



**COMMUNITY**  
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**PLANNING GROUP**

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 4649 Hawley Boulevard San Diego, CA. 92116

Meeting Minutes – January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Meeting Beginning Time. 6:00pm by Jim Baross

Board Attendance (x means “present”):

x	Gary Weber	x	Nancy Lawler	x	Mark Lawler (arrived at 6:25)
x	Bill Conway (in at 6:23)		Ralph Enriquez	x	Scott Kessler
x	Jim Baross (C)	x	Ryan Zellers	x	Joseph Fombon (in at 6:12)
x	Caroline McKeown (T)		Dan Soderberg	x	Khalisa Bolling
	Marianne Green (VC)	x	Earlene Thom	x	Adam Deutsch (S)

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

Administration Items:

Modifications to Meeting Agenda? None were made.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the 12/6/16 NHCPG meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Adam added note to include indications about board officers on the attendance grid. Jim made a few comments: request to put in full links for those who copy/paste urls from the minutes; request to identify city official in a yellow cardigan as Steve Celniker; add County to the SD County Bike Coalition. All edits were made. Caroline moved to approve the minutes and Scott seconded. The approval was unanimous.

Treasurer’s Report:

No change from last month: \$2287.66 to date. We haven’t touched funds from the city for administrative expenses, with is \$500, and we have yet to discuss how to spend that. Khalisa motion to accept, Nancy seconded.

Information & Communication:

**Communications**

**1. Reports from Government Representatives – None present.**

## 2. Reports from Community Groups –

**Adams Ave. Business Association (AABA):** Scott reports that the holiday event in Kensington Park was successful, and they're getting ready for Adams Unplugged in the last week of April. The grinding of the trip-and-falls along Adams Ave. hasn't started yet, but they intend to start soon. Nancy asked Scott if the Red Hat Coffee pop-up that's been setting up at Adams and East Mountain View is operating legally, but it's not known if they have a permit to operate in that area. The AABA Annual meeting is 1/31 from 8 to 9:30 at Ponce's, with a General Admission of \$10.

**Adams Ave. Recreation Council:** This group was dark in December.

**NH Urban Arts:** Meeting tomorrow night at 6pm, all are welcome!

## 3. Non-agenda Public Comment (may be limited to 2 minutes each):

- Sabrina, a returning resident in the neighborhood, would like to ask about people sleeping in the park at 35<sup>th</sup> and Adams, loitering and urinating/defecating behind the 7-11, littering, etc. She is sympathetic to those who are homeless, and she's concerned about how their presence takes away from a community park. She would like to know what we're doing about. She's communicated with Jenny Hall, but their presence is bothersome. Her question is what can she do beyond calling police and other community resources?

Jim recommended resources; Scott also reminded the forum that they AABA has been discussing this in every monthly meeting for at least the last year and half. People should also be reminded that we can contact our Councilmember about issues like this.

As this is an that has a lot of residents concerned, it will likely be added to the agenda for next month.

Another resident, who is associated with Father Joe's Village, suggested contacting other social services. There is a city-wide count coming up, to help document this issue.

**4. Communications Other:** Jim says that the city has a new website to look up current condition and plans to repair city address (Jim: is this the address you mean? <https://www.sandiego.gov/cip/projectinfo> ).

**5. Web & Social Media:** Caroline: it's been fairly quiet, but people have been reporting SDG&E boxes being used for storage and drug drop spots. It seems the SDG&E utility closets are available to many people, so if you find someone is

using a key who shouldn't be, call the utility to have them replace it with a new key.

There are also "Big Belly Trash Compactors" that the city is experimenting with them, and Suzanne (former board member) is hoping we can get one in Ward Canyon Park. We'll try to get a discussion about that for next month.

## Information/Discussion Items

**6. Adams Ave. Elementary School Construction Progress Update:** Nobody seems to know when that's going to happen. Caroline reported that there was a communication in the middle of 2016 about breaking ground by last September, but that didn't happen. Temporary buildings have been placed over recreational areas, and nothing's been done since then. Scott will contact SDUSD for a report next month.

**7. Resignation of Vice Chair, Marianne Green:** We thank her for her contribution to the community on this board. Her departure creates a vacancy on the board, so we will have to fill that position, and also elect a new Vice Chair. We'll address that at the February meeting as part of preparations for March Elections.

**8. Meade Ave Planters:** These large concrete structures will be filled with either Blue Agave, Crape Myrtle, Yellow lantana, Bougainvillea, Blue fingers, Stick on fire, according to the City, who are responsible for maintaining those. Thanks to Marianne for bringing attention to those things.

**9. Developing an informational flyer of NH related community organizations and contacts:** This project is being led by the NH Community Assoc., and we'll continue to coordinate with them.

**10. Graffiti problems?** Try reporting issues to graffiti@amcustomer care.att-mail.com for phone boxes. The AABA handles tagging and graffiti along Adams Aveune's public spaces, and they take photos and send those to Officer Jenny Hall. Contacting the city is also an option, with more details at <https://www.sandiego.gov/street-div/services/graffiti>

## Action Items

**11. Ordering Promotional Materials:** We'd like to have more promotional/Info materials created. Suggestions have included: Shot glass, 92116 pint glass, Pint glass modified - add 92104, 92105, St Patrick's glass, coffee mugs, license plate frames and smaller ones for motorcycles/bicycles, shopping bags, NRML

stickers, Beer or soda can cozies, and/or a community enhancing project, dinner, or activity.

Unplugged is in April, and we discussed creating an item to have available for that community event. Ryan reminds us that St. Patrick's Day would be a very big day to sell custom pint glasses on that day. Scott said merchandise could be stored in AABA office at the Community Center.

Action by Ryan: to have a design for a glass ready for our February Meeting for a St. Patrick's Day glass. Joseph made the motion, Earlene seconded it. All approved!

We also discussed getting more license plate holders, but the general sentiment is that the neighborhood is saturated with those at the moment. We also discussed getting more stickers made, but no motions were made for that item.

Meanwhile, we're considering ways to spend the revenue generated by selling these promotional items. Possibilities are solar-power trash compactor cans, or sandwich boards to put out on nights we have the meeting. Joseph suggested we might want to explore decorative street signs for major intersections, which other neighborhoods have done.

Ryan also suggests perhaps shirts. Adam suggested adult onesies. Caroline expressed concern about managing sizes.

### **Committee and Ad Hoc Group Reports**

12. Community Planners Committee – No December Meeting. The cite has moved from Miramar down to the City Administration Building downtown. Jim will attend, as well as the next Vice Chair.
13. Properties reviewed for historical significance – Nothing significant was found in the properties reviewed.
14. Project Review Committee – no new projects requiring review.
15. Transportation/Traffic Calming; new Stop Signs 33<sup>rd</sup> & Madison, etc. – no new reports. Light discussion about the flashing lights (RRFB) at Hawley and E. Mountain View & Adams. People can email Gary Pence (gpence@sandiego.gov) for progress on RRFBs at 34<sup>th</sup> and Adams. The intersection at the post office is being investigated.
16. No reports from the Friends of the Canyon
17. No reports on a Normal Heights Library
18. Ballots needs to be prepared by next month for March Elections

Adjourned at 6:55pm

The Next Meeting is 2/7/2017

### Anticipated/Requested Future Agenda Items

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