16. Presentation – Housing Commission: FY21 Affordable Housing Funding Plan 20. Stadium site status & Fenton Parkway connection - Gary Weber: [Link to presentation](#).

### **Return to Discussion Items**

17. Meade Avenue – Lighting, landscaping and parking impacts - Marty: presented a memo from SANDAG that says they don't have to meet certain requirements for Pedestrians safety. Those documents are below.
18. Joint Use agreements for NH & JA Schools, Ward Canyon final designs
19. I-805 adjacent excess land: reuse options – Linda Case

21. Projects with the 45 year rule applied

- 3108-3110 Collier Av
- 3822 Madison Av.
- 4843-4845 Mansfield St
- 4993 34th St.
- 4827 Bancroft St.
- 5045 Hawley Bl.
- 4508 Felton St.

**8:00 Adjournment**

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## **Normal Heights Community Planning Group - Normal Heights Elementary Shared Use**

The Normal Heights Elementary School grounds were designed for public access outside of school day operations. The Normal Heights Community Planning Group (NHCPG) wants and expects that access will be provided as originally planned as the school site was being designed and contracted for via the Shared Use Agreement. Other than the recommendation below, the main thing missing may be the addition of added lighting and security personnel to clear the area, then lock and unlock the gates. It should be noted that all new City-District joint-use agreements include provisions for security, and the NHCPG recommends this be included in this joint-use agreement revision as well.

If public access for our community is removed for exclusive school use, we expect and request that a dollar value be established for the lost space/use and that equivalent or better alternative public park space and amenities be provided in Normal Heights; funded by the School District.

The NHCPG recommends and requests:

1. Public access provided through and to the "soccer field" when school is not in session. See item 6.
2. Public access provided for the "Mid City Urban Trail" to/from Ward Canyon Park, the soccer field, and the Ward Road entrance to the school - this involves three gates though other always-locked gates exist that, if open, would enhance southernly residents direct access. See item 6.
3. Public access and use of the play areas - basketball courts, playgrounds, climbing wall, grass areas, and the concrete play areas - to be available when school is not in session. See item 7.
4. The Park & Rec Dept. and the School District should determine access and maintenance responsibility and post information regarding appropriate uses, times, and phone contacts for the responsible parties.
5. While the lunch court area and restrooms provide useful resources to the community, we appreciate that making them available would require enhanced maintenance and security. Therefore, they should probably only be included for public access if the city and the School District and/or Park & Recreation Dept. can provide added security and maintenance for these areas. As necessary, fencing off the lunch areas and locking the restrooms could be accomplished; with exceptions for approved Park & Rec or school activities.
6. As needed, a rolling curfew dusk to dawn would be acceptable if applied subject to modification for approved special events; community or school meetings, etc.  
<https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/night>

