



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)

Draft Meeting Minutes

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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	VACANT	Melissa Stayner	Matt Stucky	Tim Taylor	Eduardo Velasquez	René Vidales	Randy Wilde
Attendance	1	2	3		4		5	6		7	8	9		10	11
Late			1		1										
Absences		1	1	2	2	2				2	1	2	2		1

2. **Minutes.** Approval of the September 17, 2019 Minutes.

MOTION: To approve September 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes with edits provided by Randy Wilde. Wilde/Stayner 10-0-1 (Gould abstaining due to absence.)

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Sarah McAlear. \$819.47 balance was provided to the Committee by Vidales.

4. **Special Election by the NPPC Board to fill one (1) Board vacancy.**

The term for the one (1) open seat is from August 21, 2018 to March 19, 2019. Each candidate had completed attendance and registration eligibility requirements prior to the September 17, 2019 NPPC meeting. Jen Spencer, Election Subcommittee Chair, and Matt Stucky, Election Subcommittee member. Jen Spencer announced that 3 candidates were running for the one (1) open seat:

1. Judy Aboud (Resident Homeowner)
2. Ellin Halgunseth (Resident Homeowner)
3. Marissa Tucker (Resident Renter)

Each candidate gave a 2-minute statement, then the Board casted their votes. Jen Spencer and Matt Stucky counted the votes, with the results shown below:

Candidate:	Steve Billings	Steve Doster	Daniel Gebreselassie	Arash Kahvazadeh	Marc Gould	Sarah McAlear	Aria Pounaki	Jen Spencer	Melissa Stayner	Matt Stucky	Tim Taylor	Eduardo Velasquez	René Vidales	Randy Wilde	TOTAL VOTES
Judy Aboud			1								1				2
Ellin Halgunseth															0
Marissa Tucker	1	1			1		1	1	1	1			1	1	9
Not Present				X		X						X			

The following motion was based on the voting results: **MOTION: To appoint Marissa Tucker to fill the one (1) NPPC Board vacant seat. Spencer/Stucky 9-2-0 (Gebreselassie and Taylor voting no).**

Judy Aboud and Ellin Halgunseth were encouraged to continue attending full board and subcommittee meetings, as well as running for a seat in the March 2020 NPPC general election. Marissa Tucker joins the board and there are now 12 board members seated at the table.

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

1. Aria Pounaki – Proposed discussing Tim Taylor’s suggestion at a future meeting to take up asking the city to remove the dual-tracking loophole
2. Chris Olsen – Shared that this Saturday at 1 pm he would be hosting a meet and greet in Normal Heights as a part of his campaign for D3 San Diego City Council.
3. Steve Doster - Jeri Dilno Way, honorary naming of a street after LGBTQ+ activist was presented by Councilmember Chris Ward at the intersection of Howard Ave. and Texas St.

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. **Collabapalooza.** Indie beer collaboration celebration. Saturday, October 19, 1 pm to 5 pm, North Park Way between Granada Ave. and 29th St., and 29th St. between University Ave. and North Park Way. More info at: <https://www.karlstrauss.com/events/collabapalooza/>
3. **North Park Day of the Dead Festival 2019.** Saturday, October 26, 11 am to 5 pm. Ray St. between University Ave. and Gunn St., and 3024-3030 North Park Way. More info at: <https://artellexia.com/pages/day-of-the-dead-festival-san-diego-hosted-by-artellexia>
4. **CiclosDias.** Sunday, October 27, 8 am to 4:30 pm. Community event to include biking, jogging, strolling, roller blading along closed streets within North Park, Normal Heights, and Kensington-Talmadge. For North Park, the following streets would be closed: Adams Ave. between Hamilton St. and I-805 and 30th St. between Adams Ave. and Lincoln Ave. More info at: <https://www.facebook.com/ciclosdias/>
5. **Adams Avenue Spirit Stroll.** Saturday, November 30, 2 pm to 5 pm. 20 participating Adams Avenue retail locations. More info at: <https://www.adamsavenuebusiness.com/event-info/adams-avenue-spirit-stroll/>
6. **SoNo Fest & Chili Cook-off.** Sunday, December 1, 11 am to 5 pm. Thorn St. between 31st St. & Bancroft St., and 32nd St. between Upas St. and Thorn St. More info at: <https://www.sonofestchilicookoff.com>
7. **North Park Toyland Parade.** Sunday, December 8, 11 am to 1 pm. The parade route will include University Ave. from 28th St. to 32nd St., 30th St. between Lincoln Ave. and North Park Way, as well as other adjacent side streets. More info at: <https://northparkmainstreet.com/events/north-park-toyland-parade/>
8. **Trick or Treat 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run.** Prizes awarded to costumes and race winners. All proceeds benefit after school and enrichment programs. Sunday, October 27 at Morley Field. www.roofriends.org/TOT

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 . Bobby announced the Congresswoman’s retirement and her support for impeachment of the president. Also shared plans for college affordability and information on her GPS learning talks. Comments on Census ramping up. Question from Chair Vidales on the rights of property owners as it relates to FAA permits for drones.
2. **Mathew Gordon, Hon. Todd Gloria, State Assembly Dist. 78,** 619-645-3090, Mathew.Gordon@asm.ca.gov. No update
3. **Chevelle Newell-Tate, Hon. Toni Atkins, State Senate Dist. 39,** 619-645-3133, Chevelle.Tate@sen.ca.gov. No update

4. **Brett Weise, Hon. Chris Ward, City Council Dist. 3**, 619-236-6633 BWeise@sandiego.gov. Chair Vidales shared that Chris Ward would be hosting “Craft Beer with Your Councilmember” on Thursday, October 17th, 5:30pm-7pm at Original 40
5. **Bernie Turgeon, Planning Department**, 619-533-6575, BTurgeon@sandiego.gov. No update

V. Information Item

1. **American Society of Landscape Architects Community Group Outreach Efforts**. Message on the importance of Landscape Architects, the global challenge on Climate Change, announcement on the upcoming national conference to be held in San Diego, and trends on licensing efforts. Jen Spencer.

Jen Spencer presented on the American Society of Landscape Architects and their message on Climate Change. This November there will be an international conference for Landscape Architects here in San Diego with attendance from all over the world. The General Session is free to the public on Monday, November 18, 2019 from 2:45pm to 4:15pm at the San Diego Convention Center; RSVP is required at <http://bit.ly/35BW1R9>. The session is titled “No Time to Waste: Landscape Architecture and the Global Challenge of Climate Change”. More information at www.aslaconference.com

Jen also shared aspects regarding trends in licensing for Landscape Architecture and Chair Vidales assisted with the presentation. The debate over the role of government in regulating occupations and professions has recently come to the forefront. Calls to eliminate or weaken licensing in occupations make no distinction to advanced, highly complex, technical professions that impact public safety, trust, and welfare. These broad-brush proposals would sweep up these professions along with a host of vocations and occupations. This has real - and negative – repercussions, including the dismantling of carefully developed professional licensing system that protect the public. Some professions affected are certified public accountants, architects, professional engineers, professional surveyors, and landscape architects. These efforts are currently underway in several states and it may even happen at the national level.

Questions were taken by the audience at the end of the presentation.

VI. NPPC Reports

1. **Chair’s Report**
 - a. **Community Planners Committee (CPC)**. Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 7-9 pm. 202 C St Civic Concourse. Terrace Level Silver Room. For more info: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpc/agendas/index.shtml>
No meeting in September.
 - b. **NPPC Bylaws Update**. Chair Vidales shared that the Bylaws NPPC approved in January 2018 were not approved by the City Attorney’s office, and NPPC has always defaulted to the previously approved February 23, 2017 Bylaws which are currently posted online. The main reason the Bylaws were proposed to be amended in 2018 was to integrate the North Park Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) into the NPPC, in order to help the MAD get more visibility, use our resources more efficiently, etc. There are two main reasons for the City Attorney's Office not moving forward with updating the NPPC Bylaws that we approved in January 2018: (1) The composition of the board members of the MAD is by Organization, and the NPPC does not have those restrictions. Board members of the MAD would have to become board members of the NPPC and that's not logistically possible based on the MAD Bylaws that require their board members to represent specific organizations; and (2) The City Attorney's office will not entertain Bylaws Amendments from any CPG in the foreseeable future until all efforts as a result of the CPG reform are over, which would result in updating Council Policy 600-24, the Bylaws Shell and all CPG Bylaws accordingly.
2. **Social Media**. Sarah McAlear/Randy Wilde. No Update.
3. **NPPC Website Update**. 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 1st Monday. Met on October 7th and heard from developers presenting on a potential development at the parcel next to Sprouts on Park Blvd. and requested community input on future designs. Next meeting November 4, 2019
- b. Public Facilities & Transportation (PF&T). Steve Doster Chair, Arash Kahvazadeh Vice Chair – NP Adult Center, 6:00 pm, 2nd Wednesday. Did not meet in October. Next meeting November 13, 2019

5. **Liaisons Reports**

- a. **Balboa Park Committee (BPC)**. Vicki Granowitz. 4 agenda items were discussed: (1) North Park Main Street Wayfinding Signage Project was presented by Jake Romero, Assistant Director NPMS. He requested two NPMS wayfinding signs be located on Balboa Park lands, Upas Street and the north end of Bird Park. BPC members were concerned with putting signs that conflicted with official Balboa Park signs and for an unaffiliated entity on Park lands. Staff was questioned on why this was considered acceptable by them. A compromise was turned down by Mr. Romero. It was suggested it would be more appropriate to put NPMS signs outside the boundaries of the park. The request was voted down 4/3 with the Chair voting “no”. (2) Balboa Park Signage and Wayfinding Initiative. The Balboa Park Conservancy presenter Charlie Daniels Park Designer City of San Diego and Jeffery Hertzler, Senior Associate, RSM design. Project is consistent with the signage manual and with the Secretary of Interior standards. There were no speakers in opposition, the committee find the program to be an improvement on existing signage and voted unanimously to approve. (3) Plaza De Panama Pipeline Replacement, Public Works. To start after the first of the year, 26,000 ft. of pipe, both sewer & water, to be replaced in the through the main arterial of the park. Staging to be placed on site. Submitted project documentation was inadequate. It did not include timelines, start dates, and cost estimates. Public Works staff has yet to meet with the institutions. This will be a major but necessary disruption. (4) Staff Announcement. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Inspiration Point to be posted on the BPC webpage along with public comments from the July 11, 2019 meeting on the subject. <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/boards/bpc>. Current response to RFP on social media has not been supportive.
- b. **Maintenance Assessment District**. Matt Stucky. Met on Oct 14th to discuss the budget. The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov 12th.
- c. **North Park Main Street**. Steve Billings. Update on the SANDAG E/W bikeways project. Mid-city homeless outreach program report. Update on the North Park Holiday banner program and the Toyland Parade. Taste of North Park was October 12th and was a great success. The next Meeting is November 14 at 8am.
- d. **Adams Avenue Business Association**. No update.
- e. **El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Assoc**. Randy Wilde. No update.
- f. **North Park Community Association**. Peter Hill. No meeting but mixer was held at Original 40
- g. **University Heights Community Association**. Randy Wilde. No update.

II. **Future NPPC Meeting Dates & Agenda Items**. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 19, 2019

III. **Adjournment**. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm. **MOTION: To adjourn meeting. Tucker/Billings (10-0-0) (Wilde absent)**

Minutes submitted by Aria Pounaki