

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Board Member Attendance (x means “present”):

X	Jim Baross (C)	X	Taylor Everich	X	Frances Prichett
X	Linda Case	X	Allan Harjala	?	Dan Soderberg
X	Christian D’Emilia (VC)	X	Emily Kamen		
X	Gautam Dey	X	Scott Kessler		
X	Vickie Everich (T)	X	Nancy Lawler		

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

Others Attending: Please see attached sheet

6:00 Call to order by Nominating Committee – Chair Jim Baross

1. **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS** -Conducted prior to regular meeting

Results: Jim Baross (Chairperson), Christian D’Emilia (Vice-Chairperson), Victoria Everich (Secretary), Linda Case (Treasurer). New board officers begin 1 year term as of next board meeting.

6: 15 Call to order of regular NHCPG Meeting

2. Introductions of planning group members.

All Board members identified themselves. All attendees were encouraged, but not required, to type their name and contact information in “Chat” or if participating by telephone to, introduce themselves verbally.

3. Agenda/Setting modifications - none

4. Approval Of March Meeting Minutes (M:Christian/S:Linda) : accepted unanimously as sent via email by Jim and Vickie

5. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer/Vickie – No change in the balance - \$2085.99

Public Comment regarding NH land use & related NH community issues

6. Non-agenda public comments –

- Linda Case expressed concern about water supply for the neighborhood.
- Robert asked if there was a Normal Heights historical society. Many participants on call expressed interest in being involved. Those interested were encouraged to leave name in Zoom chat.

7. Social Media & other land-use related communications – Vickie is currently monitoring for us. Jim mentioned he saw posts regarding MARs Project and speeding in neighborhood

Action/Decision Items

(Board member roll call may be performed for recording votes)

8. Shall the next NHCPG Board meeting be virtual or in person? (M: Francis/S: Alan) Motion accepted unanimously to hold May's meeting virtually

9. MARS Development Project: Residents Caroline McKeown, Gerald Schoelen, Maggie Friend, and Adam Deutsch presented concerns regarding the current plan for development and requested NHCPG to send a letter opposing the development as currently presented to the Mayor and other relevant parties. The floor was open to public comments (For all public comments, please see video recording that will be available via the NHCPG Facebook page). Vickie motioned, with Emily seconding that the NHCPG send a letter to the city and other relevant parties that the group opposes the building of the development as proposed based on the concern that Adams Avenue was misidentified as a Transportation Priority Area, and therefore the developer does not have to pay Developer Impact Fees, the height of the building exceeds the community plan height limit, and parking spaces provided are not sufficient. Board members discussed and a vote on the motion was held with 8 Board members present and passed with 5 approvals for the motion and 3 abstentions. Abstention reasons provided Gautam: "There isn't enough agreement from what I heard today on the call and the Zoom chat" Scott: "Adams Avenue Business Association voted to not take a position on the motion." Alan: "I don't think we have enough information."

10. Traffic and Safety: Jim reported that he has received several requests that a discussion be held regarding hazards from motor vehicles speeding, driver impairment, failure to yield, etc. Jim asked Board members if we should request the city traffic division to offer remedies. The floor was open to public comment:

- Gerald Schoelen reported several incidents involving speeding vehicles and noted that he has spoken to Officer Jenny Hall (Normal Heights Police Community Relations Officer), who would like to work with the community to come up with solutions. Noted city provided traffic study 3 years ago, but has not been very supportive. Requested support from the community to call in observed incidents and reckless driving as well as reach out to Councilmember Whitburn's office to get speed mitigation measures in place.
- Residents spoke of specific streets and intersections that are problematic. Residents were encouraged to type locations in the chat so that a list may be established

Gautam motioned: Write a letter to the city asking them to put in traffic calming measures for a list of streets that we will add in at a later time. Motion not seconded and is void.

- Paul Coogan spoke of lack of programs for surveillance of speeding
- Paul Jamason spoke of epidemic of traffic violence with and is in support of bicycle lanes and other traffic calming measures.
- Francis spoke of lack of enforcement for traffic violations

Gautam motioned: Write a letter to the city asking them to investigate traffic calming measures for a list of streets that we will add in at a later time. Vickie seconded. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

11. Establish a working group to schedule volunteers for NHCPG at Street Fair September 24th and 25th

Linda volunteered to coordinate volunteer shifts and run booth

12. Utility Undergrounding: Working group was established including Pete Stafford, Gerald Schoelen, and David Bodi

Reports/Updates

11. City, County, State government agency representatives if present.
 - a. Ryan Darsey from Councilmember Whitburn's office announced there will be a virtual town hall meeting that will be held Saturday, April 9th from 10:00am-11:00am
12. Chair report on March 22nd Community Planners Committee meeting
 - a. CPC voted to support San Diego Community Power Proposal.
 - b. CPC delayed consideration of the Build Back San Diego proposal. Would like more info.
 - c. Continue watching proposals on how CPGs can operate
13. Community Groups updates when present
 - a. Adams Avenue Business Association – Adams Ave Unplugged event April 30th with 22 businesses presenting music noon till 10 PM. AABA is launching a summer market “Adams Avenue Summer Market” on last Saturday of the month from May-August on School St and Mansfield St. There will be about 50 booths and live music.
 - b. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association - no report
 - c. NH Community Association- no report
 - d. NH Urban Arts – still fundraising for mural at Adams Ave Rec Center. People can donate to GoFundMe from Normal Heights Urban Arts Facebook page. Jim suggested adding action item to agenda next month to donate some of the NHCPG funds to mural. Tote bags made from recycled Adams Avenue street banners are still available and will be sold for fundraising at Adams Avenue Unplugged.
 - e. Adams Avenue Community Recreation Group: joint use field with Normal Heights Elementary School closed for 10 weeks for re-seeding.
 - f. Normal Heights historic group/project: several people interested, Jim will connect those interested via email.

Standing Committees, Working Groups, & Pending Issue Reports as needed

14. Historic Property Reviews – none
15. Parks & Trail Development – Gary, Linda, John, Jess, and Christian – no report
16. Undergrounding – see above

Adjournment MSC (Gautam & Linda)