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## NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

4649 Hawley Boulevard San Diego, CA. 21116

### **Draft minutes for meeting Tuesday, October 2, 2012**

**6:07 PM** Meeting began as information only due to lack of quorum.

Attended: Board members - Jim Baross, Art Harrison, Earlene Thom, Mark Rowland, Nancy Lawler, Richard Rios. Also attending: Nancy Wolfing, Suzanne Ledebor, Caroline McKowen, Nick & Linda Hodnett, Frank Stappenbeck, Cheree Elliott.

#### **Reports from Government and Community Representatives**

1. SDPD Comm. Relations – Ofc. Jenny Hall reported police recent crime related incidents and reminded everyone to keep doors and windows locked to thwart burgleries
2. City Council District Councilmember, Todd Gloria – Dion Akers reported on District boundary changes, that an “alternative process” can be available for traffic calming Stop sign requests, that costs for implementing Prop B along with lower than anticipated interest yields may result in budget tightening, that some funds have been allocate for street tree trimming – especially Queen Palms, and that the Street Fair was a rousing success; congratulations to the community and the Adams Ave Business Assoc.
3. Suzanne Ledebor reported on T-shirt sales at the Street Fair – over 280 shirts sold, earned approximately \$300 for the NHCPG treasury. She will not organize this activity next year. The Adams Ave Business Assoc. will seek a local organization to put on the sales – maybe NHCPG or other.
4. Chair reminded those attending of the process for community member certification and participation in the NHCPG decision processes.

**6:30 PM** Quorum reached with arrival of Dan Soderberg

#### **Previous Meeting Minutes Approved as provided.**

##### Action Items:

1. Request for modification to the intersection of Cherokee and East Mtn. View Dr. to enhance safety and walkability, based on signature initiative initiated by community member/resident Frank Stappenbeck.  
MSC (Mark Rowland/Dan Soderberg – 4/1/1) to ask City traffic engineering staff to explore and report on viable means to address motorist speeding and failure to yield to others at this intersection; remedies suggested included Stop Signs, Traffic Diversion, pedestrian refuges/center medians.
2. Related traffic issue of sight-line blocking due to on-street at the northbound corner of Cherokee at East Mtn. View Dr.  
MSC (Nancy Lawler/? – 5/2/0) to ask City traffic engineering staff to install red/no parking curb to deter on-street parking near the corner to provide adequate sight lines for traffic coming from East Mtn. View Dr.

(Member Art Harrison arrived to join the meeting at approximately 7 PM)

3. Utility Undergrounding further action? None taken after report of recent public meeting

and discussion of potential issues for our representatives to carry forward – desire for City oversight Task Force, preference for underground vault rather than above ground transformer boxes where feasible, potential for coordinating ornamental and safety street lighting as part of the undergrounding process, and the potential that CEQA provisions of cumulative deficiency issues might force better/more esthetic installations.

4. Concern about Normal Heights Elementary/Ward Canyon Park Joint Use Area field lengthy closure.  
MSC (Earlene Thom/Mark Rowland 6/0/0) NHCPG requests that the Park & Recreation Dept. in future make additional efforts to return the playing field to useful condition without the significant delay that recently occurred.
5. Prioritizing Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for our community by November 7<sup>th</sup>.  
MSC (Art Harrison/Mark Rowland 6/0/0) to set budget of up to \$300 and approximate date of Nov. 3 for community outreach/fun Ice-cream social type event to encourage participation and solicit ideas for CIP projects.
6. Due to our Nov 6<sup>th</sup> meeting occurring on election day Chair will check on availability of our normal meeting space, and as necessary, find and inform everyone of an alternative meeting space.