



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

Meeting Minutes – July 3rd, 2018

Board Attendance (x means “present”):

X	Gary Weber (C)		Linda Case	X	Mark Lawler
	Zephen Specht	X	Ralph Enriquez (VC)	X	Scott Kessler
X	Jim Baross		Alison Flynn (in at 6:29)	X	Marty Graham
	Caroline McKeown (T)	X	Dan Soderberg (in at 6:24)	X	Michael Chandler
X	Rose Kelly	X	Thomas Lovell		Adam Deutsch (S)

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

Administration Items

6:00 Call to Order - Start of NHCPG Meeting

1. Introduction of planning group members.
 2. Agenda Modifications/Setting (*Note that items may be addressed out of Agenda's order*).
 3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Though Adam distributed them, there was no vote to approve. Thomas volunteered to take the minutes for this month's meeting. .
 4. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer was absent, so no report was given.
- 5. Government Representatives**
- a. Brett Weiss – legislative recess right now, homeless rapid rehousing program, introducing a band on polystyrene, going to rules committee in two months. Some slurry seal was messed up, so let Brett know specific locations. Rose asked a question about short term rentals – July 16 city council vote on mayor's proposal. Scott asked about slurry lists, City has not yet released comprehensive list. 34th and Wilson skipped. Survey about ConPlan. Linda has mayor's plan.
- 6. Non agenda public comment**
- b. Community member – more red curbs, we need more for line sight.
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
- c. Caroline absent, Gary went to the city for \$500 reimbursement for sound system, Brett helped because it was supposed to be installed by June 30.
- 8. Social media – n/a**

9. Historic review

d. 3501 Collier – no comments

10. Chair report – Gary went to CPC meeting.

e. Topics discussed

- i. Sidewalks - David Alvarez said City said City needs to take care of sidewalks, not property owner. Mara Elliott gave presentation about how it was a bad idea and has cost other cities a lot of money.
- ii. Climate Action Plan – they were told how important it is to enhance canopy.

11. Breakout groups (raise of hands showed that most present were interested in all three of the following topics, so it was a large group discussion rather than discrete groups discussing different topics)

a. Density

- i. Gary – Adams and Bancroft is pretty much the maximum size project we can do.
- ii. Jim – we've been concerned for years because our infrastructure, schools, and parks couldn't handle more people, so we didn't want higher density, but now we are ready for higher density. Gary thinks as a tradeoff for more development, we want more parks.
- iii. Brett – development impact fees go into the mayor's budget. Budget season just ended, so we will have to wait until next years.
- iv. Gary – Toni Atkins could be an important contact about bond measure Prop 68.
- v. Bill – We were supposed to have 5 freeway caps like Teralta Park. Visions Project.
- vi. Gary – the City cannot tell us about individual projects because it gets into inverse condemnation.
- vii. Cromwell court at the end of Hawley cannot be developed.
- viii. 33rd at the end
- ix. Parking lot dos Palmas
- x. "Equivalence" argument. Jim – the city is saving a lot of money by not spending on acquisition.
- xi. Create more park space for a diverse range of needs
- xii. Brett – parks master plan meetings – we should go en masse. It will
- xiii. Bungalows move to be new police front
- xiv. Parking meters for Adams. We already have a parking district.
- xv. Big capital influx, little pocket parks, development for mid-size ballparks like rite aid. Alleys in action project. Alley – Hawley – all institutional uses, we could close it off to parks
- xvi. Mini park by the rec center, they took the benches out, homeless problem. Park and rec said we can't get our benches back because they broke.

- xvii. Meters – they are there to provide turnover; they aren't really meant to make money. The Business Association would love to put in meters.
 - xviii. Finish ward canyon park, as called for in the mid-city community plan.
 - xix. **Motion to ask the consultants: We reinforce the community plan (Thomas, Jim second).**
 - xx. **“Request a letter from the city to ask Caltrans to finish the Ward Canyon Park.” (Jim, Scott second).**
 - xxi. Jim – explaining history of joint use space at ward canyon park. School would prefer to.
 - xxii. Scott – full list will help us to prioritize
 - xxiii. How does the community use storefronts?
- b. Parks
- i. Linda idea – rooftops, like Hong Kong, High Line in NYC
 - ii. Make use of alleys
 - iii. Close off Cherokee north of Adams, Albertsons was interested in re-doing the Vons, Albertsons purchased Rite Aid, they are going to come back with a proposal.
 - iv. We have more open air parking than parks, maybe we need multi-level parking.
 - v. We should pick an alley to focus on, and they focus and have people write letters to the editor. Discussed North of Adams between Hawley and Mansfield, perpendicular to Adams. 711, alley behind mariposa. UCSD might want to work with us for the alley project.
 - vi.
- c. Traffic
- i. Corridors – El Cajon, Meade, Adams
 - ii. When Ryan Zellers helped to get flashing lights, it made a huge difference
 - iii. Are there small things we can do like painting so we don't have to wait for capital?
 - iv. Speed limit on Meade should be lowered to 25 mph. Maybe as part of the bike project.
 - Gary asked SANDAG about plan for bike project.
 - v. Maybe some one way streets, dead end streets can be created.

Next Tuesday at the rec center arts council meeting.

7:50pm Adjournment

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