



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

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**MEETING AGENDA: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.**

**North Park Main Street Office, 3076 University Avenue (this month only!)**

- I. Parliamentary Items **(6:00 pm)**
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Modifications to & adoption of the October 05, 2011 Agenda
  - C. Chair's Comments
  - D. Approval of Previous Minutes: September 14, 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. **Information Items:** None this month
- IV. **New Business:** None this month
- V. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Mid City Bus Rapid Transit Project:** Discussion/Update. *Action Item (6:05 pm to 6:10 pm)*  
<http://www.sandag.org/index.asp?projectid=317&fuseaction=projects.detail>
  - B. **Kansas St. Pilot "Head-in" Parking project:** Discussion/Update. *Action Item (6:10 pm to 6:20 pm)*
  - C. **Texas Street Improvement Design:** Update on 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 (6:20 pm to 6:25 pm)*
  - D. **Plaza de Panama - Balboa Park (Project No. 233958):** Proposed project includes an amendment to the Balboa Park Master Plan; an amendment to the Central Mesa Precise Plan; and a Site Development Permit. Discussion of urban design, parking, pedestrian & vehicular circulation for possible action. [http://www.balboapark.org/sites/default/files/plazadepanama\\_hrb\\_ltr\\_1\\_13\\_11\\_1.pdf](http://www.balboapark.org/sites/default/files/plazadepanama_hrb_ltr_1_13_11_1.pdf)  
*Action Item (6:25 pm to 7:45 pm)*
    - 1) [Link to Independent Budget Analyst \(IBA\) Report on Parking Structure Bond financing](#)
    - 2) [Links to 2002 Old Town Parking Study: Part 1, Part 2, Part 3, Part 4, Part 5](#)
  - E. Discussion of "Park & Recreation Needs Assessment Survey for the Greater Golden Hill, North Park, & Uptown Communities" *Action Item (7:45 pm to 8:00 pm) (time permitting)*
    - 1) [Link to the Survey & Results](#) 2) [Link to City memo to Balboa Park Committee regarding Survey](#)
- VI. **Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items. Next Meeting date: Wednesday, Nov. 09, 2011**
- 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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## NPPC-PF Subcommittee 09/14/2011

### Announcements:

**SANDAG** <http://www.sandag.org/enewsletter/subscribe.html>

**Rideshare Week, October 3-7, 2011**, is a nationally recognized event to promote alternatives to commuting alone.

The Rideshare 2011 Commuter Challenge is a great way to save gas, beat traffic, and **win prizes!** Challenge yourself to make a difference at least one day a week — try carpooling, vanpooling, taking transit, biking, walking, or teleworking. Weekly prize drawings will be held during the entire month of October. Participating in the Commuter Challenge is easy. Start by **pledging** to take the challenge. Then log your trips in the iCommute **TripTracker** system. You'll automatically be entered for a chance to win great Rideshare Week prizes. Don't stop with Rideshare Week as the Commuter Challenge lasts all month long. Prizes include spa and entertainment gift certificates, Chargers tickets, transit passes, and much more. The grand prize is an electric bike. The Commuter and Corporate Challenges are in celebration of Rideshare Week. For more information about the Rideshare 2011 Corporate and Commuter Challenge, please visit [icommutesd.com/Events/RideshareWeek.aspx](http://icommutesd.com/Events/RideshareWeek.aspx).

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### **SANDAG Board accepts proposed modifications to Draft 2050 RTP and its SCS**

At its September 16 meeting, the SANDAG Board of Directors accepted proposed modifications to the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). These changes will be incorporated by SANDAG staff into the final 2050 RTP and its SCS, and evaluated in the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), prior to presentation of the final documents for Board certification and adoption on October 28, 2011. In conjunction with this action, the California Air Resources Board of Directors heard an update on the SANDAG SCS at its September 22 meeting. The ARB staff recommendation includes a finding that implementation of the SANDAG RTP/SCS would meet the targets for greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) of seven percent per capita reduction in 2020 and a 13 percent per capita reduction by 2035.

In addition to the previous modifications recommended by the SANDAG Board in July 2011 to SR 78 connectors, Mid-City light rail transit, regional rail grade separations, smart growth improvements, and safe routes to transit, notable changes proposed for the final 2050 RTP and its SCS include three new transit express routes to the airport, a new Rapid Bus line in the SR 56 corridor in the Unconstrained Transportation Network, changing two managed lanes to two transit lanes on SR 15 between I-8 and I-805, and earlier phasing of two high occupancy vehicle lanes on I-805.

Notable changes proposed to the SCS include implementation actions related to complete streets principles, regional transit oriented development policies, and active transportation, as well as clarification of GHG emissions and vehicle miles traveled reductions for all vehicle types and Senate Bill 375 vehicle classes (cars and light trucks). The final 2050 RTP/SCS would be based on a Revenue Constrained Scenario totaling \$213.8 billion in year of expenditure.

SANDAG received more than 4,000 public comments on the Draft 2050 RTP and its SCS from more than 1,500 different contributors. The comments received covered the following broad issues: advancing transportation projects; support for/opposition to transportation modes and specific projects; comments on the SCS and SB 375; modeling and other technical issues; and funding.

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### **Overall crime rates continue decline, homicides up** [http://www.sandag.org/enewsletter/feature\\_5.html](http://www.sandag.org/enewsletter/feature_5.html)

While overall crime rates in San Diego County have continued to decline, the number of homicides reported in the region in the first half of 2011 was up 65 percent compared to the same period in 2010, according to a SANDAG report released September 16.

***View Crime in the San Diego Region Mid-Year 2011 Statistics - CJ Bulletin September 2011***

Fifty-one homicides were reported between January and June 2011, compared to 31 in the first half of 2010.

However, the annualized violent and property crime rates per 1,000 people in the region were both at 10-year lows during the first six months of 2011. At 3.3 incidents per 1,000 people, the 2011 mid-year violent crime rate was down 8 percent from 2010. Decreases were seen in three of the four violent crime categories — rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. The one exception was the number of homicides.

“Overall, violent crime has continued its downward trend,” SANDAG director of Criminal Justice Research Dr. Cynthia Burke said. “The continuing decline of crime here is consistent with what is happening in the rest of the country.”

The mid-year property crime rate was also at a 10-year low, down 11 percent from 2010. Compared to the same period in 2010, larcenies dropped by 8 percent and burglaries by 13 percent, while vehicle thefts plummeted by 19 percent.

Other interesting findings in the report include:

- A total of 5,320 violent crimes, which include homicides, robberies, rapes, and aggravated assaults, were reported to local law enforcement agencies in the region between January and June 2011. Overall crime rates continue decline, homicides up
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The complete report is available at [sandag.org/cj](http://sandag.org/cj).

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### **North Park Community Association:**

See the NPCA's community calendar at <http://northparksd.org/meetings-calendar>.

## University Heights CDC:

### **Shaping Our Community's Future: Tools and Basics of Community Planning – Lecture series**

With the recent update to the San Diego General Plan and the current updates to the North Park and Uptown Community Plans, many of San Diego's older communities, like University Heights, are at a crossroads as the city shifts its focus from development in San Diego's suburban communities to infill and redevelopment in our older urban communities.

The purpose of this community forum series, sponsored by the [University Heights Historical Society](#) and the [University Heights Community Development Corporation](#), is to provide residents with a very broad overview of some of these recent changes, the basics of community planning in San Diego, and to invite residents to think about what they value about our neighborhood and their vision for its future shape.

All lectures are **free** and will take place on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30 pm at the historic Grace Lutheran Church in University Heights, located at 3993 Park Blvd. at the southeast corner of Park and Lincoln. Free parking is available in the lot behind the church. Enter the church from the back alley and take the stairs to your right up to the Fellowship Hall on the second level. For more information, contact the University Heights Historical Society at (619) 297-3166 or [uhhs@att.net](mailto:uhhs@att.net).

**OCTOBER 13, 2011: *The Building Blocks of Community Planning in San Diego***, Cathy Winterrowd, Principal Planner, Historical and Natural Resources, City of San Diego Development Services Department and Planning; and Marlon Pangilinan, Senior Planner in Community Planning and Project Manager for North Park and Uptown Community Plan updates.

This lecture will provide a brief overview of the fundamental building blocks for land use planning in our communities and how they are implemented. Cathy and Marlon will discuss the recent update to the San Diego General Plan, current updates to the Uptown and North Park Community plans, historic surveys, and the 45-review year process, and implications for individuals and neighborhoods in UH.

**NOVEMBER 10, 2011: *The Role of Community Organizations in Shaping University Heights***, Leo Wilson, Uptown Planners; Vicki Granowitz, North Park Planning Committee; Christopher Milnes, University Heights Community Development Corporation; and Greg Sorini, University Heights Community Association

Community members can have a voice in the shape of their communities by participating in a variety of organizations, including city-recognized planning groups and other organizations that participate in land use decisions. Representatives from key community organizations in UH will share a brief overview of their organization's mission, goals, membership and how to get involved.

**JANUARY 12, 2012: *What's So Special About University Heights? Defining Our Community Character***, Kristin Harms, University Heights Historical Society

University Heights is one of San Diego's oldest and most historic communities, which is one of the top five reasons people like living here. Kristin will provide a brief overview of the early history of UH, changes in our community's demographic profile since 1980, and highlights of two recent surveys among UH residents about our quality of life and community character.

**FEBRUARY 9, 2012: *Community Planning: Balancing Individual Property Rights with Community Benefit***, Barry Hager, Esq.

Extensive and precious as they are, our property rights have never been - and are not now - absolute. Like most other rights, property rights are tempered by responsibilities. The U.S. Constitution does not give property owners the right to abuse the land or to use their property in a way that hurts others. To be sure, land-use restrictions must advance a public purpose, be fairly and reasonably applied, and leave property owners with an economically viable use of their land. When these standards are met, however, land use regulations will pass legal muster. Sensible land-use laws almost always enhance, rather than depress, property values. Barry will discuss the constitutional framework for property rights and community benefit, and a local real estate agent will describe the impact of location and related factors on property value.

**MARCH 8, 2012: *Tools for Preserving Community Character: Historical Designation***

The City of San Diego recognizes the benefits of historical resource preservation to the community as well as to individual property owners. In addition to protecting the unique history, architecture, or character of a community, preservation efforts promote a sense of neighborhood pride, and stabilize or increase property values. Cathy will discuss the benefits of historic designation, financial incentives for owners of historical properties, and the process for historically designating individual properties as well as districts.

**APRIL 12, 2012: *Tools for Preserving Community Character: Conservation Areas***, Marlon Pangilinan

Conservation areas are a planning tool that can be used to help protect a neighborhood's unique community character through architectural guidelines, development standards, and special zoning provisions. The precise nature of each Conservation Area is generally determined by the residents of a particular neighborhood, in conjunction with the local Planning Group and the City. Used successfully in other cities, San Diego is contemplating use of Conservation Areas. Marlon will provide an overview of the background, purpose, and process for using Conservation Areas and how they might be used in University Heights.