

NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Normally scheduled meeting of Tuesday, September 7, 2010, 6 p.m.

Normal Heights Community Center

Draft minutes prepared and submitted for review by board member Nancy Wolfing

Call to Order by Chair Jim Baross at 6:05 p.m., quorum determined to be present.

Members present: Aaron Allen, Jim Baross, Joseph Fombon, Susan Redelings, Richard Rios, Mark Rowland, Earlene Thom, Nancy Wolfing

Members absent: Art Harrison, Allan Acevedo, Kevin Johnston, _____, ?

Community Members/Guests present: Bob Keyser, Connie Musser, Gary Weber, Ralph _____,

David _____, Dion Akers and two representatives from the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department Long-range Planning & Water Resources Division.

Minutes of August meeting were not available, but will be distributed for review and brought up for approval at October meeting.

Modifications to Agenda: None presented

Information Items:

- November NHCPGC regular meeting date will fall on Election Day, which is likely to necessitate a change of venue to the Normal Heights Community Methodist Church to accommodate the polling place in the Community Center. Chairman will confirm and announce at the October meeting.
- 15-minute Power Point presentation by City of San Diego representatives re. Water Purification Demonstration Project.

Synopsis of project intent, as presented in official hand-out: "As part of the City's effort to provide a local and sustainable water supply, the Water Purification Demonstration Project is examining the use of advanced water purification technology to provide safe and reliable water for San Diego's future. The Demonstration Project is the second phase of a process evaluating ways for the City to increase its use of recycled water. The first phase was the City's 2005 Water Reuse Study that identified reservoir augmentation as the preferred option for developing recycled water sources. The Demonstration Project will determine if reservoir augmentation is a feasible option for San Diego."

The project proposal is now before Mayor Sanders and the City Council, and if approved cost studies will be conducted at that point. No information on cost of project is available at this time.

Reports from Representatives of Elective Officials:

- Dion Akers from 3rd City Council District Councilmember Todd Gloria's office reported that City Council is back in session, both he and the Councilmember having enjoyed some vacation time. His office is fielding many questions from District 3 neighborhoods regarding the utilities undergrounding project and its timeline. In response to Chairman Baross' question of whether Normal Heights' place "in line" might be moved forward if Kensington's is moved back, Mr. Akers responded that he "doesn't believe Normal Heights will be bumped up to the next cycle." In response to Mark Rowland's question about the Council member's position, Mr. Akers said that Mr. Gloria is supportive of the undergrounding project, but that the City

Council's ability to impact, influence or mandate to the utility companies is very limited. He further said that the Councilmember's office has been instrumental in bringing various community groups together for discussions and presentations on the subject, and he doesn't see the issue going away. The Councilman's level of involvement will likely increase, and they'll "stay on top of it." Community member David (last name unknown) commented that the City should facilitate additional community meetings on the undergrounding and that they should draw from a much broader base than has previously been the case. Community member Bob Keyser commented that there needs to be greater involvement on the City Council's part in the process. Community member Gary Weber and Board member Mark Rowland expressed concern that once the utility companies have completed their engineering studies/reports, it's too late for anything to be changed, and reiterated to Mr. Akers that everything possible needs to be done to engage community input before the engineering part of the planning process is completed.

- Mr. Akers and Chairman Baross presented information on a pilot project presently in proposal stage which would provide "bike corrals" for on-street bicycle parking in front of business establishments expressing a desire to participate. Based on similar projects in Seattle, Portland, upstate NY and other locales, the San Diego Bike Coalition and City of San Diego are working together to introduce the bike corrals to San Diego, with one proposed location being in front of Blind Lady Ale House on Adams Ave. in Normal Heights. Mr. Akers said that he believes the proposal will be ready for City Council review in the near future, and made the point that the bike corrals will not necessarily decrease available automobile parking spaces but may be able to use existing red-curb or other areas not presently being used for car parking.

Action Items:

- A motion to appoint Allan Acevedo as Board Secretary for the duration of Dino Serafino's term was unanimously approved. (Motion made by Aaron Allen, seconded by Mark Rowland.)
- A motion to require the applicant for the Street Vacation on Kenmore Terrace to present the project for formal review and comment by the NHCPGC was unanimously approved. (Motion made by Mark Rowland, seconded by Jason Fombon) Mr. Akers will be alert to anything passing through Councilmember Gloria's office pertaining to this project.
- NHCPGC needs to fill the vacancy on the City Heights PAC created by Larry Hofreiter's resignation. Board members Aaron Allen and Joseph Fombon took information from Chairman Baross and will consider it.

Committee Reports:

- Board member Nancy Wolfing presented 45-Year Review Program statistics for January – June of 2010, and in response to Community member Gary Weber's suggestion agreed to forward 45-Year Review requests (to include addresses and a brief description of the proposed work) to Chairman Baross for inclusion in the monthly agenda as a means of keeping partial track of proposed changes to the character and nature of Normal Heights' housing inventory.

Next meeting: October 5, 2010 in the Community Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.