

# Normal Heights Community Planning Group

## APPROVED MINUTES

March 3, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

Normal Heights Community Center

Board Members present: Joseph Fombon, Marianne Green, Joe Kissell, Phillip Kramer (arrived at 6:29), Mark Lawler, Nancy Lawler, Suzanne Ledebor, Caroline McKeown, Mark Rowland, Dan Soderberg

Absent: Scott Kessler, Gary Weber, Ryan Zellers

Community Members/Guests: Brett Adler, Khalisa Bolling, Linda Case, Jacques Chirazi, BJ Coleman, Bill Conway, Lee Dulgeroff, Art Harrison, Linda Hoehelt, Bob Keiser, Colm Jemmott, Chris Kluth (SANDAG), Dave Koepcke, Leonard LaGrone, Adriana Martinez, Eva McCatty, Heather McGhee, Scott McGhee, Conni Musser, Darin Neufeld, Garrick Oliver, Earlene Thom, Edgar Uribe, Danny Veeh

### Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Caroline McKeown, at 6:05 P.M.

### Modifications to Meeting Agenda

- Joseph moved to shift the election to the first agenda item. Marianne seconded. Approved unanimously.

### Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the February 2015 NHCPG meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Corrections were made. Joseph moved to approve the minutes as corrected, and Marianne seconded.

### Treasurer's Report

- Mark R.: We have received a reimbursement check from the city. There is \$1,950 in the bank right now. We have some expenses coming up, including purchases for dog park rally.

### Non-agenda Public Comments

- Caroline: Follow up on dog park rally. It was a great success, with hundreds of people in attendance. We gave away all our doggie bag dispensers. Thanks to everyone who came out. The city budget includes \$1.2 million for the plans and construction documents.
- Earlene Thom: Will the committee be voting on extending public comments from 2 minutes to 3 minutes? Caroline: 2 minutes is not unprecedented, but the matter can be taken up again at the next meeting. Marianne: Comments can also be submitted in writing.
- How long will the dog park take to get implemented? Chorus: "A while." Caroline estimates at least 3-4 years.

- Marianne: Two things. First, there's a form on the table for anyone who wants free trees on the street in front of their houses. Second, the small lot subdivision ordinance is going before the smart growth committee tomorrow down at the city.

### Reports from Government Representatives and Community Groups

- Adriana Martinez, from Todd Gloria's office: Normal Heights was the only community that brought people to city council to advocate for their project. They foresee the project going smoothly, but funds have not been approved yet. It will be coming back to council in May. There's a proposed ballot initiative for an infrastructure bond to fix streets and sidewalks. A federal grant of \$16 million was received for projects to reduce homelessness.

### Action Items

- **NHCPG Annual Board Elections:** Joseph Fombon announced the nominees for 2015–2016: Jim Baross, Kathryn Gray, Dena Harris, Scott Kessler, Joe Kissell, Caroline McKeown, Mark Rowland, Dan Soderberg, Earlene Thom, Gary Weber, and Art Harrison, although Art has stated that he's unable to serve and has therefore been removed from the roster of candidates. There are thus 10 candidates for 10 open seats. Board members and eligible members of the public completed their ballots.
- **Electric Charging Infrastructure—Vehicle Charging Station Installation:** Jacques Chirazi, City of San Diego Economic Development Dept. There will be three spaces on the east side of 36th St. at Adams, of which one—an ADA-compliant space—will be closest to Adams Ave. They will share a single-port charger. This is a pilot program, paid for by a grant—there's no cost to the city, although people who use the chargers will pay for the electricity they use. Usage of the spaces and charger will be monitored and regulated. They hope to break ground in the next month or so.

Shall the NHCPG approve the installation of the electric vehicle charging stations at 36th Street and Adams Avenue, as proposed? Marianne moved to approve. Joseph seconded. Mark R. asked if we can review the engineering plans prior to installation. Jacques agreed to forward them to Mark when they're ready. Suzanne: How much warning will you give people who park there? Jacques said a formal letter will go out from his office to people in the neighborhood with details and a schedule. Mark's "friendly" amendment to review engineering plans was added. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Election Results:** Marianne announced the election results. All 10 candidates were elected.
- **School Development Projects:** Garrick Oliver, OBR Architecture, and Dana Peterson, Project Manager for San Diego Unified School District. Gave a presentation on the development project at Adams Elementary & San Diego Global Vision Academies, with drawings and renderings of the proposed campus changes, including possible fence designs.

Marianne moved that the NHCPG support the proposed School Development Projects for

Adams Elementary and the San Diego Global Vision Academies as proposed, including the ad hoc subcommittee's recommendation of the ornamental, semi-tubular fence. Mark L. seconded.

Mark R: Would rather not have the city maintain restrooms at both the multipurpose building and the Recreation Center; would rather have the Recreation Center toilets open more often. Would like the fence to be made as transparent as possible. Marianne suggested the committee vote on the fences first. Caroline: The subcommittee supports the artistic steel fence, based on many meetings and parents' preferences. After discussion, Mark R. decided to take his concerns under advisement. He withdrew his motion to amend the motion, with the fencing as recommended by the subcommittee. All voted in favor except Mark R., who voted against. The motion passed.

Mark R. informally asked the architects to make the fence as transparent as possible.

- **NHCPG Bylaws Updates and Submission:** Suzanne: Based on recent discussion, we need a parliamentarian. If we approve them tonight, they go to Michael Prinz and then Betsy McCullough, followed by the city attorney's office. Any one of these people may send them back for changes.

Suzanne moved that the NHCPG support the submission of the proposed ByLaws changes as recommended by the Ad Hoc ByLaws Subcommittee. Joe K. seconded. Passed unanimously. Caroline will submit the proposed changes to the city.

- **Adams Avenue Speed Limit Reduction (35th St.–SR15):** On behalf of the Traffic Calming Subcommittee, Joe K. moved to support the city-recommended speed limit reduction. Mark L. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Information Item

- **Meade Avenue Bikeway Project:** Danny Veeh of SANDAG gave a presentation on the proposed bike corridor along Meade Ave. He will be putting the presentations online and will return to speak to us again when they have more concrete plans. Public discussion was lively and positive.

#### Committee Reports

- **Community Planners Committee:** Marianne: The discussion of the update of the community plans included a discussion of the 17-year-old Mid-Cities Plan. Development Services said they'd be breaking up Mid-Cities into four separate plans, and all four will be done at the same time. So we'll have our own community plan. The community plan implementation package is moving through the approval process. It will introduce new zones, such as a town home zone. You can see the CPC minutes for more details.
- **Projects Review Committee:** None this month.

- **Historical Properties Committee:** We got a bunch but didn't find anything of significance.
- **Ad Hoc Bylaws Subcommittee:** Complete.
- **Utility Undergrounding Working Group:** Done, can be removed from list. Suzanne: final #9 meeting happened on Feb. 20, lasted less than an hour. Did a few final edits and then had a formal motion to approve it and send it on to City Council, where it will be heard later this month.
- **Transportation/Traffic Calming Working Group:** No updates, and no issues requiring the group's attention in the immediate future.
- **Library Branch Working Group:** Dead. But, Marianne: Really doesn't think we need a library in Normal Heights. C: Got an email from Kensington/Normal Heights library. They're closing for a month for renovations. We'll see how well people need without a library for a month.
- **City Infrastructure Committee:** Suzanne: Still waiting for the million dollar sidewalk assessment report, hopefully this month.
- **Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Local School Projects:** We approved the school plans tonight.

#### Further Action Item

- **Election Term-Length Drawing:** Three one-year seats go to Jim, Caroline, and Gary. Everyone else gets a two-year term.

#### New Business/Future Agenda Items

- None.

#### Adjournment

- Marianne moved to adjourn at 8:30. Mark L. seconded.

Next meeting: April 7, 2015