

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

Normal Heights Community Center at 4649 Hawley Blvd

Tuesday, October 6, 2009 6:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

Welcome & Introductions – (though not required, please sign-in on our attendance sheet)

Non-Agenda Public Comment (non-agenda items only, limit of 3 minutes per speaker)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Acceptance of or Modifications to the Agenda

Reports from Government Representatives or others may be heard

3rd City Council District Office, Todd Gloria – Dion Akers

City Planning and Community Investment Dept. – Victoria White

76th Assembly District Office, Lori Saldaña -- Lindsey Masukawa

San Diego Police Dept. Community Relations – Officer Dean Thomas

Updates from other Normal Heights or Mid City organizations

Adams Ave. Business Association – Jim Schneider, Director. To subscribe to the email newsletter of the AABA contact Jim Schneider <aaba.jim@sbcglobal.net>

Adams Ave. Recreation Council – Ted Ewing

Friends of Normal Heights Canyons – Kevin Johnston

Information Items

1. International Walk-to-School Day is October 7. Activities are scheduled at several local elementary schools.\
2. City of San Diego has launched a public information campaign, "Lose the Roaditude!" encouraging bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians to increase their awareness of common rules and to help curb aggressive on-road behaviors. "We consider people's willingness to ignore the rules of the road and act aggressive or negligent as "Roaditude."
3. NHCPG provided an information table at the Street Fair September 26th and 27th. Special thank you to Nancy Wolfing for organizing the effort and to Rosanna Harrison for developing the flyers. We/I received \$13 in donations from button distribution to add to the \$24 previously collected. (We have no Treasurer.)
4. There will be a public forum October 27th to prepare for the Environmental Impact Review scoping meeting on November 17th regarding the proposed Bus Rapid Transit connections along SR-15 through Mid City. Four options for connections will be considered. Your concerns will be being solicited.
5. Planning group members are invited to attend this informal training session to learn how the City identifies and protects our historical resources. The review process for determining when a historical resource is present and the regulatory framework for designated historical resources will be discussed. The use of historic surveys in the community plan update process and historic preservation incentives, particularly the Mills Act tax reduction, will be presented, as well. There will be plenty of time for questions

and answers at the end of the session. If desired, a more advanced training session on specific historic resource issues may be provided at a future date. Thursday, October 29, 2009, 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the Metropolitan Operations Ctr. 9192 Topaz Way in Kearny Mesa. RSVP to: the City Planning & Community Investment Department sdplanninggroups@sandiego.gov or at (619) 235-5200 by October 21, 2009.

6. NHCPG member Rosanna Harrison has communicated that she must resign from the NHPG Board as of September 28. She has been asked to serve and has been elected to two other Association Boards in San Diego to serve in the next year. She said, "I do apologize for the inconvenience and sincerely wish the Group well in trying to make positive change within the community."
7. Community Planners Committee activities and information – no report...
8. Recruiting volunteers for upcoming canyon restoration planting, ongoing irrigation, and invasive plant maintenance at the Eugene Place sites.
9. This is a request for input on the draft **Voluntary Accessibility Program Amendments**. The proposed amendments are intended to encourage accessible design in new residential projects. The goal is to increase the number of accessible units in the local housing supply by offering a variety of development incentives to facilitate this type of accessible design. The draft code language can be reviewed on the attached PDF or on the City web page under "Amendment Projects in Open Public Comment and Review Period": <http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/landdevcode.shtml#amend> Please provide written comments on the draft Voluntary Accessibility Program Amendments to dsdlc@sandiego.gov through November 1, 2009. Input will be considered prior to the item being scheduled for a Planning Commission recommendation hearing (anticipated to occur in December 2009). If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Lee, Senior Planner, at ajohnsonlee@sandiego.gov or (619) 446-5367.
10. The City Planning & Community Investment (CPCI) Department has the Community Orientation Workshop (COW) Training online at the following link: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/ecow/index.shtml>

Action Items

New Business

1. Project Review – none received/requested
2. City of San Diego requests recommendations toward approval of two projects; Mid City Urban Trail Projects - SR15 Bike Lane, Cherokee & Madison Traffic Calming and 40th Street Promenade. Proposed plans were distributed to interested members at the September meeting. Chair (Jim 619-280-6908) has a copy for anyone to review prior to the October meeting.
3. Discussion regarding concerns about need for water conservation and new development's potential for increased water demand.
4. The El Cajon Boulevard BIA is requesting support from the NHCPG to establish a PROW (Public Right of Way) District to permit businesses to set up sidewalk cafes.

5. Notice of NHCPG Board vacancy and review of the process for filling positions.
6. El Cajon Boulevard BIA is requesting NHCPG recommendations for best street lighting pole designs from three options.
7. Discussion regarding community dinner organization.
8. Other?

Old Business

9. Discussion and comment regarding Neighborhood Code Compliance proposed/draft prioritization of issues. The listing of priorities is available at the Code Compliance section of the City's web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/pdf/cow/ncc.pdf>

Committee Reports (All subcommittee meetings scheduled are open to the public)

1. Historical Housing Designations – (Nancy Wolfing) –
2. Community Needs – (Morris Dye)
3. Facilities – (inactive committee)
4. Transportation -- (Morris Dye, Jim Baross)
5. Bylaws -- (Morris Dye, Susan Redelings)
6. Canyons -- (Kevin Johnston)
7. Normal Heights Library – (inactive committee)
8. City Heights PAC – (Larry Hofreiter)

New Business/Agenda Items for the next meeting, September 1, 2009.

Agenda order is approximate. Items may be heard before, on, or after listed order. This information is available in alternative formats. To request an alternative format (sign language, oral interpreter or an Assistive Listening Device) for the meeting call 619-533-3650 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting. If you have questions concerning the NHCPG please express them at the meeting or contact the NHCPG Chair Jim Baross at jimbaross@cox.net or City of San Diego Community Planner Vickie White at 619-533-5967 or at vwhite@sandiego.gov.