

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

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May 4, 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, Earlene Thom, Nancy Lawler, Rick Neuffer, Joseph Fombon, Mark Rowland

Members absent: Richard Rios, Larry Hofreiter

Community Members/Guests: Aaron Allen Allan Acevedo, Dion Akers, Mark Lawler, Suzanne Ledebor, Ben Moore, Oscar Padilla, Rebecca Tabatzky, Gary Weber, Bob Keyser, Lauren Prescott

Welcome and introductions

Non-Agenda Public Comments/Information from Community Members:

Oscar Padilla, of San Diegans for Safe Neighborhoods, gave an overview of the organization's activities: graffiti paint-out, organizing Citizen's Patrol, producing and distributing the Be-Aware (crime watch) Bulletin. Oscar works with our Community Relations Officer to monitor crime trends and develop programs to keep the neighborhood safe. Nancy W. noted that Ascent Realty partnered with Safe Neighborhoods to produce the Safe Neighborhood grocery bags being distributed tonight.

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Susan moved to approve, second by Earlene, Mark and Joseph abstained, did not attend; approved unanimously.

Modification to Agenda: None

Information from Group Members

Kevin--Friends of the Canyons: San Diego River Conservancy Board meeting Thursday May 8, 3:30, a very important meeting—the Normal Heights Trail will be on the agenda. E-mail Kevin@s.dcanonlands.org.

Reports from Representatives of Elective Officials

Lauren Prescott, Supervisor Ron Robert's office: the lawnmower exchange event was very successful--all sold-out. The County may try a second sometime this summer perhaps. The County of San Diego is seeking poll-workers \$150-\$200 stipend, need for bilingual workers, go to County's website. Reminder: micro-chip your pets for safety.

Dion Akers, Councilman's Todd Gloria's office: Asked if Agenda had been posted. Jim said that it wasn't. Dion will call CPCI to see what happened. The *District Three Dialogue*, available online, is promoting the Grand Opening of the Adam's Ave. Farmer's Market. Todd Gloria will be there

Document Reviews:

Jim presented a revised draft of Council Policy 600-24 (which contains the guidelines for the Community Planning Groups) to Susan for review

The draft 2010 General Plan Monitoring Plan was given to Rick Neuffer for review

Jim will provide a copy of the proposed 2011 Capital Improvement Program for Mid-City to Art to review for NH interest. Regarding the CIP, Jim Varnadore of the City Heights planning group is looking to press the issue of Mid-City's lack of park acreage. Jim asked if we should get involved.

Art called for a point of order that all points of order should be recognized and recorded in the minutes.

Information Items

(Not on Agenda) A CD of the Pacific Heights Office Bldg. project EIR was given to the Normal Heights Project Review Committee. Jim didn't know if the project would be coming back to the Group for comment. The Group recommended denial when it was first brought; City Council do not approve the project.

- 2) May 12 meeting of the Ken-Tal Group on utilities undergrounding: we might be interested in the discussion, find out about the process, possibly how priorities are set.
- 6) Jim gave a powerpoint of the Significant Thresholds draft revisions to Art to review.

Other information items per the Agenda

Action Items:

- 2) There are three vacancies on the Board from unexpired terms. Two eligible general members have indicated interest in joining the Board: Allan Acevedo and Aaron Allen. Jim called for a motion to appoint Allan and Aaron, moved by Kevin, 2nd by Earlene to appoint. Art asked about the process for making appointments to fill unexpired terms, whether they should be by secret ballot.

Jim called for the vote, ten in favor of appointing Aaron and Allen, Art abstained, due uncertainty with the procedure being used. Appointed members were seated.

- 3) With the new members on-Board, Secretary will complete and submit the two required forms of the membership rosters.
- 4) Turf wear is caused by unorganized, regular (nightly?) volleyball games. Dion offered to put Kevin in touch with a Park Dept. official. Oscar had brought this to the Recreation Council's attention. Nancy L. understood that the Park Dept. would be roping off the area and re-sodding.

5) Jim called for a motion to go dark in July. Dino so moved, Mark 2nd. Twelve in favor, Art opposed.

6) Nancy W. has had no luck in making contact with Robert Rael about updating Normal Heights.org and asked Oscar how Safe Neighborhoods is able to update its page. It takes persistence. Allen offered to see about creating an invisible URL link to NH.org so that we can update the NHCPG page ourselves.

Committee Reports

Community Needs: Jim will provide the Mid-City CIP document to Art.

Community Planners Committee: The City is seeking a 20-yr. blanket permit to make storm drain repairs in the Canyons. Kevin was asked to make comments on the proposal. SD Canyonlands has done extensive research on the issue and thought we could bring an item on a future agenda.

Art: is circulating a petition that seeks the prohibition of commercial trucks on narrow streets.

Susan, in answer to Art's question about voting for appointed members: secret ballots shall not be used for appointments if noticed.

Next meeting: June 1 in the Community Center

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02