



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

**PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE**

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**MEETING AGENDA: Wednesday, May 15, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.**

**North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center, 2719 Howard Avenue**

Parliamentary Items (6:00 pm)

- A. Call to Order
- B. Modifications to & adoption of the May 11, 2011 Agenda
- C. Chair's Comments
- D. Approval of Previous Minutes: April 13, 2011
- E. Announcements: (See page 2 of Agenda for details and links)

**II. Non Agenda Public Comment** (2 minutes each). Please fill out a Public Comment Sheet and give to Chair prior to the meeting.

**III. New Business:**

- A. **Juniper Street Sidewalk Proposal - DSD Project #234305 - WBS#B-00947.92.06:** Proposal to modify asphalt shoulder and install new sidewalk, retaining walls and guardrail on the north side of Juniper Street between 33<sup>rd</sup> st & Westland Ave. *Gaetano Martedi, Project Manager, Right of Way Division, City of SD Engineering and Capital Project Dept.. Action Item (6:15 pm to 7:00 pm)*

**IV. Old Business:**

- A. **Texas Street Improvement Design:** Update/Continuation of discussion of improvements to Texas Street from Madison Avenue to Camino Del Rio South, part of mitigation improvements for the Quarry Falls Development in Mission Valley. *Action Item (7:00 pm to 7:10 pm)*
- B. **Mid City Bus Rapid Transit Project:** Discussion/Update. *Action Item (7:10 pm to 7:15 pm)*  
<http://www.sandag.org/index.asp?projectid=317&fuseaction=projects.detail>

**V. Information Items:**

- A. **San Diego Historic Class 1 Streetcar Restoration Project.** Presentation on historic Streetcars and how they might integrate into North Park. *Chris Chaffee (10 min Present – 5 min Q's) (7:15 pm to 7:30 pm)* [www.sandiegohistoricstreetcars.org](http://www.sandiegohistoricstreetcars.org)
- B. **South I-805 off-ramp into North Park Way and South I-805 off-ramp into Madison Avenue.** Ongoing discussion of North Park Signage and Entry Monuments. *Lucky Morrison (7:30 pm to 7:45 pm)*

**VI. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items. Next Meeting date: Wednesday, June 08, 2011**

Possible Future Agenda Items: North Park Mini Park, University & 32<sup>nd</sup>, SR-94 update, 33<sup>rd</sup> & Upas, Upas & Granada, North Park Post Office Closure.

**VII. Adjournment (8:00 pm)**

*Times listed are estimates only. Please speak only when recognized by the Chair. Be respectful of others and their ideas. Listen and be open-minded. No interruptions or side conversations. Stay focused on issues rather than personalities.*

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## PF Subcommittee 05/11/2011

### Announcements:

#### SANDAG:

Join SANDAG at a public workshop/hearing to provide input into the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). Public workshops will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Public hearings begin at 6 p.m.

- Tue, June 7 - Encinitas Community & Senior Center  
1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas, 92024
- Wed, June 8 - The Joe and Vi Jacobs Center  
404 Euclid Ave., San Diego, 92114
- Thu, June 9 - Sonrise Community Church  
8805 North Magnolia Ave., Santee, 92071
- Mon, June 13 - Martin Luther King Jr. Center  
140 East 12th St., National City, 91950
- Thu, June 16 - San Marcos City Council Chambers  
1 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos, 92069

#### **Additional Public Hearings**

Public Hearings also will be held as part of these regularly scheduled meetings.

- Fri, June 10, 10 a.m. - SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting
- Tue, June 21, 4 to 6 p.m. - Regional Planning Stakeholders Working Group (SWG) Meeting

#### **How to submit comments**

We encourage you to submit comments online in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). Comments also can be submitted by e-mail to [2050rtp@sandag.org](mailto:2050rtp@sandag.org), calling (877) 277-5736, fax (619) 699-1905, or by mail to SANDAG, 401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101. <http://www.sandag.org/index.asp?projectid=349&fuseaction=projects.detail>

#### **South Park:**

<http://theoldhousefair.weebly.com/>

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Old House Fair – June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 10 am to 4pm

#### **Redistricting:**

The San Diego City Charter requires that the City Council district boundaries be redistricted at least once every 10 years, and is generally done following the completion of the federal census. The seven-member Redistricting Commission has the authority to set the new boundaries of City Council districts, which will be first used in 2012 elections.

The Redistricting Commission is currently holding public hearings to collect input from San Diegans about your thoughts on how the nine districts may be drawn. For more information about the City's redistricting process and for a full calendar of meetings, please visit [www.sandiego.gov/redistricting/index.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/redistricting/index.shtml).

#### **North Park Mini Park Community Workshop**

**Saturday, June 4, 2011**

Sunset Temple Grand Room, Clare De Lune Coffee Lounge,  
2906 University Avenue, San Diego, 92104.

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

(See notice below)

## **City of San Diego -Engineering & Capital Projects Department**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT:**

May 4, 2011 Todd Schmit

(619) 533-4620

### **City Begins Design Process for North Park Mini-Park & Associated Streetscape Improvements**

#### ***First Community Workshop***

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects Department, Architectural Engineering & Parks Division, announces the first opportunity for the public to participate in the design process for the North Park Mini-Park and Associated Streetscape Improvements Project.

The public is invited to attend the first **Community Workshop** on

**Saturday, June 4, 2011**

**at the Sunset Temple Grand Room, Clare De Lune Coffee Lounge,  
2906 University Avenue, San Diego, 92104.**

The workshop will begin at **9:00 a.m.** and is scheduled to end at **2:00 p.m.**

The Community Workshop is free and open to everyone.

The project includes two components. The first component is the design of a General Development Plan (GDP) for the 0.5 acre North Park Mini-Park, located directly behind the North Park Theatre, and bordered by Granada Avenue, North Park Way, and 29<sup>th</sup> Street. The park location will provide a connection between the residential neighborhoods to the south and the business district centered at 30<sup>th</sup> Street and University Avenue. The park will be designed to serve as a central gathering space for passive recreational uses, reflecting the surrounding area's intensive urban character.

The second component of the project is a Master Plan for associated streetscapes to include: 29<sup>th</sup> Street from University Avenue to North Park Way; Granada Avenue for University Avenue to North Park Way; Utah Street from University Avenue to Gunn Street; and North Park Way from 29<sup>th</sup> Street to Utah Street. The streetscapes Master Plan will include recommendations and guidelines on design components such as tree grates, seating, landscape and plant palette, signage, lighting, and more. The enhanced streetscapes will tie the North Park Mini-Park, the future Jefferson Elementary School Joint Use Improvements, and the business district together.

Further community workshops are planned for Fall 2011.

For more information, contact **Todd Schmit, Park Designer, at (619) 533-4620.**



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**MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 6:00 p.m., North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center  
2719 Howard Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

**Attendance:**

**Seated Board Members:** Dionné Carlson (Chair), René Vidales (Vice-Chair), Vicki Granowitz, Judi O'Boyle, Cheryl Dye, Lucky Morrison, Peter Hill

**Community Voting Members:** Rob Steppke, Ernie Bonn, William Schneider, Kitty Callen

**Board member not seated:** Dang Nguyen

**Also present:** Brian Walsh

**Parliamentary Items**

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:04

**Approve April 13, 2011 Agenda. Motion: Approve Agenda with a correction on New Business Item 2 from "Upas" to "Polk". Bonn/O'Boyle 9-0-0**

**Chair's Comments.** None

William Schneider arrived at 6:07

**Approve February 9, 2011 Minutes. Motion: Approve February 9, 2011 minutes with the following corrections: revise from "Berney" to "Birney" in the motion to approve the meeting minutes (Bonn/Granowitz 5-0-5 (Schneider, Bonn, Dye, O'Boyle, Hill abstained)**

Kitty Callen arrived at 6:10

**Non Agenda Public Comment**

1. Ernie Bonn announced the next Pre-Map Re-Districting Public hearing will take place on Monday May 2 at the Regional Transportation Center showroom, 4001 El Cajon Blvd.
2. Judi O'Boyle announced that the previous night the North Park Project Area Committee (PAC) voted to allocate remaining funds for the following: \$640K for the North Park Mini Park, \$130K for Boundary Street improvements, \$300K for street lights throughout the community, \$100K for the North Park Community Center, also funding for bicycle corrals, and funding for general improvements like sidewalks, etc.

**Announcements:** None

**New Business**

- A. **Proposal to Remove Canopies & Trash Cans from Bus Stops at 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Adams Avenue.** Request for support of removing canopies & trash cans from bus stops. *Brian Walsh & Adams Avenue BID.*

Brian Walsh presented the project. He is currently doing some repairs and plans on investing in improving the property. Some previous tenants have left and the ones who remain are on a short term lease. He does not know what kind of tenant will be in the building; zoning for the property allows for entertainment and restaurant uses. The liquor license is owned by the current lessee and Mr. Walsh does not know if the next business will inherit that liquor license. Mr. Walsh does not plan to sign lease agreements for longer than 10 years.

Mr. Walsh presented a letter from the Adams Avenue BID in support of the removal of the bus shelters at the southwest corner of 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Adams Avenue, one along 30<sup>th</sup> Street and one along Adams Avenue. He has been involved in the revitalization of the Gaslamp Quarter in the past.

MTS is exploring moving the bus stop on Adams west to the alley and on 30<sup>th</sup> off the corner to the south. Buses park for as long as twenty minutes and drivers tend to use the facilities in the bar. Mr. Walsh would like to remove shelter structures & trash cans, possibly temporarily until bus tops can be relocated. He mentioned possibly paying for the installation of standard plastic benches as a replacement. The issue with the canopies and trash cans might be a temporary issue as MTS is likely amenable to moving the bus stops. Mr. Walsh cannot implement outside seating if canopies and trash cans remain in their current location. In addition, the trash cans are too close to the corner. The stacking up of 2 busses at 30<sup>th</sup> street bus stop present a problem for the businesses located there.

A Sub-Committee member expressed that there may not be a need to remove the canopies if a restaurant does not come on line. The seats were removed three years ago due to transients sleeping on them. If the canopies were removed, at the least a bench would be required. The corner building has 8 parking spaces, which will be converted to 6, with 5 spaces next to the liquor store and 1 handicapped. In addition, there are more than 30 spaces in the rear parking lot.

The PAC voted 6-5 the previous night in support of the request. Their motion did not give any details for alternatives or mitigation, but it was only a recommendation.

Chair Dionné Carlson confirmed that MTS are keen to relocate both of the bus stops because they are not conforming to their guidelines which recommend having bus stops a certain distance from corners. MTS said that there is precedent for creative solutions where developer provides bus shelters incorporated in to the wall of the building, or custom designed seating & shelter. Advertising space on the current bus stops is not very successful and MTS might be willing to allow the developer to buy out the ad lease.

Mr. Walsh will be coming back in 2 to 3 months from this date to the Urban Design/Project Review Sub-Committee. Mr. Walsh thinks that relocating the stops is going to take a long time, and therefore he came to the Public Facilities Sub-Committee to ask for support to get the canopies removed in order to get a jump start.

The Sub-Committee expressed concerns with removing the bus shelters altogether without an assurance of their being replaced. Sub-Committee consensus is that relocation of bus stops is acceptable, as is almost any creative solution that improves the business environment while still providing suitable shelter for transit riders. The Sub-Committee is supportive of improving the intersection and corner so long as transit riders are not short changed. Subcommittee felt removal of the problematic MTS trash cans was acceptable, and that their replacement with Adams Ave BID enhanced trash cans in new shelter location was desirable. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:**

**To deny the removal of the bus shelter canopies; to support and assist the applicant in the relocation of the two MTS bus shelters on the southwest corner of 30<sup>th</sup> street and Adams Avenue, one along 30<sup>th</sup> street and one along Adams Avenue to another location on the applicant's frontage.**

**Granowitz/Dye 11-0-0.**

- B. Proposal to implement 4-way stop at Texas Street and Polk Avenue.** City proposal to install a 4-Way stop sign. *Gary Pence, Sr. Traffic Engineer, City of San Diego.*

A Stop Sign Study was requested by an individual, and data showed that there were 4 major accidents which could have been avoided by a 4-way stop, in the last 3 years. The study granted 20 points which is the minimum required to grant a 4-way stop for this type of intersection. A subcommittee member noted that the City recently sent a notice that the speed limit on Texas Street between University Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard will be *increased* from 25 mph to 30 mph, which seemed a contradiction.

**MOTION: To support the installation of the 4-way stop at Texas Street and Polk Avenue. Dye/Granowitz 9-1-1 (Schneider abstained)**

### **Old Business**

- A. Texas Street Improvement Design:** Update/Continuation of discussion of improvements to Texas Street from Madison Avenue to Camino Del Rio South, part of the mitigation improvements for the Quarry Falls (Civita) Development in Mission Valley.  
The project may be starting soon. Survey crews were recently seen at the site.
- B. Mid-City Bus Rapid Transit Project:** Discussion/Update  
There will be a Mid-City Bus Rapid Transit Open House on Thursday, April 14 at the El Cajon Boulevard BID, 3727 El Cajon Blvd. René Vidales is planning to attend.

Vicki Granowitz left at 7:45 p.m.; Cheryl Dye left at 7:47 p.m.

### **Information Items:**

- A. South I-805 off-ramp into North Park Way and South I-805 off-ramp into Madison Avenue.** Ongoing discussion of North Park Signage and Entry Monuments. *Lucky Morrison*  
Funding from the PAC (contingency fund) may be available to put a monument at both locations. River rock may work for a unified monument entry sign. Chair Dionné Carlson asked Sub-Committee members to bring input on the look of future entry monument signs.

**Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items.** (1) Proposal to modify the traffic signal at University Avenue and 32<sup>nd</sup> Street due to left turns and pedestrian conflicts. (2) Presentation from the streetcar support group

**Next meeting date:** Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

**Adjournment. Motion: To adjourn meeting. O'Boyle/Hill. 9-0-0.** Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

**Notice of Public Meeting:**  
**Pedestrian Improvements**  
**Proposed for**  
**Juniper St. between 33<sup>rd</sup> & Westland**



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