

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

APPROVED MINUTES

July 7, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

Normal Heights Community Center

Board Members present: Jim Baross, Samantha Coover (appointed at today's meeting), Joe Fombon, Marianne Greene (arrived at 6:12), Dena Harris, Joe Kissell, Mark Lawler, Caroline McKeown, Mark Rowland (arrived at 6:07), Dan Soderberg (arrived at 6:15), Earlene Thom, Gary Weber, Ryan Zellers

Absent: Scott Kessler, Nancy Lawler

Community Members/Guests: Khalisa Bolling, Angela Colton, Samantha Coover, Adam Deutsch, Claire Deutsch, Gretchen Eichar, Gena Lamontagne, Adriana Martinez, Benjamin Martinez, Chris Ward

Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order by the chair, Jim Baross, at 6:01 P.M.

Modifications to Meeting Agenda

- No modifications.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the June 2015 NHCPG meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Corrections were made. Joe K. moved to approve the minutes as corrected, and Dena Harris seconded. All present voted to approve except Joe F. and Caroline M., who abstained. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Caroline M. reported that we have \$1,873 in the treasury. We've spent most of the additional money received from the city. We still have about 40 license plate frames left. Dena H. moved to approve the report, and Joe F. seconded. All present voted to approve except Ryan Z., who abstained.

Reports from Government Representatives and Community Groups

- Adriana Martinez (office of council member Todd Gloria) reported on an update to the city's crosswalk policy.
- Caroline M. reported on the Adams Elementary & SDGVA construction and the iDog park.

Non-agenda Public Comments

- Chris Ward, candidate for city council (to fill Todd Gloria's seat), introduced himself.
- Gary W. mentioned the groundbreaking ceremony for the Boulevard Transit Plaza (7/8/15 at 10:30 A.M.).

- Ryan Z. spoke about problems with skunks in the neighborhood (specifically with people feeding them). Fish & Game (not Animal Control) deals with such issues.
- Adriana Martinez noted that, in response to complaints about excessive motorcycle noise, residents are asked to keep records of dates, times, and locations of violations and forward them to SDPD officer Jenny Hall.

Information Items

- **Social media:** Caroline M. mentioned significant feedback on NHCPG's Facebook page, especially for meeting notices, dog park news, the Meade Ave. bikeway, sunscreen stations in parks, and bringing back the farmer's market to Normal Heights.
- **Upcoming community events:** Jim B. mentioned Movies in the Park. Mark R. mentioned the temporary pool at the Adams Ave. Rec. Center.

Action Items

- **Filling vacant Board position:** Two qualified candidates (Khalisa Bolling and Samantha Coover) volunteered to fill the vacant Board position. After considerable discussion, Dena H. nominated Samantha to fill the position, and Caroline M. seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous, and Samantha immediately joined the board.
- **Election of Recording Secretary:** Since Samantha offered to take on the duties of Recording Secretary, the Board wasted no time in granting her request. Joe K. moved to appoint Samantha as secretary, and Joe F. seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous. Samantha will begin serving as secretary at the next meeting; Joe K. will make sure she has all necessary information.
- **Meade Ave. litter:** Joe K. had nothing further to report. However, during discussion, several suggestions were made—see if it's possible to apply online (Environmental Services) to have the city install a bin in front of a business (as Dark Horse Coffee did); try to obtain an encroachment permit; contact SANDAG to request that litter removal be considered as part of the Meade Ave. bikeway project; contact the El Cajon Blvd. Business Association to see if Meade could be considered part of their Maintenance Assessment District.
- **Meade Ave. landscape maintenance:** Marianne G. will follow up next month.
- **Summer break:** Marianne G. moved to cancel the August meeting unless special, time-sensitive issues arise. Gary W. seconded the motion. Voting yes: Samantha C., Marianne G., Dena H., Joe K., Mark L., Mark R., Dan S., Earlene T., and Gary W. Voting no: Joe F. Abstaining: Caroline M. and Ryan Z. The motion carried, so the August meeting will not occur unless an urgent issue appears.

Committee Reports

- **Community Planners Committee:** Jim B. gave a brief report.

- **Projects Review Committee:** No projects this month.
- **Historical Properties Committee:** Mark R: Of the five properties up for review this month, only 4334 Swift Ave. appeared to have any historical significance.
- **Utility Undergrounding Oversight:** Jim B. gave a final report about the new process the city is following for undergrounding. The city's undergrounding website is www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding. Is it time now to prepare requests for additional and replacement street in conjunction with this project?
- **Transportation/Traffic Calming Working Group:** Ryan contacted the city about the issues raised at the previous meeting. Trash bins left in bike lanes cause problems for bicycling, but there's no other obvious place to put them. SANDAG's bikeway proposal for Meade Ave. is still in the planning phases; comments may be sent to Danny Veeh (danny.veeh@sandag.org).
- **City Infrastructure Committee:** Jim B.: This topic was already covered earlier in the meeting.

New Business/Future Agenda Items

- None

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Next meeting: September 1, 2015