



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES - **DRAFT**: Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Registration Link: bit.ly/publicfacilitiesreg

I. Parliamentary Items (6:00 pm)

- a) Call to Order*
Board Attendees: Arash Kahvazadeh, Matt Stucky, Aria Pounaki, Pat Sexton (sitting as voting subcommittee member)
- b) Modifications & Adoption of the Agenda
- No modifications. Adoption of agenda: **motion by Sexton 4/0/0**
- c) Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes: Feb 9th, 2021
Stucky/Kahvazadeh 4/0/0
- d) Announcements: None

II. Non Agenda Public Comment (2 minutes each)

Pat Sexton: Mentioned that personalized bricks are being custom made for North Park mini park, should be installed soon.

III. Action and Informational Items (6:15pm) – *Order and timing of items are estimates only; items may be heard earlier than the time shown.*

A. Small Cell Wireless Communication Facility Update - (6:15-7:15 pm) Informational Item

Presenters/speakers:

- **Simon Tse** – City of SD Development Project Manager III 5G/Wireless/Wireline/SDGE (619) 687-5984 (STse@sandiego.gov)

Pre-recorded presentation on Small Cell Wireless Communication Facility Update by Simon Tse followed by open discussion to capture questions, concerns, and feedback from the community for follow up discussion with Simon Tse and other appropriate city project leads at future meeting.

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- Steve Oechel: question about whether proposal is already in the works and the relationship between the city and wireless carriers. Looking for more information or any resources explaining that relationship.
- Pat Sexton: no questions, seems like this is a done deal, the main concern would be RF exposure.
- Aria Pounaki: had concerns about aesthetics, but it seems City has taken care of this issue and mitigated concerns.
- Stucky: referenced City's GIS "Small Cell availability" map for community to review to see where small cell sites are being installed in the community:
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8b0a2aee7a354744a3d1c42b83ab3e01>
- Kahvazadeh: Questions:

- How will deployment of 5G cell towers impact deployment of historic streetlights on our main streets?
- The presentation said deployment will occur on existing streetlights and traffic stands. Will there be the possibility of installing cell sites on other infrastructure? This may be a concern when utility undergrounding occurs and impact possibility of undergrounding utilities.

B. Update on the use of historic lights on Unverstity Ave Mobility project & status of pedestrians safety improvement at 30th & Upas intersection - (7:15-7:30 pm)
Informational Item

Presenters/speakers:

- **Ryan Darsey** - Director of Community Engagement, Office of Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn (RDarsey@sandiego.gov)

Update on preliminary input from University Ave Mobility project team and relevant city department on required \$30 funding to install historic lights as part of the planned improvement per earlier subcommittee discussions, community inputs and direct engagement with councilmember Whitburn.

Update on the status of pedestrian safety improvements at 30th and Upas pre reported concerns from the community in 2020 and previous inspection initiated by councilmember Ward's office that deemed the intersection not to be up to code.

Presentation (Darsey):

- **Streetlights:** checked on whether there were any uncommitted project funds that could be spent on streetlights, but no funds are available. Discussed the possibility of fundraising via donations, but funds would have to be raised before project begins and would require city council action. Changes would require design changes and construction change order. City staff also noted that MAD would have to provide long-term maintenance.
- **30th and Upas:** talked to city staff, supports installation of modern roundabout at intersection and also recommending roundabout at 30th and Ray. Both projects were added to unfunded improvements list, no current estimate of when project could be funded.

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Streetlights Discussion

Sexton: is there a CIP line item for historic streetlights?

Oechel: question about proposal to install historic streetlights in Morley Field area?

Kahvazadeh: interested in getting commitment from Mayor or city council to approve design change if funding can be found. Thinks that historic streetlights are important to the community. Darsey replied that he would check the Mayor's proposed budget to see if funds can be found for change.

Stucky: mentioned North Park BANF as possible lead for fundraising.

30th and Upas:

Pounaki: could prioritize in CIP priority list. Noted that street is chewed up from the pipeline project and city is waiting for pipeline project to be completed to be repainted.

Sexton: roundabout would be insanity. Would be difficult for buses to make turns. The road is too narrow for a roundabout in the middle. Believes other roundabouts are treacherous. Suggested installation of flashing beacons.

Liz Saba: Reached out to mayor and Councilmember Ward last year after being hit by a car at this intersection. Wants improvements but a roundabout is not feasible because road is too narrow. Discouraged that pedestrian safety is not more of a

concern and that this issue is on the backburner. Noted that City stated that intersection crosswalks were not up to code (Darsey committed to follow up on code compliance issues)

Douglas Schueler: lives a couple blocks south of intersection and does not think a roundabout makes sense, but agrees the intersection is dangerous.

Steve Oechel: asked whether the project is currently funded. Agrees intersection is dangerous.

Kahvazadeh: Believes this issue deserves follow up and wants to add it to the PFT subcommittee future agenda item list.

V. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items (7:30 pm)

C. Future Agenda Items:

1. Greater utilization of North Park Garage
2. Research possibility of creating a North Park parking district.
3. Research sidewalk improvement designs (app-based parking instead of meters, ideas for replacing parking signs installed on sidewalks, etc)

VI. Adjournment (7:45 pm)

Next PF&T Subcommittee meeting date: Tuesday, March 9th, 2021

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