

Normal Heights Community Planning Group
APPROVED
MINUTES

March 2, 2010

6:00 PM

Normal Heights Community Center

Call to Order by Jim Baross at 6:00

Members present: Susan Redelings, Kevin Johnston, Nancy Wolfing, Jim Baross, Dino Serafini, Art Harrison, Richard Rios, Earlene Thom, Holly Ritter, Mark Rowland

Members absent: Larry Hofreiter

Community Members/Guests: Lisa Wolf, Lauren Prescott, Amy Chini, Benjamin Seibert, Lindsay Masukawa, Conni Musser, Joseph Fombon, Richard Neuffer, Gary Weber, Bob Keyser, Nancy Lawler, Suzanne Ledebor, Mike Herrera, Corrine Neuffer, Aaron Allen

Welcome and introductions

Non Agenda Public Comments/Information from Community Members: Susan asked for a few minutes to discuss safety concerns in light of the attack on Chelsea King.

Approval of February, 2010 Minutes

Larry and Mark had e-mailed corrections to the secretary. Larry clarified comments he had made during the discussion on the proposed medical marijuana dispensary ordinance. Mark noted that name of person starting the North of Adams citizen's patrol is Jennifer not "Karen" Brimhall.

Susan moved to approve February, 2010 minutes with corrections; 2nd by Mark; none opposed, Holly abstained since she left the meeting early.

Modification to Agenda: Jim asked that the San Diego Housing Commission item be moved from Action (Item No.3) to an Information Item.

Reports from Representatives of Elective Officials

Lindsay Masukawa from Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña's office: Anyone may visit statetreasurer.ca.gov to search for unclaimed property. Announced applications for 2010 Cox Innovation Grants, applications accepted until March 31. Applications are closed for positions on Citizens Redistricting Committee. Anyone may provide comments about the applicants by going to wedrawtheline.ca.gov.

Loren Prescott introduced herself as the new representative from Supervisor Ron Robert's office, and announced a lawn mower trade-in program; an old gasoline lawn mover plus \$100 will get a new electric mower—first come first served. Supervisor Roberts wants everyone to be aware of Earned income Tax Credit, dial 211 for information. H1N1 and seasonal vaccinations are still available-- check Supervisor's website for locations.

City Planning and Community Investment Department: Mike Prinz introduced himself as the new Mid-City CPG representative from CPCI. Mr. Prinz will attend at least one meeting per quarter and whenever a project hearing or other item requires his attendance. Jim asked about the process for registering a project recommendation. The project planner should be contacted.

Kevin--Friends of the Canyons: distributed flyers for the Creek-to Bay Clean-up on April 24th at 9:00 am. Todd Gloria will be there.

Holly submitted her written resignation from the NHCPG .

Information Item not on Agenda:

Lisa Wolf of the San Diego Housing Commission invited written comments on the use of Affordable Housing Funds. Deadline for comments is Mar 16, 2010.

Art: concerned that a high percentage of the funds go to 1st time homebuyers and only 10% to transitional housing.

Susan: Could a person who is possibly eligible for a rehabilitation loan be referred to the Commission?

Information Items per Agenda

- 1) A special Community Planners Committee meeting to review Administrative Guidelines in Council Policy 600-24. Hotly contested items will be discussed.
- 2) The Adams Ave. Roots Fest will offer new features: preview of "Taste of Adams Avenue, craft beer and wine tasting, Adam Ave. Business Association Has teamed up with the *Belly-Up Tavern* to bring new musical acts.
- 3) Kenmore Street vacation: applicant has not yet requested a hearing. Until they request to come before the Group we will withhold discussion of the item.

Susan asked how one gets off a mailing list. Mike Prinz e-mail a request to CPCI.

Jim received notice of a workshop on developing the Environmental Justice Analysis for the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan being held on March 1st at SANDAG offices. SANDAG website would have more information on EJ and the 2050 RTP.

Graffiti Cooperative: Jim forwarded e-mail about developing a citywide solution to graffiti and asked if the Group would be interested in being kept up-to-date on graffiti issues and potential actions. The Group expressed interest.

Other information items per the Agenda

Continuing Business:

1. The Adams Avenue Recreation Council discussed the AT&T proposal. Jim was unable to attend but was assured by Ted Ewing that the Rec. Council concurred with the NHCPG's recommendations.

Action Items:

2. Elections to Normal Heights Planning Group Board.

Regular March election to fill vacant seats or expiring terms

The following are new nominees:

Richard Neuffer
Joseph Fombon
Nancy Lawler

Continuing members with expiring terms:

Jim Baross
Nancy Wolfing
Susan Redelings
Kevin Johnston
Larry Hofreiter

Board members and General members were issued ballots and asked to affirm the nominees. Every nominee was affirmed on fourteen out of the fifteen ballots that were returned; all nominees were then declared either elected or re-elected to seats on the Board.

Board officers will be nominated and elected at the April meeting

4. Pedestrian Crossing on East Mountain View Drive: The proposed street improvements on east Mountain view Drive will not provide the requested crossing protection and it is doubtful that the City would agree to paint a crosswalk at that location. Jim asked if any contact had been with the School. The School should get involved, possibly providing a crossing guard.

5. Medical Marijuana Dispensary recommendations: Jim was unable to get speakers. Jim opened the discussion with the intent to form a motion.

Mark moved to endorse the recommendations of the MMD Task Force; Art seconded

Question: who created the Task Force? The City Council.

Call for the vote: All were in favor.

6. Revitalizing the Normal Heights website: Nancy purchased a suitable URL that could be used for NHCPG and community information and offered to donate it to the Group. The AABA also has a website. Facebook was also mentioned as a possibility.

Gary thought Robert Rael would be amenable to working with the Group to update his *NormalHeights.org* website with planning group information. Nancy will contact Robert.

Committee Reports, None

Next meeting: April 6 in the Community Center

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50