



Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, June 7, 2022 6:00pm until approx. 8:00pm

Participation is by teleconference during this Pandemic; no in-person meeting.

A recording of this meeting can be found here:

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Board Member Attendance (X = present)

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

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

Others in Attendance: Caroline McKeown, Greg Stone, Theresa Murphy, Ricky Marin, Brian Schrader, Nat Tayahua, Molly Lorden, Paul Jamason, Maggie Friend, Paul Coogan, Mike Magers

6:04 PM: Call to Order by Chair Jim Baross

1. Introductions of planning group members. All members present identified themselves. All attendees were encouraged, but not required to type their name and contact information in “Chat” feature, or if participating by telephone to introduce themselves verbally.
2. Agenda/Setting Modifications: none
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: May meeting not held due to lack of quorum. April minutes approved unanimously (M: Frances/ S: Allan)
4. Treasurer’s Report: no expenditures or income since last meeting

Public Comments

5: Non-agenda public comments regarding Normal Heights land use and related Normal Heights community issues. Public comments are limited to two minutes per person, per subject.

- Brian S: Resident of Normal Heights, wants to reiterate San Diego needs to build more housing units to meet population needs, and is concerned about the amount of yard signs and community opposition to MARs Project.
 - Paul Jamason: Seconded what Brian S stated. Expressed concern that signs opposing MARs Project are being displayed on CalTrans property and at the Adams Recreation Center; submitted reports on both to be removed. Would like to request agenda item in which NHCPG addresses how regional housing needs goals will be met in 2029. Reported that performers at Sycamore Den are parking in red curb zone. Reported to police, but wants to know if AABA has a position on people parking in red zone for businesses. Wants AABA to support safer streets on Adams Avenue.
 - Linda Case: States she believes it is problematic to call MARs project “low income housing” given the cost of rents.
6. No social media/ other land use related communications were noted.

Action/Decision Items

7. Shall the next NHCPG meeting be held on July 5, 2022 and Shall the next NHCPG meeting be held in person or virtual? Board voted unanimously to hold the meeting virtually on July 5, 2022.
8. Discussion related to Chat feature for virtual meetings:
 - Jim noted that some participants have been “less than civil” and proposed reaffirming rules of conduct.
 - Vickie questioned whether what is said in the chat should be considered by Board Members as public comment/ community input, as some members did consider it during April’s meeting. Jim confirmed that it is not considered public comment/community input as it is not done on screen or audio, and therefore not done publicly.
 - Vickie and Emily expressed concern that those attending the meeting are not aware that what they type in chat will not be considered as public input and that information should be announced at meeting.
 - Jim will consult with planning department regarding any official conduct
9. Point Person needed for undergrounding oversite and additional street lighting effort: Frances, Scott and Gary Weber volunteered
10. Traffic discussion related to potential additional actions regarding hazards from motor vehicles not adhering to traffic laws
 - Jim proposed establishing subcommittee to monitor problems and bring forward recommendations to this committee or directly to elected officials. Allan volunteered to lead, Scott and Linda volunteered to be part of committee.
 - Vickie will forward list of dangerous intersections that were gathered from public input at April meeting and will forward list to Allan.

- Scott responded to report of cars parking in front of Sycamore Den: AABA was not aware of this, he will address with new management.

Reports/Updates

11. No government agency representatives present to provide reports.

12. Chair Report

- MARs Project: Per Steven Whitburn's office: no decision has been made regarding the project. Permits have been pulled. Development Services doing detailed review of what has been submitted by developer, Councilmember Whitburn's office has relayed concerns of community directly to Development Services
- Jim called on Mike Magers, who is part of Normal Heights for Smart Growth to provide equal opportunity for those opposed to project to speak. Mike explained purpose of group and provided link to petition opposed to project as proposed in chat.
- CPC Meeting Updates: Jim elected as secretary. Climate Action Plan proposed new regulations to cause reductions in CO2 emissions were approved by CPC. Information and feedback regarding state scope and goals as related to Cannabis Equity Assessment were provided. CPC approved some proposals brought to them updating Council Policy 600-24, other proposals were asked to be modified. CBS aired interview with Jim regarding MARs Project.
- Frances requested clarification of how the Board is voicing concerns of community regarding MARs Project. Jim noted that Board sent letter of opposition as proposed to city, which is what is in Board's capacity to do. Review is now in Development Services review process, and if they require further community input, they will request it from the Board.

13. Community Groups Updates

- Adams Avenue Business Association: AABA met and voted to oppose MARs Project as Proposed. Taste of Adams Avenue will be held 6/26. Street Fair permit has been submitted. Evening mixer at end of June; location TBD. Adams Avenue Summer Market has been cancelled due to lack of interest from vendors. Raised \$30,000 in less than one year for mural project at Adams Recreation Center. Goal is \$70,000.
- El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: Gary Weber noted that group is actively seeking high density housing projects.
- Adams Community Recreation Group: Jim provided update on trees in Ward Canyon Park. Vickie noted that spray paint and posts have been put down for new Interim Dog Park in Ward Canyon Park ("Option C")

14. Standing Working Groups

- Historic Property Review Report: Dan reported that he urged city to review property at 3430 Meade Avenue.

- Street Fair: Linda will be contacting Board Members to schedule shifts. Street Fair is 9/24, 9/25. Jim encouraged members to volunteer for at least two hours.

7:12 PM: Adjournment (M: Vickie, S: Scott)