

# Normal Heights Community Planning Group

Normal Heights Community Center at 4649 Hawley Blvd. SD. CA 92116

Tuesday, April 5, 2011 6:00 p.m.

## Normal Heights Community Project Review Committee

No meeting – normally at 5:30 p.m. preceding the Planning Group meeting

### A G E N D A

**Welcome & Introductions** - though not required, please sign-in on our attendance sheet

**Non-Agenda Public Comment** – for non-agenda items only, 3 minute limit per speaker

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – reviewing previous meeting draft minutes

**Requests for modifications to the agenda** -

#### Reports from Government Representatives or other NH groups may be heard

76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Office, Toni Atkins – Linsey Masukawa (619)645-3090

4<sup>th</sup> District County Supervisor, Ron Roberts – Lauren Prescott, (619)531-5544

3<sup>rd</sup> City Council District Councilmember, Todd Gloria – Dion Akers, (619)236-6633

City Planning and Community Investment Dept. – Michael Prinz, (619)533-5931

San Diego PD Comm Relations – Ofc Jenny Hall, (619)516-3009, [jmason@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:jmason@pd.sandiego.gov)

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](mailto:aaba.jim@sbcglobal.net)>

Adams Ave. Recreation Council – (619)235-1149 Ted Ewing / Mark Rowland

Friends of Normal Heights Canyons – If you have not yet joined the new Friends of Normal Heights Canyons (Google Groups) e-mail list you may do so by visiting:

<http://groups.google.com/group/FriendsNHCanyons/boxsubscribe>

City Heights PAC – Aaron Allen

Safe Neighborhoods, Citizen's Patrol - Oscar Padilla

#### Information Items

1. CenterLine SR-15 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Manager Jamie LeDent at Caltrans that the selected preferred alternative for this project is Alternative 2, Median Alternative w/ Offset Platforms. The news will officially be announced at the SANDAG Transportation Committee meeting on April 15. Alternative 2 will have a dedicated BRT lane in the median--hence the name *CenterLine*--which will allow for the same rapid service and frequency of buses as Alternative 1. The main difference is that the bus crossing will be at-grade and that there will be no "underground" walkway from the north to the south stations and vice versa. This means that pedestrians will have to cross at-grade at the intersections. Alternative 2 will not provide a BRT station at Adams Ave.
2. SANDAG will be holding a pair of public meetings on the Mid-City Rapid project April 14, which will focus on the El Cajon Boulevard segment of the route. An April 7 meeting will focus on the Park Boulevard segment of the route. Meetings are at 3727 El Cajon Blvd. For more information, Miriam Kirshner, Senior Planner, [mki@sandag.org](mailto:mki@sandag.org), phone 619-699-6995.

3. Ward Canyon Park update on plans for uses of an expanded park per recent Adams Ave. Recreation Council decisions.
4. Requests for Historical Value/45-Year Review for Normal Heights properties:  
Combination permit for correction of code violation NC #145122 at 3266 Copley Ave. Scope of work is to permit (E) unpermitted 2<sup>nd</sup>-story addition, (E) unpermitted 1st story-addition of bedroom and kitchen, addition of laundry/water heater shed, roof deck above 1st story, new windows plumbing, electrical, mechanical and finishes.
5. Community Planners Committee: Issues discussed included Community Gardens, Sustainability Subcommittee, Affordable Housing, General Plan Noise Element, Broad Spectrum Street Light Conversion project.
6. Completion of either the online or in-person Community Orientation Workshop (COW) session is required for Planning Group members within 12 months of being elected or appointed to a planning group. The COW Training online (E-Cow) is available at the following link: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/ecow/index.shtml> .

**Discussion and potential Action Items** – taken in a sequence to be decided during the meeting

1. Election of Planning Group officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.
2. Project Review:
  - a. Approval requested from the NHCPG for installation of decorative street lights north of El Cajon Blvd.
  - b. Projects for potential future review; in process -
    - (1) Kenmore Terrace – street vacation request
3. Community Gardens – discussion regarding proposed new eased processes being proposed for introduction of a community garden into commercial and residential areas. The City of San Diego is in the Process of amending its regulations for community gardens. The proposed changes include changes to the allowable uses for residential and commercial zones, the approval process, and operational requirements. The changes will be effective in all residential and commercial zones citywide, inclusive of the City's Planned District Ordinances. There is a two week review and comment period beginning on March 25, 2011 and ending April 7, 2011. If you are interested in commenting on the draft please e-mail your comments to [dsdlc@sandiego.gov](mailto:dsdlc@sandiego.gov) and type GARDEN in the subject line. Please feel free to tell others who may be interested in commenting.
4. Discuss the City Council redistricting process and potential proposal to split Council District 3 at the 805.
5. Continuing concern regarding lack of public access to play areas and through school grounds to access park space. Updates?

**Committee and continuing issue reports** (All subcommittee meetings are to be publicly scheduled and open to the public)

1. Historical Housing Designations – (Nancy Wolfing)
2. Project Review – (Art Harrison, Mark Rowland, Bob Forsythe)

3. Community Dinner organization – (inactive committee)
4. Community Needs Wish List & Prioritization Listing & CIP Plan – (Art Harrison)
5. Transportation -- (Jim Baross)
6. Bylaws -- (Susan Redelings)
7. Canyons -- ( )
8. Normal Heights Library – (inactive committee)
9. Community Planners Committee – (Jim Baross)
10. City Heights PAC (includes part of Normal Heights) – (Aaron Allen)
11. NH Website revitalization – (Nancy Wolfing)
12. Housing Moratorium Issue – (Aaron Allen)
13. NHC Plan update/revisions – (Jim Baross)
14. Overhead utility undergrounding project – (Mark Rowland) report of March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of several Planning Group reps, City staff and utility representative.
15. Community Garden development – ( )

**New Business/Agenda Items for the next meeting May 3, 2010.**

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 619-280-6908 or [jimbaross@cox.net](mailto:jimbaross@cox.net), or City of San Diego Community Planner Michael Prinz, at 619-533-5931.